



MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- ***Processional**—On Jordan’s Bank #218
- ***Readings**-#790 3rd Sunday Advent~Cycle B
- ***Offertory**-We Walk By Faith #594
- ***Communion**-Bread of Life #482
- ***Recessional**-Ready the Way #230

Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, December 17th – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Kenny & Virginia Lafond by Eileen Ratliff
- ~Bob Arseneau by Kenny & Linda Arseneau
- ~Delmar & Mary Arseneau by Pat Brown
- ~Remembering those in our Love Light Book

****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**

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for December 10th	-\$2,165.00
Surplus for the week:	+\$ (780.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$4,515-Preservation Donations
\$40-collection

Religious Retirement Fund-\$145

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of
December 10th- **\$36,183.25.**

THANKS

Thank you to all who were able to help last weekend moving Christmas items downstairs!!!!

2024 Church Collection Envelope Boxes

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.

*Do Not use these until January 1st as numbers change each year.

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, December 24th @ 7p.m.

- READER:** Sr. Linda
- E.M.:** Ryan & Chris B
- Ushers:** Drew & Tom
- Servers:** Morris Family

LOVE LIGHT THANK YOU

A very big thank you goes out to everyone who donated towards our Love Light Tree.

Thanks to our CCW ladies for setting up and serving our meal afterwards.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR OUR DINNER

Please Pray For:

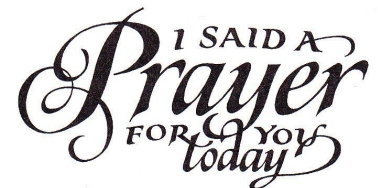
Intentions: Sharon Hess, Keith Arseneau, Adaline Royster, Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Dale Blanchette, Gary Cahoe, Carter Brutlag, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Janet Lambert,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

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That by the sacred mystery of the Word made Flesh we may come to oneness with God
- ~That by the wondrous birth in time of the timeless Son of God all our days may be hallowed
- ~That by the humble nativity of the King of Glory in the manger at Bethlehem, we may come to true humility of heart
- ~That by the splendid manifestation of the King of the Jews to shepherds and Magi, all nations may be brought to Christ
- ~That by the lowly submission of the Maker of the world to Mary and Joseph, we may share more fully in the communion of the saints
- ~That by the baptism of the spotless Son of God by John at the Jordan, we may share sacramental life in Christ
- ~That by the revealing miracle of water made into wine at Cana, we may come to fully know the love of God
- ~That by the victorious rising of Jesus from the dead, all who have died may come to eternal life

Let Us Pray to the Lord

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Advent "B"
Luke 1:26-38

"You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son!"

Do I, like Mary, welcome the Lord when he comes into my life unexpectedly?

Do I, like Mary, ever sincerely question God's plan, purpose and meaning?

Do I echo Mary's "Amen" to God's call to me?

Prayer: God our Father, you looked on Mary your lowly servant, and raised her to be the Mother of Jesus, your Son and my Lord. Help me to always mirror her "yes" to you and to join with her in doing my part in your loving plan of salvation. Amen!

"The best way to keep CHRIST in Christmas is to keep MASS in Christmas!"

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:

- Dec. 28 No meeting because of Holidays
- 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.

St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass

Date: Sunday, December 24th

Time: 7p.m.

We would like to welcome all of you to our Christmas Eve Mass. We look forward to seeing you and sharing in this wonderful time of year.

There is NO MASS on Christmas Day.

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 online readers can click on the link below : 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

