



**\*\*SUNDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**  
~Barb & Danny Arseneau by Ryan Loy  
~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones  
~Delores Roberts by John & Judy Moore  
~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey  
~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder

**\*\*SUNDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**  
~Everyone in our Love Light Book  
~Kenny Lafond by Paula & Corky Miller  
~Jon Krenak by Angela Jones

**\*\*SATURDAY, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 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\*\***

**CHRISTMAS MASS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 7:00P.M.**

We will be selling poinsettias TODAY for \$13 in the back of church to use for Christmas.

**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \*Processional-Ready the Way #230
- \*Readings-#789 3rd Sunday of Advent~Cycle A
- \*Presentation Hymn-The King Shall Come #226
- \*Communion Hymn-Bread of Life #482
- \*Recessional-On Jordan's Bank #218

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
<b>Offering for December 4th</b>	<b>-\$1,707.00</b>
<b>Surplus for the week:</b>	<b>+\$322.00</b>

**Times are tough, see what you can do**

**Restoration:** \$260 in Preservation Dues

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 4th- **\$32,155.15.**

**CMAA GOAL-\$6,800 for this year**  
**Actual Amount Pledged-\$3,386**

**NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, December 18th @ 4:30p.m.**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**READER:** Jennifer Dixon

**E.M.:** Diane & Erin

**Money Counters:** Kathy & Leslie

**Ushers:** Pat & Drew

**Servers:** Houbert Kids

**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:**

**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



## Love Light Tree

On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at our 4:30p.m. Mass we will be having our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Please turn in your forms today.

Please RSVP if you plan to come to the dinner.

St. Mary's Discussion Group meets next time on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the rectory. We will be beginning a study of PRAYER. We usually meet once every two weeks, though it may vary a little with the Christmas season. Each session is from 6:30 to 8:00 pm including a little catechesis and lots of discussion and sharing. Come to all or whenever the Spirit moves you. A little secret—Sr. Linda is preparing refreshments for this time. For more information (on the session, not the food), call Sister at 815-931-1425.

## WE NEED HELP

We will be moving some large Christmas items down Today after church.



## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Spiritual Direction—Is It For Me?

**When:** January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16 from 7-8pm

**Presenter:** Sr. Myra Lambert, SSCM

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** Free Will Donation

**Register:** 815-931-1425

Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Visit their website at [www.sscm-usa.org](http://www.sscm-usa.org)

If interested, go to their website to sign up.

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Watseka Knights of Columbus have invited the parishioners of St. Mary's, St. Edmund's, and St. Joseph's for a parishioner breakfast.

**When:** Sunday, December 11th from 8-11a.m.

**Where:** St. Edmund's church basement

**Cost:** Free Will Donation

**Menu:** Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Milk, & Orange Juice

Carry Outs are available

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Advent "A"

Matthew 1: 18-24

"You are to name him Jesus!"

In today's Gospel Joseph was called to participate in God's plan in a unique manner. How has God called me to participate in his plan?

Joseph never speaks a word in the Gospel, how do I encounter God in silence and how can I respond in silent prayer?

Joseph "did as the Angel of the Lord had commanded him." How obedient to God's call have I been this past year?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you called your servant Joseph to a sublime role in your plan for my salvation. Grant me restful sleep and enlighten my mind and heart to co-operate with your providence. Amen!

P.S. The best way to keep Christ in CHRISTmas is to keep Mass in Christ-MASS!

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

~O Wisdom, breath of the Most high, pervading and permeating all creation, ordering all things mightily yet tenderly; come and show us how to live

~O Sacred Lord of Ancient Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai; come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free

~O Flower of Jesse's Stem, every eye is held by you, every prince and foreign power bows in silent worship to your beauty come, let nothing keep you from our rescue

~O Key of David and ruler of the House of Israel, controlling at you will the gate of heaven, come, break down the prison walls of death and lead your captive nation into freedom

~O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light and sun of justice; come shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death

~O King of all nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of time, come and save the people you fashioned from the dust

~O Emmanuel, God who lives with us to rule and guide, the nations of the earth cry out in longing; o come and set us free, our Savior of God

Come and Save Us

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