



**2nd Sunday of  
Advent**  
**December 7, 2025**

**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \***Processional**-Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #212
- \***Readings**-#786 2nd Sunday of Advent Cycle A
- \***Offertory**-Come, Follow Me #558
- \***Communion**-One Bread, One Body #498
- \***Recessional**-Let The King of Glory Come #225

**MASS Intentions**

**\*\*Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>-- 4:30p.m.**

~Betty Lambert by Nancy Tiarks

~Leone & Catherina Zando by Angie Clement

~Anita & Leland Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller

~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

**\*\*Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>-- 4:30p.m.**

~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones

~Natalie Morden by Paula Vering

~Melvin Marcotte by Debbie Caise & Buddy Caise Family

**\*\*Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>-- 4:30p.m.**

~Jon Krenak by Angela Jones

~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly Parish Need for Operation:** \$1,443.00

**Sunday Offering for November 30th:** -\$645.00

**Online Giving:** -\$150.00

**Deficit for the week:** -(\$648.00)

**Restoration:** \$25 collection, \$35 Preservation Society

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 is \$75,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of  
November 30th- **\$32,273.79.**

**Annual Appeal**—Goal is \$8,300 and we currently have  
\$4,006 pledged.

**CO-MINISTERS FOR:**

**Sunday, Dec. 14th @4:30p.m.**

**READER:** Ann

**E.M.:** Angela & Kathy

**Ushers:** Joe & Pat

**Servers:** Houberg's

**Counters:** Joe & Sue

Anyone who wants to start  
using church envelopes in  
2026 needs to talk to the  
church office.

Immaculate Conception Mass  
At St. Edmund's Church in  
Watseka on Monday, Dec. 8th  
at 7:30a.m. & 6:30p.m.

**We will be selling  
poinsettias Dec. 7th for  
\$14 in the back of  
church to use for  
Christmas decorations.**

Our former priest Fr. Bob Coleman  
passed away on Wednesday.  
His visitation is on Friday from 8:30-  
10am with funeral to follow at  
Ascension Parish in Oak Brook Terrace.

**We will be looking for help TODAY,  
December 7th after Mass to bring down  
Christmas decorations and help set up  
things. After we bring things down,  
anyone who can stay to start decorating  
would be GREATLY appreciated!!**

**Please Pray For:**

**Intentions:** 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, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Janet Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent

**Our Departed:** Fr. Robert "Bob" Coleman, Mary Jean "Lafond" Hartlep,  
Jodi & Chuck Wyatt, Herb Clatterbuck, Bill Wagner

**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

Third Sunday of Advent "A"

Matthew 11:2-11

"Go and tell John what you hear and see!"

Do I truly believe that Jesus is the one who was to come for me?

What questions do I, like John the Baptist, bring to Jesus?

How can I, like John, be a messenger for Jesus?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you sent John the Baptist as the new Elijah to prepare the way for your Son. Grant me the courage to bring before Jesus the questions I have about him deep in my heart. Strengthen me to also be a messenger sent ahead of Jesus. Amen!

## Love Light Tree

On Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at our 4:30p.m. Mass we will be having our 20<sup>th</sup> 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 for donating to the Love Light Ornaments are on the back counter. Forms are due back by Dec. 7th.

Please RSVP to Ryan for the dinner so we have a count.

**St. Mary's CHRISTMAS MASS**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**  
**AT 7:00P.M.**

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

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

~For the blind, deaf, lame, & all who need the healing that only Jesus can bring

~For the feeble, the weak, & the frightened, that God may save them with his recompense and vindication

~For patience as we await the coming of the Lord in glory

~For all of the faithful, that like John the Baptist, they may seek out and find the Messiah of God

~For our community as we prepare in faith for the feast of Christmas

~For all of our parishioners seeking for the help and guidance of Christ

~For our beloved dead, that like the apostles, prophets, and martyrs who have gone before us in faith, they may enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting life

Let Us Pray To The Lord

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

We will be meeting on Thursday, December 11th. 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](mailto:lhatton@sscm-usa.org).

## 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.

# AREA EVENTS

## Busy Person's Retreat

Spiritual Directors:

Susan Amann,  
Kathy Brady-Murfin,  
Sr. Charlene Cesarion, sscm,  
Sr. Linda Hattom, sscm,  
Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm, &  
Sr. Kathleen Mulchay, sscm

Time and location of meetings will be individually determined.

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To register, please use this QR code to visit our website:



Questions? Contact Susan Amann:  
[samann@sscm-usa.org](mailto:samann@sscm-usa.org)

## 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