



**First Sunday
of Advent
December 1,
2024**



Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, December 1st – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Robert & Judy Zando by Their Family
- ~Bob Arseneau by Gene & Sally Tammen
- ~Bill Tucker by Angela Jones
- ~Jim Ratliff by Pat Brown
- ~Don & Joyce Martell by Bruce Martell

****SUNDAY, December 8th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Hazen Arseneau by Julie Baker
- ~Ira & Jim Ratliff by Angela Jones
- ~Bob Arseneau by Gary & Sherie Benjamin
- ~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones
- ~Anita & Leland Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

We will be looking for help on December 8th after Mass to bring down Christmas decorations and help set up things.

Help is needed on Dec. 12th at 5pm to help decorate for Christmas. Please let Sandy, Janet, or Pat know if you can help

The ladies are making bereavement wreaths for church members who have lost a loved one this past year. If you would like to help, they will be making them at the hall on Dec. 14th at 9a.m.

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

**CO-MINISTERS FOR:
Sunday, December 8th @ 4:30p.m.**

- READER: Amanda
- E.M.: Weber's & Ryan
- Ushers: Joe & Pat
- Servers: Colbi
- Money Counters: Sue & Joe

We will be selling poinsettias Dec. 8th & Dec. 15th for \$13 in the back of church to use for Christmas decorations.

Please Pray For:

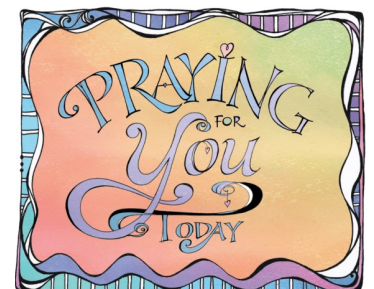
Intentions: Willy VanWassenhove, Megan Markley, Martha Lambert, Don Savoie, John Bumbul, Cleona Datzman, Emmett Sutton & Family, Angie Clement, Cody Gregory, Web Bohn, Regina Penny, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve,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

Our Departed: Shirley Arseneau

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.**



MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #228
- *Readings-#785 1st Sunday of Advent~Cycle C
- *Offertory-Love Goes On #666
- *Communion-Draw Near #486
- *Recessional-Sent Forth by God's Blessing #532

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Weekly Parish Need for Operation: | \$1,443.00 |
| Sunday Offering for Nov. 24th: | -\$1,036.00 |
| Online Giving: | -\$270.00 |
| Deficit for the week: | -(137.00) |

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$1,005-Preservation Society Dues

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of November 24th- **\$34,164.93.**



St. Mary's Message



Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel Second Sunday of Advent "C" Luke 3:1-6 "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

How do the current events of my day and the current political climate set the stage for God acting in my life today?

Who have the "John the Baptists" in my life been? How have they called me to Jesus? Where and when did this happen?

How can I make the highway for the Gospel smooth today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, help me welcome your message and your messengers into my life right here right now and give me the courage to carry on that work in sharing your message with others?
Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That all who lead the Holy Church of God may be strengthened to bring others to Christ
 - ~That leaders of government may be enlightened by God and never interfere with the work of the Lord
 - ~That God who has begun his good work in us, may bring it to completion on the day of Christ Jesus
 - ~That God may send more fearless prophets into the world to call people back to him
 - ~That this season of Advent may prepare us to celebrate a worthy Christmas
 - ~That God may hear and respond speedily to all our parishioners' cares and concerns
 - ~That those who have died, watching and waiting for the Lord Jesus, may come to fullness of life and light in Him
- Let Us Pray to the Lord

Love Light Tree On Sunday, December 15th at our 4:30p.m. Mass we will be having our 19th annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Please join us in the parish hall afterwards for a potluck supper. The meat will be provided by the CCW, we ask you to bring a dish to share. **Forms are in the back and due by Dec. 8th.** Please RSVP to Ryan for the dinner so we have a head count.

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

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

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

Way of the Crib on Zoom

Leading you through the Stations of the Crib-14 Stations leading up to and immediately following the birth of Jesus

When: Wed, Dec. 5 from 6:30-8:30pm

Presenter: **Sr. Linda Hatton**
Cost: Free Will Donation

Register: 815-935-0800

Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
To register, please visit our website:

<http://www.sscm-usa.org/online-programming.html>

Donovan's Senior Citizen Dinner

The complimentary dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7th at noon. All Senior Citizens of our district are invited to attend.

It will be held at the Elementary School.
Please RSVP to 815-486-7321

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.