



Epiphany

January 5, 2025

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional—Joy to the World #240
- *Readings-#803 Epiphany
- *Offertory-What Child is This #256
- *Communion—Bread of Life #482
- *Recessional-We Three Kings #255



Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, January 5th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Robert & Judy Zando by Family
- ~Marilyn Arseneau Champagne by Londa Carder
- ~Kenny LaFond by Mary O'Brien

****SUNDAY, January 12th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Paul Jones by Angela Jones
- ~Jim Ratliff by Emilie Anderson
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
- ~Leland & Anita Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller

****SUNDAY, January 19th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Scott Bloomquist by Angela Jones
- ~Tim Savoie by Don & Phyllis Savoie

****SUNDAY, January 26th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Scott Savoie by Don & Phyllis Savoie
- ~Jim Ratliff by Marlis & Allyn Kleinert

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for Dec. 29th:	-\$1,272.00
Online Giving:	-\$125.00
Deficit for the week:	-(\$46.00)

Restoration: \$

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 is \$75,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 29th- **\$41,636.93.**

We need help next Sunday after Mass taking down Christmas decorations

CO-MINISTERS FOR:

Sunday, January 12th @ 4:30p.m.

- READER: Ryan
- E.M.: Andrea, Kathy, Ryan
- Ushers: Pat & Joe
- Servers: Houbert's
- Money Counters: Rick & Beth

Please do not use old collection envelopes from previous years. Numbers change each year.

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.

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Debbie Mize Baker, 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 News



Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel
 Baptism of the Lord "C"
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
 "You are my beloved Son!"

Do I know the day I was baptized?
 If not, how might I find out what day that might be?
 How can I remember that day in a special manner
 when it comes around yearly?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have graced me with
 sharing in the baptism that Jesus commanded his disci-
 ples to bring to others. Help me to be reborn every
 day in this new life I have in you. Amen!

**The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
 has begun!**

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic
 Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly ask-
 ing all parishioners to pledge their support for this im-
 portant effort, as together we can make a profound dif-
 ference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's
 goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mis-
 sion and ministries of Christ's Church are available to
 everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for
 the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those
 who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of voca-
 tion, and aid in the education of our next generation of
 Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on
 its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so
 much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$8,300, and 70%
 of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to
 us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please re-
 view the materials you receive in the mail from the Dio-
 cese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your
 gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact
 the parish office. Thank you!

Caregiver Stress Busting Program

Do you provide care for a loved one with a chronic ill-
 ness? We know caregiving can be stressful. This pro-
 gram teaches stress management techniques, coping &
 relaxation strategies

When: Thursdays, Jan. 23-Mar. 20, 2025 from 1:30-
 3pm

Cost: No Cost

Register or Questions call Amanda: 815-523-9919

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

~That through the waters of Baptism, which join to-
 gether the Mystical Body of Christ, God may bring
 unity and love into His Church

~That through the waters of Baptism, which wash
 away sin, we may be freed from what separates us
 from God

~That through the waters of Baptism, which open the
 eye and ear, God may show us his love and speak his
 word to us

~That those who do not know Christ or have not ac-
 cepted him as God among us, may be brought to the
 waters of Baptism

~That God may give those graced with Baptism new
 strength to live out their baptismal resolutions

~That our parishioners who come to Christ in faithful
 prayer may know his care

~That through the waters of Baptism, which bring new
 life, the dead may live anew in Christ

Let Us Pray to the Lord

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.

AREA EVENTS

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 dona-
 tions, 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

Shampoo

Paper Towels

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.