



**3rd Sunday of
Advent**
**December 14,
2025**

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-Every Valley #221
- *Readings-#789 3rd Sunday of Advent Cycle A
- *Offertory-Save Your People #276
- *Communion-Draw Near #486
- *Recessional-On Jordan's Bank #218

MASS Intentions

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

~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones

~Natalie Morden by Paula Vering

~Melvin Marcotte by Debbie Caise & Buddy Caise Family

****Sunday, December 21st-- 4:30p.m.**

~Jon Krenak by Angela Jones

~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder

****WEDNESDAY, December 24th-- 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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation: \$1,443.00

Sunday Offering for December 7th: -\$952.00

Online Giving: -\$150.00

Deficit for the week: -(\$341.00)

Restoration: \$25 collection, \$2,000 Donation

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of
December 7th- **\$33,375.79.**

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

CO-MINISTERS FOR:

Sunday, Dec. 21st @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Beth

E.M.: Erin & Ryan

Ushers: Rick & Drew

Servers: Addison

Counters: Diane & Andrea

THANKS

Thank you to all who were
able to help last weekend
moving Christmas items
downstairs, everyone who
helped decorate, and those
who made bereavement
wreaths.

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: Fr. Robert "Bob" Coleman, Mary Jean "Lafond" Hartlep

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent "A"

Matthew 1:18-24

"It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived!"

Has God ever surprised me with his plans as he did to Joseph in his dream?

What was my reaction to God's surprise?

Do I follow through on what God calls me to do as did Joseph?

Prayer: Lord God an angel announced to Joseph that your Son would be entrusted to his care and he did as you commanded. Help me to imitate Joseph when you interrupt my life unexpectedly and to respond in humble obedience as he did.

Amen!

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.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR OUR DINNER

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

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 lhatten@sscm-usa.org.

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

Let Us Pray To The Lord

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

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