

**EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 7, 2024



MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- ***Processional**—We Three Kings #255
- ***Readings**—#803 Epiphany~Cycle B
- ***Offertory**—As With Gladness Men of Old #258
- ***Communion**—Pan De Vida #501
- ***Recessional**—Angels, From the Realms of Glory #253

Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, January 7th— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Virginia “Maggie” Ruda by Eileen Ratliff
- ~Bob Arseneau by Leone & Margarete Lambert

****SUNDAY, January 14th— 4:30p.m.**

- ~JoEll Lemenager by Eileen Ratliff
- ~Jack Hanson by Rick & Beth Hanson
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
- ~Anita & Leland Lambert by Corky & Paula Miller

****SUNDAY, January 21st— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Virginia “Maggie” Ruda by the Bechely Family
- ~Bob Arseneau by Eileen Ratliff

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for December 31st	-\$866.00
Deficit for the week:	-\$ (519.00)
CHRISTMAS Offering in Budget:	\$ 3,800.00
Actual Christmas Offering:	- \$3,866.00
Surplus for Christmas:	+ \$(66.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$165 Preservation Dues

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 is \$72,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 31st- **\$39,210.25.**

NEXT WEEK’S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, January 14th @ 4:30p.m.

- READER:** Ann
- E.M.:** Ryan & Andrea
- Ushers:** Pat & Drew
- Servers:** Houberg Fam
- Money Counters:** Angela & Nancy

2024 Collection Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 box in the back of church. If you don’t have one and would like one, please see Ryan Loy.

WE NEED HELP

We will be putting away Christmas decorations TODAY after Mass.

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Sharon Hess, Keith Arseneau, Adaline Royster, Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Dale Blanchette, Gary Cahoe, Carter Brutlag, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Janet Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Shirley Arseneau, Shirley Stelmasiak, & Special Intentions

Our Departed:

Our Service Men & Women:

- *PV 2 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



ST. MARY'S DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting again on Thursday, January 11th at the rectory from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00. We will be continuing our study of PRAYER. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite rote prayer to share with the group. Remember—join us when you can, even if you can't make every gathering, we welcome you when you can.

Upcoming topics include:

- Jan. 11 Discerning God's voice
- Jan. 25 Imaginative Contemplation

If you are interested in joining us, contact Sr. Linda at 815-931-1425 or lhatton@sscm-usa.org.

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.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel Second Sunday Ordinary Time "B"

John 1:35-42

"What are you looking for?"

Were Jesus to ask me "What are you looking for?" How would I answer him?

Do I seek to find where Jesus is staying in my life?

Do I respond when Jesus invites me saying "Come, and see." ?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have sent Jesus your Son to seek me out and to invite me to join with him in his journey. As I begin this new year, help me to enter into the adventure of discipleship and then, by my words and actions, invite others to Him. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That God may call more men and women into service for His Church as once he called the Prophet Samuel
- ~That God may lead us all to treat our bodies as His holy temples
- ~That Jesus, the true Lamb of God, may invite us to remain with Him
- ~That those who suffer from the winter weather may be comforted by God through the concern of His disciples
- ~That God may strengthen all to share their faith in Jesus as Andrew did with Peter
- ~That the needs of our parishioners, brought forth in prayer, be graciously responded to by our loving God
- ~That those who have died in Christ may stay with Him forever

Let Us Pray to the Lord

Upcoming Events

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2024 PROGRAMS

- ◆ Scripture & Faith Sharing Held at One Heart, One Soul on Thursday, January 11th & February 8th from 9-10:30 a.m. Presenter is Susan Amann, Director of Spiritual Ministry. Cost is a Free Will Donation.
- ◆ Reviving Our Love of the Eucharist, via Zoom on Wednesdays, January 17th & 31st, February 14th & 28th from 6:30-8pm; Presenter is Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM. Cost is \$35 for the series

Registrations cannot be confirmed until payment is received in full.

Checks may be mailed to: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
Attn: Susan Amann
2041 W. State Route
113 Kankakee IL 60901

Please make checks payable to Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, www.sscm-usa.org, call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary (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:

Personal Hygiene Products-lotion, soap, wipes,	
Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes	
Cleaning Supplies	Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper