



CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 24, 2022

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

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-Adeste Fideles #235
- *Readings-#796 Nativity of the Lord ~Cycle ABC
- *Presentation Hymn-O Little Town of Bethlehem #244
- *Communion Hymn-Angels We Have Heard on High #236
- *Recessional-Joy to the World #240

PLP MASS INTENTIONS

****SATURDAY, December 24th - 7p.m.**
~Jean & Harold Loy, Alan Boehrsen, & Maurice Dowling by the Loy Family
~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
~Jack Hanson by Rick & Beth Hanson

****NO MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY****

****SUNDAY, January 1st - 4:30p.m.**
~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones
~Ira & Jeff Ratliff, & Diana Cailteux by Eileen Ratliff
~Roy Clement, Don Cote, & Donald Lafond by Angie Clement

****SUNDAY, January 8th - 4:30p.m.**
~Scot & Tim Savoie by Don & Phyllis Savoie
~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
~Leland & Anita Lambert by Corky & Paula Miller

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Weekly Parish Need for Operation: | \$1,385.00 |
| Offering for December 18th | -\$1,238.00 |
| Deficit for the week: | -\$ (147.00) |

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$ 820-Preservation Society

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 is \$72,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 18th- **\$34,621.15.**

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 who has taken us on this past year and is doing a great job.

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:
SUNDAY, January 1st @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Angie Clement
E.M.: Andrea & Ryan
Money Counters: Sue & Joe
Ushers: Joe & Rick
Servers: Alan & Madelyn



Please Pray For:

Intentions: Ron Goyette, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Margo Reynolds, Beverly Maurer, Anna VanHolven, Tina Gooding, Joe Jamnik, Jerry Shortsleeve, Bob Arseneau, Crystal Martinez, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Kelly Schladenhauften, Kim Cann, Janet Lambert, Mike Tiarks, Gene Tammen, Debbie Turner, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Roger Rabe, Shirley Arseneau, & Special Intentions

Our Departed: Dorothy Lafond

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 Gospel

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Luke 2:16-21

"He was named Jesus!"

How can I be more respectful of the Divine Name in my daily life?

What opportunities for spiritual growth might I benefit from in the Year of Grace, 2023?

How can I grow in my love for and devotion to Mary, the Mother of God?

Prayer: God of all times and seasons, you have blessed me with a new year of life and holiness. Bless these coming months with your grace for me and my beloved friends and family that I may grow as a devoted disciple of Jesus your Son and as a child of Mary, the Mother of God. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~For the Church in all lands and places, that under the patronage of Mary, the mother of God, she may continue to grow and prosper
- ~For all governments and leaders of nations, that God may turn their hearts and minds to thoughts of justice and peace
- ~For all families, that they may remain strong in imitation of the Holy Family
- ~For all of our parishioners who, like Mary in prayerfulness, come to the Lord
- ~For God's Blessings on us in this year of the Lord 2023
- ~For those who have died in 2022, and for all who have died in Christ, that through the intercession of Mary they may come to new life

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:

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| Canned meats-tuna, chicken | Paper Towels |
| Canned Fruits | Toilet Paper |
| Personal Hygiene Products | Cleaning Supplies |
| Laundry Detergent | Individual Water Bottles |



The Inn Keepers Carol

To give the weary traveler rest,
Protecting them from danger
My father's father built this inn
To welcome in the stranger.

In David's dark and dusty town
So few have made their dwelling,
But by an Emperor's decree
The numbers great are swelling.

So when two weary travelers came,
The woman great with child
I had no room to offer them
This Holy Family, mild.

But wait, there is a humble place
Where oxen feed on hay.
Who'd dream the Lord of Heaven and Earth
Would there be born today?

A mighty king deserves a throne
And praise in wondrous story,
But this great King of Kings preferred
A manger for his glory.

This Inn my father's father built
Is bathed in marvelous light
For Christ, the Prince of Peace was born
Here on this Christmas night!

On this joyful Christmas Day I wish a Blessed Christmas Season to all of our parishioners, friends, and guests who join us today. As we remember the gift of Jesus' Incarnation over 2000 years ago, as we celebrate his presence here among us today, especially in the Mass, and as we prepare for his return in glory at the end of time, let us make this day a prayerful and a merry day!

Thanks to all of you for your Christmas kindness to our parish and to me as well. Like the Inn-Keeper, let us make room in our homes and in our hearts to welcome Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A blessed Christmas and a grace filled 2023,
~ Fr. Mike