

**2ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

JANUARY 15, 2023



****SUNDAY, January 15th – 4:30p.m.**

~Mary Claire by Eileen Ratliff

~Paul Jones by Angela Jones

****SUNDAY, January 22nd – 4:30p.m.**

~Dolores Roberts by Bob & Mary Varboncouer

****SUNDAY, January 29th – 4:30p.m.**

~Pam Martell Grabon by Eileen Ratliff

****SUNDAY, February 5th – 4:30p.m.**

~Mathen & Margene Martell by Eileen Ratliff

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-God We Praise You #719
- *Readings-#856 2nd Sunday Ordinary~Cycle A
- *Presentation Hymn-Seek Ye First #613
- *Communion Hymn-Eat This Bread #505
- *Recessional-City of God #538

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for January 8th	-\$1,661.05
Surplus for the week:	+\$ (276.05)

CHRISTMAS Offering in Budget:	\$ 3,800.00
Actual Christmas Offering:	- \$3,627.00
Deficit for Christmas:	-\$ (173.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$90 in envelopes, \$5,000 Preservation

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 is \$72,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of
January 8th- **\$37,735.20.**

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, January 22nd @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Ann Roach

E.M.: Chris Bossong & Leslie Drummer

Money Counters: Pat & Leslie

Ushers: Delaney & Rick

Servers: Houberg Kids

If you would like your end of the year tax letter for your donations throughout the year, please let Ryan know. They will be ready soon.

If you purchased a poinsettia, please take it home if you would like it. They are in the back of church.

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Sr. Linda Hatton, Jenna Jamnik, Ron Goyette, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Margo Reynolds, Beverly Maurer, Anna VanHolven, Tina Gooding, Joe Jamnik, Jerry Shortsleeve, Bob Arseneau, Crystal Martinez, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Kelly Schladenhauffen, Kim Cann, Janet Lambert, Mike Tiarks, Gene Tammen, Debbie Turner, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Roger Rabe, Shirley Arseneau, & Special Intentions

Our Departed: Dean Anderson & Roger Curby

Our Service Men & Women:

*PV 2 Colby Arseneau, Army Reserves, Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Arseneau;

*Maj. Todd Fatka, USAR, son of Angela Jones

*Please notify the Office at 815-644-6664 if a loved one is admitted to the hospital or would like to be on the prayer list or to have someone taken off the list if they are well.



St. Mary's Message



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway. As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith. This year's CMAA theme is We Belong to God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

This year St. Mary's goal is \$7,500, with 70% of any amount we raise over the goal is returned to us for our use. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

WE NEED HELP
We will be putting away Christmas decorations Today. Please stay if you can.

CCW Meeting
After Mass on Sunday, January 22nd. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Church Collection Envelope Boxes
If you aren't using envelopes and want to, please contact the parish office. You will receive a tax letter at the end of the year for your donations.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spiritual Direction-Is It For Me?

When: January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16 from 7-8pm
Presenter: Sr. Myra Lambert, SSCM
Where: Online
Cost: Free Will Donation
Register: 815-931-1425

Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
Visit their website at www.sscm-usa.org
If interested, go to their website to sign up.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Third Sunday Ordinary Time "A"
Matthew 4:12-23
"Come after me!"

How does Jesus call me to follow him and be his disciple?

What do I need to leave behind to better follow Jesus?

How can I, by words and example, proclaim the Kingdom of God?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open my ears to hear your call to follow you. Be my strength in good times and in bad and help me catch hearts and minds for you. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~For an end to all divisions in the Church, that she may be united in mind and purpose
- ~For all peoples who walk in darkness, that they may be brought to the light of Christ
- ~For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that Christ may continue his work of proclaiming the Kingdom through them
- ~For an end to the destruction of unborn human life and for conversion of heart for all who advocate such injustice
- ~For God's protection for all who suffer because of winds and weather
- ~For all parishioners who come in prayer to the house of the Lord
- ~For all who have died, that they may see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living

Let Us Pray to the Lord

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please let the parish office know. Masses are \$10 each. You can pick what dates you would like the Mass to be given on. *Please note that Masses are given for more than one person most of the time due to having only one Mass each week.

Martinton Community Food Pantry

The food pantry serves all of Iroquois County. They are in need of our help. Please continue to bring in food donations. They are also looking for monetary donations, volunteers to help unload the trucks, and working on distribution days. If you are able to help, please call Connie Stirling at 815-867-6480.

New Hours: Tuesday 9-11a.m., No PM hours

Items Needed at the Pantry:

- Canned meats-tuna, chicken
- Canned Fruits
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Cleaning Supplies
- Individual Water Bottles