

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

### MASS SONGS AND READINGS

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- \*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 24<sup>th</sup> – 7p.m.

- ~Alan Boehrnsen, 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

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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 <u>Budget</u> Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 is \$72,000.

~Sunday Offertory <u>Actual Money Donated</u> 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.





## 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 begun.

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!"

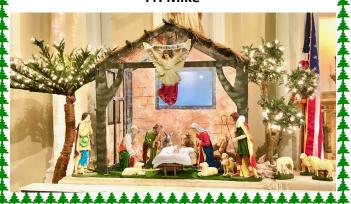
"Take and drink and take and eat" under signs of wine and wheat!

~Michael Powell 2019

As we come to the celebration of Christmas during this year of our Eucharistic Revival, let us remember that the best way to "Keep Christ in Christmass"

"Keep Mass in Christmass!"
Blessings at Christmas and through 2024!
Fr. Mike

is to



### 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 prescriptions 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 generosity 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 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

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