



Epiphany

January 4,
2026

MASS Intentions

****SUNDAY, January 4th -- 4:30p.m.**

~Evelyn Weber by Larry & Denise Burton

~Dean Anderson by the Anderson Family

****SUNDAY, January 11th -- 4:30p.m.**

~Paul Jones by Angela Jones

~Melvin Marcotte by Raymond & LaRae

****SUNDAY, January 18th -- 4:30p.m.**

~Virginia "Maggie" Ruda by Mary Baragree

~Roger Rabe by Angela Jones

CO-MINISTERS FOR:

Sunday, Jan. 11th @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Ann

E.M.: Crystal & Diane

Ushers: Pat & Drew

Servers: Houbert's

Money Counters: Joe & Sue

2026 Envelope Boxes

Please pick up your 2026 box in the back of church. If you don't have one and would like one, please see Ryan Loy.

***Do Not** use old envelopes as numbers have changed.

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

*Processional-We Three Kings #255

*Readings-#803 Epiphany Cycle A

*Offertory-As With Gladness Men of Old #258

*Communion-The First Nowell #259

*Recessional-Lead Me, Lord #760

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation: \$1,443.00

Sunday Offering for December 28th: -\$1,106.00

Online Giving: -\$150.00

Deficit for the week: -(\$187.00)

CHRISTMAS Offering in Budget: \$ 3,800.00

Actual Christmas Offering: - \$3,848.00

Surplus for Christmas: +\$(48.00)

Restoration: \$290 collection, \$1,840 Preservation Donations

New Year's Collection-\$365

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 is \$75,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of

December 28th- **\$39,479.79.**

Annual Appeal—Goal is \$8,300 and we currently have \$4,096 pledged.

We will need help next Sunday, January 11th to put away Christmas decorations after Mass.

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Jerry Shortsleeve, Julie Shortsleeve, Mark Hustedt, Melissa Houmes, Crystal Rabe, Stan Molter, Wade Miller, Special Intentions, Gloria Grant, Al Hubert, Jan McVey, Jewel Legan, Willy VanWassenhove, Beverly Maurer, Shirley Guttman, John Bumbul, Angie Clement, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Kathy Wagner, Cindy Jamnik, Ray Arseneau, Janet Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent

Our Departed:

Our Service Men & Women:

*Staff SGT Colby Arseneau, Army Reserves, Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Arseneau;

*Lance Corporal Joshua Herb, U.S. Marine Corps, Step-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

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord "A"

Matthew 3:13-17

"This is my beloved Son!"

Chances are I don't remember my baptism but what impact did and does that event have on my life?

In my baptism sin was washed away. What effect has sin had in my life since then? Am I aware of sin? What am I doing about sin today?

Am I trying to be more of a beloved son or a beloved daughter to my Heavenly Father as Jesus is to his?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, though sinless, you submitted to a baptism of repentance so that you might take your place with us sinners. Help me to welcome you and to learn from your example. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

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

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

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

~That all those who do not know Christ or have not accepted 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 parishioners of St. Mary's who come to Christ in faith, 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

SUPPER CLUB!!

The Supper Club will be taking a break until after the holidays, and then the weather will be a factor.

Please let Angela, Ann, or Cheryle know of any restaurants you'd like us to add to the list.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please talk to Ryan Loy. 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.

LET'S GET TOGETHER for Sr. Linda's Study Group....

We will be meeting on Thursday, January 8th. Hope to see you there for our discussion group! If you have questions, contact Sister Linda at 815-931-1425 or lhatton@sscm-usa.org.

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary January Events (All via Zoom)

- **Epiphany Evening of Reflection:** January 6th from 6:30-8p.m. presented by Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM
- **Spirituality in Fiction Book Discussion Group:** January 8th from 6:30-8pm facilitated by Susan Amann & Sr. Carol Karnitsky, SSCM
- **Poetry Series:** January 22nd & 29th and February 12th & 19th from 6:30-8pm presented by Susan Amann

Further details can be found on their website:
sscm-usa.org

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 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:

Canned Fruit
Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Flavored Rice
Paper Towels
Scalloped Potatoes