

# Mass Intentions

### \*\*SUNDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.

- ~Leland & Anita Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller
- ~Bob Arseneau by Bob, Mary, & Avery Varboncouer
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
- ~Gary Brammer by Family & Friends
- ~Hazen Arseneau by Julie Baker

### \*\*SUNDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.

- ~Kenny & Virginia Lafond by Eileen Ratliff
- ~Bob Arseneau by Kenny & Linda Arseneau
- ~Delmar & Mary Arseneau by Pat Brown
- ~Remembering those in our Love Light Book

### \*\*SUNDAY, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 7p.m.

- ~Alan Boehrnsen, Jean & Harold Loy, & Maurice Dowling by the Loy Family
- ~Jack Hanson by Rick & Beth Hanson
- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Bonnie & Ditty Lynch by the Lynch Family
- ~Dean Anderson by Emilie Anderson & Family
- ~Eugene Drummer by the Drummer Family
- ~Bob Arseneau by the Arseneau Family
- ~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder

Anyone who wants to start using church envelopes in 2024 needs to talk to the church office.

Poinsettias are for sale today for \$13 in the back of church to use for Christmas

### MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- \*Processional-People, Look East #223
- \*Readings-#787 2nd Sunday Advent~Cycle B
- \*Offertory-Eye Has Not Seen #645
- \*Communion-Gift of Finest Wheat #487
- \*Recessional-O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VS 5-7 #228

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation: \$1,385.00

Offering for December 3rd \$1,404.25

Surplus for the week: +\$(19.25)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$1,000-Preservation \$265-Collection

**Immaculate Conception Collection: \$61** 

~Sunday Offertory <u>Budget</u> Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 is \$72,000.

~Sunday Offertory <u>Actual Money Donated</u> as of December 3rd- **\$34,018.59**.

We need help TODAY after Mass to bring down Christmas decorations and help set up things. NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, December 17th @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Jennifer E.M.: Webers Ushers: Jim & Pat Servers: Colbi

Money Counters: Sue & Joe

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

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Intentions: Sharon Hess, Keith Arseneau, Adaline Royster, Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Dale Blanchette, Gary Cahoe, Carter Brutlag, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Janet Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Shirley Arseneau, Shirley Stelmasiak, & Special Intentions

Our Departed: Pat Brammer

### 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.

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### **Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions**

- That the Spirit of the Lord may come upon the Church throughout the world, strengthening her to announce the favor of the Lord That the Lord may make justice and peace spring up before all
- That God may inspire us to rejoice always, pray without ceasing and in all circumstances give him thanks
- ~That God may continue to send prophets into the world to make straight the way of the Lord
- That the poor, the broken hearted, captives and prisoners may know a year of favor from the Lord
- ~That all of us here at St. Mary's Parish may be preserved blameless for the coming of Jesus
- That the dead may be clothed with a robe of salvation

Let Us Pray to the Lord

ST. MARY'S DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting again on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the rectory from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00. We will be continuing our study of PRAYER. Our topic for the evening will be Petitionary Prayer (Ready-made Prayer). Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite rote prayer to share with the group. Remember—join us when you can, even if you can't make every gathering, we welcome you when you can.

Upcoming topics include: Dec.14 What happens when you pray? Dec. 28 No meeting because of Holidays

Jan. 11 Discerning God's voice **Imaginative Contemplation** Jan. 25

If you are interested in joining us, contact Sr. Linda at 815-931-1425 or lhatton@sscm-usa.org.

### Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Third Sunday of Advent "B" "Gaudete Sunday" John 1:6-8; 19-28 "Make straight the way of the Lord!"

How can I, like John the Baptist, testify to the Light?

How can I, like John the Baptist, be a voice crying out?

How can I, like John the Baptist, prepare the way of the Lord?

Prayer: Come Lord Jesus! John prepared for your coming and pointed you out when at last you came. Inspire me to mirror John's purpose of proclaiming you as the Christ coming among us through your Incarnation.

Amen!

"The best way to keep CHRIST in Christmas is to keep MASS in Christmas!"

### **Love Light Tree**

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at our 4:30p.m. Mass we will be having our 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 10th.

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

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### oming Events

#### SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2023 PROGRAMS

- Advent Retreat (Online Series): Held via ZOOM the 4 Saturdays of Advent (December 2, 9, 16 & 23) from 9:30—11:30 a.m.

  Cost for the series is \$10/session or \$35 for all 4 sessions.
- Advent Gospel Film Series (Online): Facilitated by Sr. Myra
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  Lambert, SSCM, this series will be held on December 3, 10, and
  17 from 3:00—6:00 p.m. Cost for the series is \$5/session.

  Stations of the Cross—Evening of Reflection (Online): Presented by Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM, this event will take place on
  Wednesday, December 6th, from 6:30—8:00 p.m. There is no
  cost for this event, but free-will offerings will gladly be accepted. Payments can be made by check, or credit card.

  gistrations cannot be confirmed until payment is received in full.
  ecks may be mailed to: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
  Attn: Susan Amann
  2041 W. State Route
  113 Kankakee IL 60901
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#### **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:**

Personal Hygiene Products-lotion, soap, wipes, Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes Cleaning Supplies Laundry Detergent Paper Towels Toilet Paper