



*Merry  
Christmas  
December 24,  
2025*

### MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- \*Processional-O Come, all Ye Faithful #235
- \*Readings-#796 Christmas Eve Cycle A
- \*Offertory-Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #245
- \*Communion-Silent Night #252
- \*Recessional-Joy to the World #240

## *MASS Intentions*

### **\*\*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
- ~Braeden Seabert by Crystal Tiarks & Gracie Seabert
- ~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

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for December 21st:	-\$3,710.00
Online Giving:	-\$250.00
Surplus for the week:	+(2,517.00)
Restoration: \$20 collection, \$1,275 Preservation Donations	
~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 is \$75,000.	
~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 21st- <b>\$38,223.79.</b>	
Annual Appeal—Goal is \$8,300 and we currently have \$4,006 pledged.	

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31ST AT 4P.M.

#### **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.

#### CO-MINISTERS FOR:

Sunday, Dec. 28th @ 4:30p.m.

**READER:** Angela

**E.M.:** Chris & Diane

**Ushers:** Joe & Drew

**Servers:** Colbi

**Money Counters:** Ann & Angela



#### **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



## A Carol of the Years

Another year sails swiftly by  
And we who dwell below the sky  
Like trees through which the brisk winds sing  
Add yet another yearly ring!

A fresher year of seasons four  
Taps gently at our cabin door  
And calls us to again renew  
Our lives Lord Jesus Christ in you

An ancient year comes back to mind  
When out of love for humankind  
The Word made Flesh in time and space  
Took up his humble dwelling place

When years are done, and time is past  
And fleeting life is o'er at last,  
Eternal life, full, free from sin  
Will in Lord Jesus Christ begin!  
(M. Powell ~ 2013)

~ Blessings during this Christmas Season and  
through the Holy Year of Jubilee, 2025!

Fr. Mike

## 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