



**Third Sunday
of Advent
December 15,
2024**

MASS SONGS AND READINGS
* **Processional**—Creator of the Stars of Night #212=7
* **Readings**—#791 3rd Sunday of Advent~Cycle C
* **Offertory**—Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling #414
* **Communion**—One Bread, One Body #498
* **Recessional**—People, Look East #223

 **Mass Intentions**

****SUNDAY, December 15th – 4:30p.m.**
~Delmar & Mary Arseneau by Angela Jones
~Jim Ratliff by John & Judy Moore
~Bob Arseneau by Gene & Diane Pope
~Betty Reetz by Angela Jones
~Grace Carmichael by Angela Jones
~All those listed in our Love Light Book

****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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for Dec. 8th:	-\$1,721.00
Online Giving:	-\$270.00
Surplus for the week:	+\$548.00

Religious Retirement Fund-\$100
Immaculate Conception Offering-\$190
Restoration: \$120-Monthly Collection
\$16,590-Preservation Donations & Dues—
\$10,000 of this was given by a Foundation in Downer’s Grove who had visited our church; \$5,000 from a former HFA student

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GIFTS!
IT HELPS OUR CHURCH SO VERY MUCH!!**

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 is \$75,000.
~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 8th- **\$37,570.93.**

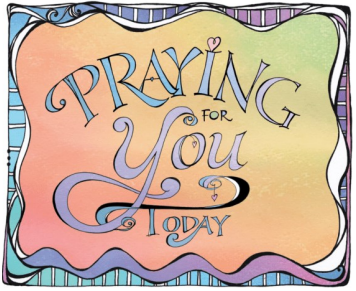
We will be selling poinsettias TODAY for \$13 in the back of church to use for Christmas decorations.

Anyone who wants to start using church envelopes in 2025 needs to talk to the church office.

THANKS
Thank you to all who were able to help last weekend moving Christmas items downstairs, everyone who helped decorate on Thursday, and those who made bereavement wreaths yesterday.

CO-MINISTERS FOR:
Sunday, December 22nd @ 4:30p.m.
READER: Beth
E.M.: Angela, Ryan, Andrea
Ushers: Delaney & Rick
Servers: Morris’
Money Counters: Andrea & Diane

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: Shirley Arseneau, Diane Woo
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

Fourth Sunday of Advent "C"

Luke 1:39-45

"How does this happen to me?"

How am I able to greet Mary and welcome her and her child into my home?

How have I, like John before the unborn Christ, experienced the presence of God in my life?

Do I, like Mary, believe that what God has spoken to me will be fulfilled?

Prayer: Come Lord Jesus as you humbly did into the womb of Mary your Mother, the Ark of the New and eternal Covenant. Keep my eyes open to see you when you come into my life and help me to believe in your words spoken to me. Amen!

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

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

~O Wisdom, breath of the Most high, pervading and permeating all creation, ordering all things mightily yet tenderly; come and show us how to live

~O Sacred Lord of Ancient Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai; come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free

~O Flower of Jesse's Stem, every eye is held by you, every prince and foreign power bows in silent worship to your beauty come, let nothing keep you from our rescue

~O Key of David and ruler of the House of Israel, controlling at you will the gate of Heaven, come, break down the prison walls of death and lead your captive nation into freedom

~O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light and sun of justice; come shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadows of death

~O King of all nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of time, come and save the people you fashioned from the dust

~O Emmanuel, God who lives with us to rule and guide, the nations of the earth cry out in longing; o come and set us free, our Savior God

Let Us Pray to the Lord

LOVE LIGHT THANK YOU

A very big thank you goes out to

everyone who donated towards our Love Light Tree.

Thanks to our CCW ladies for setting up and serving our meal afterwards.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR OUR DINNER

AREA EVENTS

Busy Person's Advent Retreat

Presenter: Sr. Linda Hatton, Sr. Myra Lambert, & others

Cost: \$25

Call the number below ASAP if you would like to start

Caregiver Stress Busting Program

Do you provide care for a loved one with a chronic illness?

We know caregiving can be stressful. This program 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

CHRISTMAS MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 7:00P.M.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4:00P.M.

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.