



**4th Sunday of  
Advent  
December 21,  
2025**

**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \*Processional-O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #228
- \*Readings-#792 4th Sunday of Advent Cycle A
- \*Offertory-Ready the Way #230
- \*Communion-Bread of Life #482
- \*Recessional-People, Look East #223

**MASS Intentions**

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

~Jon Krenak by Angela Jones

~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder

**\*\*WEDNESDAY, December 24<sup>th</sup>-- 7p.m.**

~Leone Lambert by the Lambert Family

~Jack Hanson by Rick & Beth Hanson

~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family

~Alan Boehrsen, Jean & Harold Loy,  
& Maurice Dowling by the Loy Family

~Fr. Bob Coleman by our Parishioners

**\*\*SUNDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup>-- 4:30p.m.**

~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones

~Melvin Marcotte by Marion Sanders

~Betty Lambert by Nancy Tiarks

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	<b>\$1,443.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering for December 14th:</b>	<b>-\$638.00</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>-\$250.00</b>
<b>Deficit for the week:</b>	<b>-\$555.00)</b>

**Restoration:** \$45 collection, \$6,125 Preservation Donations  
Religious Retirement Collection: \$85

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of  
December 14th- **\$34,263.79.**

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

**CO-MINISTERS FOR:**

Wednesday, Dec. 24th @ 4:30p.m.

**READER:** Sr. Linda

**E.M.:** Ryan, Diane, Kathy, Beth, Angela

**Ushers:** Tom & Delaney

**Servers:** Gwaltney's

**2025 Envelope Boxes**

Please pick up your 2025  
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.

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

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

**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:**

**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

Feast of the Holy Family "A"

Matthew 2:13-15;19-23

"Rise, take the Child and his mother!"

Do I see God at work in trials I may have experienced?

Do I trust in God in troubled times?

Do I obey God in good times and in bad?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Joseph, who cared for you lovingly as a father cares for a son, obeyed the command to flee with you and with Mary your Mother into Egypt. Often the whirl of life can confuse and frighten me. In those moments of testing please lead and guide me as Joseph was led and guided. Amen!

## 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

## 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.

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

We will be meeting on Thursday, January 8th. 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.

## 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)

# AREA EVENTS

## 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