



Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 2024

We would like to wish everyone a very Blessed New Year!!

- MASS SONGS AND READINGS**
- *Processional-What Child is This #256
 - *Readings-#801 Feast of the Holy Family
 - *Offertory-Sing of Mary #380
 - *Communion-Angels We Have Heard on High #236
 - *Recessional-God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen #243

Mass Intentions

****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

****SUNDAY, January 5th - 4:30p.m.**
 ~Robert & Judy Zando by Family
 ~Marilyn Arseneau Champagne by Londa Carder

****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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for Dec. 22nd:	-\$1,399.00
Online Giving:	-\$225.00
Surplus for the week:	+\$181.00
CHRISTMAS Offering in Budget:	\$ 3,800.00
Actual Christmas Offering:	- \$4,244.00
Surplus for Christmas:	+\$444.00
Restoration: \$1,000-Preservation Donation	
\$120-Restoration Collection	
~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 is \$75,000.	
~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 22nd-	\$40,239.93.

CO-MINISTERS FOR:
Sunday, January 5th @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Cheryle
E.M.: Diane, Erin, Angela
Ushers: Delaney & Rick
Servers: Morris Family
Money Counters: Sue & Joe

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

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 Message



Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel Epiphany "C" Matthew 2:1-12

"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts!"

According to one tradition, the Magi represented seekers at various stages of life, so:

If I am a young person, how can I use my energy and enthusiasm to seek Christ?

If I am a middle-aged person, how can I use my skill and position to seek Christ?

If I am a senior, how can I use my experience and wisdom to seek Christ?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you brought many nations to your Son by the brightness of a promised star. Help me, whatever stage of life I may be in, to follow that same star and come to worship Jesus your Son who is Lord forever and ever Amen!

A big "Thank You" to all who showed your Christmas kindness to our parish and to me. May 2025 be a true Holy Year for us all as we proceed as "pilgrims of faith!"

Fr. Mike

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.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That, like the star of Bethlehem, the Church may continue to draw in wonder and awe, all peoples to Christ
- ~That Christ, the King of the ages, honored with gold, may bring this world to justice, righteousness, & peace
- ~That Christ, true God from true God, honored with frankincense, may be universally acclaimed as the Divine One among us
- ~That Christ, who died that we may have life, honored with myrrh, may be the solace of all who mourn
- ~That members of our parish, who like the Magi, come to Christ in prayer, may find him with Mary his mother
- ~That the dead may see Jesus in his full glory

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.

AREA EVENTS

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright,
 even in the shadows;
 Not by making your life always pleasant,
 But by showing you when people
 and their causes need you most,
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.
 GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY
 To you for the year ahead.



Happy New Year!

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

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.