



***First Sunday of
Advent
November 30,
2025***

MASS Intentions

****Sunday, November 30th -- 4:30p.m.**

~Leone Lambert by Martha & Frank Lambert

~Diane Houmes by Angela Jones

~Eric Pellegrini by Paula Vering

~Melvin Marcotte by Raymond & LaRae

****Sunday, December 7th -- 4:30p.m.**

~Betty Lambert by Nancy Tiarks

~Leone & Catherina Zando by Angie Clement

~Anita & Leland Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller

~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

****Sunday, December 14th -- 4:30p.m.**

~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones

~Natalie Morden by Paula Vering

~Melvin Marcotte by Debbie Caise & Buddy Caise Family

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-On Jordan's Bank #218
- *Readings-#783 1st Sunday of Advent Cycle A
- *Offertory-Come, Follow Me #558
- *Communion-Bread of Life #490
- *Recessional-Waiting in Silence #222

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for November 23rd:	-\$1,865.00
Online Giving:	-\$250.00
Surplus for the week:	+\$672.00)

Restoration: \$

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of
November 23rd- **\$31,478.79.**

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

CO-MINISTERS FOR:

Sunday, Dec. 7th @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Ryan

E.M.: Duane & Chris W

Ushers: Drew & Tom

Servers: Colbi

Counters: Angela & Nancy

**We will be selling
poinsettias Nov. 30th
& Dec. 7th for \$14 in
the back of church to
use for Christmas
decorations.**

Anyone who wants to start
using church envelopes in
2026 needs to talk to the
church office.

**We will be looking for help on
December 7th after Mass to bring
down Christmas decorations and
help set up things. After we bring
things down, anyone who can stay
to start decorating would be
GREATLY appreciated!!**

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: Mary Jean "Lafond" Hartlep, Jodi & Chuck Wyatt,
Herb Clatterbuck, Bill Wagner

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

Second Sunday of Advent "A"

Matthew 3:1-12

"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

What can I do to prepare the way of the Lord to me, my family, and friends?

How can this Advent help me prepare for Christmas?

What fun, secular, and worthy religious activities am I doing this Advent season?

Prayer: God, my gracious Father, you sent John the Baptist as the new Elijah to prepare the way of your Son. May this holy time of anticipation bring me to a deeper love for the Word made Flesh and a fuller participation in the life he brings me.
Amen!

Love Light Tree

On Sunday, December 14th at our 4:30p.m. Mass we will be having our 20th annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Please join us in the parish hall afterwards for a potluck supper. The meat will be provided by the CCW, we ask you to bring a dish to share.

Forms for donating to the Love Light Ornaments are on the back counter. Forms are due back by Dec. 7th.

Please RSVP to Ryan for the dinner so we have a count.

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

AREA EVENTS

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.

Sponsored by:
Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

To register, please use this QR code to visit our website:



Questions? Contact Susan Amann:
samann@sscm-usa.org

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

~That the Holy Spirit may fill the Church with his gifts of wisdom & understanding, counsel & strength, knowledge & fear of the Lord

~That through the Scriptures, written for our instruction, we may find hope

~That all baptized with water, the Spirit and fire may join in preparing a way for the Lord

~That all who point Jesus out to others and all who need to meet Jesus may come to share his life

~That this Advent of waiting, prayer, and hope may renew all of us gathered here in faith

~That our parishioners who hope in Christ may know the joy of his coming

~That all who have died in hope of the Lord may not be disappointed

Let Us Pray To The Lord

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

We will be meeting on Thursday, December 11th.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED to our AFTER CHURCH SUPPER GROUP!!

After Mass on November 30 anyone interested can join together for supper.

They are going to Ryan's Pier in Aroma Park.

Please let Angela(815-471-6787), Cheryle(815-867-0518), or Ann(815-471-7886) know if you plan to attend.

Donovan's Senior Citizen Dinner

The complimentary dinner will be held on Saturday, December 6th at Noon.

All Senior Citizens of our district are invited to attend.

It will be held at the Elementary School.

Please RSVP to 815-486-7321 by December 1st.

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