



EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8, 2023

Again I want to express my thanks to all of our friends and parishioners for their efforts in helping us celebrate this Christmas Season. To all who helped with decorations, the celebration of the Masses and Yuletide generosity, many thanks and blessings for a graced 2023.

Fr. Mike

MASS INTENTIONS

****SUNDAY, January 8th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Scot & Tim Savoie by Don & Phyllis Savoie
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
- ~Leland & Anita Lambert by Corky & Paula Miller
- ~Kenny Lafond by Tom & Sue Frye

****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

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-We Three Kings #255
- *Readings-#803 Epiphany ~Cycle ABC
- *Presentation Hymn-As With Gladness #258
- *Communion Hymn-The First Nowell #259
- *Recessional-We Three Kings #255

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for January 1st	-\$1,183.00
Deficit for the week:	-(202.00)
CHRISTMAS Offering in Budget:	\$ 3,800.00
Actual Christmas Offering:	- \$3,427.00
Deficit for Christmas:	-\$ (373.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$320 in envelopes, \$450 Preservation Dues
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes-\$200

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of January 1st- **\$36,574.15.**

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, January 15th @ 4:30p.m.

- READER:** Andrea Owens
- E.M.:** Kathy Webster & Jennifer Dixon
- Money Counters:** Rick & Beth
- Ushers:** Drew & Tom
- Servers:** Colbi & Grayson

Please Pray For:

Intentions: 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

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 on Sunday, January 15th after Mass.

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

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.

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.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Second Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

John 1:29-34

"Behold, the Lamb of God!"

How has Jesus, the Lamb of God, been pointed out to me this past week?

How can I testify to Jesus, the Lamb of God?

How can I welcome the Holy Spirit, who came down upon Jesus, the Lamb of God at his baptism?

Prayer: God, our Father, you poured out your Holy Spirit on Jesus, your Son at his baptism. Fill my heart with the same enthusiasm that John the Baptist shared when he pointed out Jesus, the Lamb of God. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That all those who share the grace of Baptism may be filled with courage in testifying to Christ
- ~That the Pope, bishops and all who lead the Church may be filled with faith in pointing out Jesus, the true Lamb of God
- ~That all who share the name Christian may grow in the love and unity that only Jesus can bring
- ~That God may strengthen us to oppose evil and to make no peace with oppression
- ~That we may be given wisdom to use our freedom in the maintenance of justice here and in all lands
- ~That our parishioners who approach God in prayer may be heard by the Lord who strengthens and comforts
- ~That those who have died may find freedom in Jesus who takes away the sin of the world

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

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

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