



Christmas

**December
24, 2024**

*Merry
Christmas*

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- * **Processional**—O Come, All Ye Faithful #235
- * **Readings**—#796 Nativity of the Lord—Mass at Night
- * **Offertory**—Silent Night #252
- * **Communion**—O Little Town of Bethlehem #244
- * **Recessional**—Joy to the World #240



Mass Intentions

****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



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

*We would like to wish everyone a
very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!*

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our Art & Environment committee for the beautiful decorations, our music department for the beautiful music, our office staff for keeping everything running smoothly, & to Fr. Mike for his spiritual guidance.

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

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)

Restoration: \$125-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.**

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!"

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



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



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.