

CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 24, 2023



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

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- ***Processional**—Adeste Fideles #235
- ***Readings**—#796 Christmas~Cycle B
- ***Offertory**—What Child is This #256
- ***Communion**—Do You Hear What I Hear
- ***Recessional**—Joy to the World #240

Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, December 24th— 7p.m.**

- ~Alan Boehrsen, Jean & Harold Loy, & Maurice Dowling by the Loy Family
- ~Jack Hanson by Rick & Beth Hanson
- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Bonnie & Ditty Lynch by the Lynch Family
- ~Dean Anderson by Emilie Anderson & Family
- ~Eugene Drummer by the Drummer Family
- ~Bob Arseneau by the Arseneau Family
- ~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder
- ~Kenneth & Virginia Lafond by Tom & Sue Frye

****NO MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

****SUNDAY, December 31st— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Dean Anderson by Emilie Anderson & Family
- ~Bob Arseneau by Frank & Martha Lambert
- ~JoEll Lemenager by Eileen Ratliff

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for December 17th	-\$861.00
Deficit for the week:	-\$ (524.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$1,325—Preservation Donations

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 17th- **\$37,044.25.**

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.



NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, December 31st @ 4:30p.m.

- READER:** Angela
- E.M.:** Angela & Diane
- Ushers:** Delaney & Rick
- Servers:** Gwaltney's
- Money Counters:** Rick & Beth

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: Sr. June Hoffman, SSCM, DeAnn McVey Reynolds

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.**

*I SAID A
Prayer
FOR YOU
today*



St. Mary's Message

Carol of the Eucharist

To the City, Bethlehem, House of Bread and
Jesse's stem,
Came a Maiden, Mother mild, filled with grace
and great with child.

Mary, Virgin Mother mild, looked upon her
babe and smiled,
Knowing in her little Son, our salvation has be-
gun.

Mary was the first to say, on that bliss-full
Christmas day:
"This, my body; this, my blood!" pouring forth a
grace-filled flood.

Joseph, son of David's line. Guardian of the
Babe Divine.
Gazing on the child with awe, laid him on the
manger's straw.

Joseph, as he feeds his own, speaks with such a
loving tone,
Words that Jesus will repeat: "Take and drink
and take and eat!"

Jesus gives a healing flood: "This my Body, this,
my Blood!"
"Take and drink and take and eat" under signs
of wine and wheat!
~Michael Powell 2019

As we come to the celebration of Christmas dur-
ing this year of our Eucharistic Revival, let us
remember that the best way to
"Keep Christ in Christmass"
is to
"Keep Mass in Christmass!"
Blessings at Christmas and through 2024!
Fr. Mike



Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Feast of the Holy Family "B"

Luke 2:22-40

"The Child grew and the favor of God was upon him!"

Do I, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, observe all the prescrip-
tions the Lord has commanded me to do?

Am I, like Simeon, on the watch for God entering my life?

Do I, like Anna, share all that the Lord has given to me?

Prayer: God our Father, in obedience, your own Son and his Holy
Family traveled to the Temple to fulfill your law. Let me, like
Saints Simeon and Anna, faithfully watch for Jesus to come into
my life. Let me, like the Child of Nazareth, grow strong and be
filled with your wisdom and favor. Amen

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph may serve as a
model for all families
- ~That the family of the Church may gather together the sons and
daughters of the Father as brothers & sisters of Christ
- ~That God may help families in need through the work and generos-
ity of his disciples
- ~That broken families may find healing in Christ
- ~That this Octave of Christmas may bring joy and gladness to all
nations
- ~That the prayers in the hearts of our parishioners may be heard by
the Divinity who humbled himself to take on our humanity
- ~That our family members who have died may be joined to the Holy
Family in the Kingdom of God

Let Us Pray to the Lord



Please try to remember those less fortunate this
Christmas season and throughout the year by
donating to the food pantry.

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 un-
load 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