



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- * **Processional**—Marantha #220
- * **Readings**—#794 4th Sunday of Advent~Cycle C
- * **Offertory**—Tis the Gift to be Simple #583
- * **Communion**—Shepherd of Souls #475
- * **Recessional**—Age to Age #598



Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, December 22nd – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Jim Ratliff by Walt & Maria Gwaltney
- ~Jon Krenek by Angela Jones
- ~Bob Arseneau by His Family
- ~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder
- ~Delmar & Mary Arseneau by Their Family
- ~Sarah & Lizzy Springer by Angela Jones

****Christmas Eve, December 24th – 7p.m.**

- ~Marcia Decker, Kenneth & Virginia LaFond by Tom & Sue Frye
- ~Jack Hanson by Rick & Beth Hanson
- ~Dean Anderson by Emilie Anderson & Family
- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Alan Boehrsen, Jean & Harold Loy, & Maurice Dowling by the Loy Family
- ~Loretta Haut, Lucy Jeffries, & Fr. Dan Hessling by Lamont & Noel Jeffries

****Christmas Day-No Mass**

****SUNDAY, December 29th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Jim Ratliff by Marlis & Allyn Kleinert
- ~George Karamoshos by Angela Jones
- ~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones
- ~Don & Joyce Martell by Bruce Martell

****New Year's Eve, December 31st – 4p.m.**

- ~Dean Anderson by Emilie Anderson & Family

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for Dec. 15th:	-\$875.00
Online Giving:	-\$170.00
Deficit for the week:	-\$ (398.00)
Restoration: \$205-Preservation Dues	
~Sunday Offertory <u>Budget</u> Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 is \$75,000.	
~Sunday Offertory <u>Actual Money Donated</u> as of December 15th- \$38,615.93.	

CO-MINISTERS FOR:
Tuesday, December 24th @ 7p.m.

READER: Sr. Linda
E.M.: Angela, Diane, Erin, Kathy, Ryan
Ushers: Joe & Pat
Servers: Gwaltney's



2025 Church Collection Envelopes
Please pick up your 2025 box in the back of church. If you don't have one and would like one, please see Ryan Loy.

*Do Not use these until January 1st as numbers change each year.

CO-MINISTERS FOR:
Sunday, December 29th @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Ann
E.M.: Webers & Chris B
Ushers: Drew & Tom
Servers: Colbi
Money Counters: Andrea & Nancy

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Gabe Lareau, Willy VanWassenhove, Megan Markley, Don Savoie, John Bumbul, Cleona Datzman, Emmett Sutton & Family, Angie Clement, Cody Gregory, Web Bohn, Regina Penny, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Janet Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, & Special Intentions

Our Departed:

Our Service Men & Women:

- *SGT 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

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel
Feast of the Holy Family "C"
Luke 2:41-52
"I must be in my Father's House!"

How have I been called to search for Jesus as Mary and Joseph did in Jerusalem?

What do I want to ask Jesus when I find him?

How must I be in my Father's House?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Only Begotten Son to the care of Mary and Joseph. May the love of that Holy Family mirror in my family's love for each other and may that love spill over to all I encounter. Amen!

P.S. "The best way to keep CHRIST in Christmas is to keep MASS in Christmas!"

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph may served as a model for all families
- ~That the family of the Church may gather together the sons and daughters of the Father as brothers and sisters of Christ
- ~That God may help families in need through the work and generosity of his disciples
- ~That broken families may find healing in Christ
- ~That this Octave of Christmas may bring joy and gladness to all nations
- ~That the prayers in the hearts of our parishioners may be heard by the divinity who humbled himself to take on our humanity
- ~That our family members who have died may be joined to the Holy Family in the Kingdom of Heaven

Let Us Pray to the Lord

St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass

Date: Tuesday, December 24th at 7p.m.

We would like to invite all of you to our Christmas Eve Mass. We look forward to seeing you and sharing in this wonderful time of year. There is NO MASS on Christmas Day.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4:00P.M.



A Carol of the Years

Another year sails swiftly by
And we who dwell below the sky
Like trees through which the brisk winds sing
Add yet another yearly ring!

A fresher year of seasons four
Taps gently at our cabin door
And calls us to again renew
Our lives Lord Jesus Christ in you

An ancient year comes back to mind
When out of love for humankind
The Word made Flesh in time and space
Took up his humble dwelling place

When years are done, and time is past
And fleeting life is o'er at last,
Eternal life, full, free from sin
Will in Lord Jesus Christ begin!
(M. Powell ~ 2013)

~ Blessings during this Christmas Season
and through the
Holy Year of Jubilee, 2025!, Fr. Mike

Please try to remember those less fortunate this Christmas season and throughout the year by donating to the Food Pantry.

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:

- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing Mix
- Scalloped Potatoes Box
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo

Eastern Illinois Food Bank Food Distribution

They will be distributing food in the hardware parking lot next to the post office the 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:30-1pm. Visit eifoodbank.org for more information.