

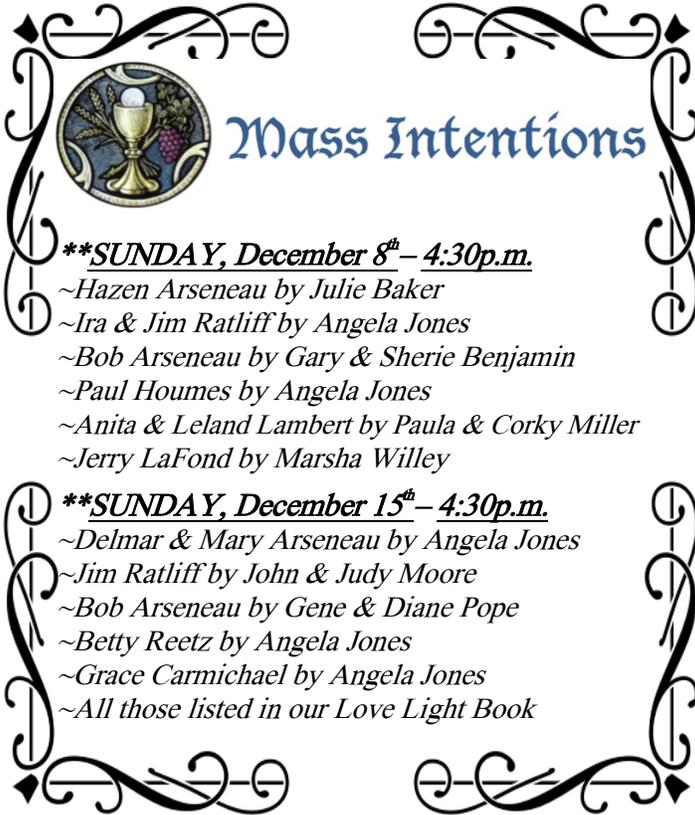


**Second Sunday  
of Advent  
December 8,  
2024**



**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \* **Processional**—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #212
- \* **Readings**—#788 2nd Sunday of Advent—Cycle C
- \* **Offertory**—Hosea #411
- \* **Communion**—Bread of Life #490
- \* **Recessional**—We Walk by Faith #594



**Mass Intentions**

**\*\*SUNDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Hazen Arseneau by Julie Baker
- ~Ira & Jim Ratliff by Angela Jones
- ~Bob Arseneau by Gary & Sherie Benjamin
- ~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones
- ~Anita & Leland Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

**\*\*SUNDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Delmar & Mary Arseneau by Angela Jones
- ~Jim Ratliff by John & Judy Moore
- ~Bob Arseneau by Gene & Diane Pope
- ~Betty Reetz by Angela Jones
- ~Grace Carmichael by Angela Jones
- ~All those listed in our Love Light Book

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for Dec. 1st:	-\$1,270.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>-\$145.00</b>
<b>Deficit for the week:</b>	<b>-(28.00)</b>
<b>Restoration:</b> \$205-Monthly Collection	
	\$1,055-Preservation Donations & Dues
~Sunday Offertory <u>Budget</u> Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 is \$75,000.	
~Sunday Offertory <u>Actual Money Donated</u> as of December 1st- <b>\$35,579.93.</b>	

**We will be looking for help TODAY after Mass to bring down Christmas decorations and help set up things.**

**Help is needed on Dec. 12th at 5pm to help decorate for Christmas. Please let Sandy, Janet, or Pat know if you can help**

**The ladies are making bereavement wreaths for church members who have lost a loved one this past year. If you would like to help, they will be making them at the hall on Dec. 14th at 9a.m.**

**Anyone who wants to start using church envelopes in 2025 needs to talk to the church office.**

**CO-MINISTERS FOR:**  
*Sunday, December 15th @ 4:30p.m.*

**READER:** Amanda  
**E.M.:** Andrea, Kathy, Chris. B  
**Ushers:** Drew & Tom  
**Servers:** Drew & Tom  
**Money Counters:** Rick & Beth

**We will be selling poinsettias Dec. 8th & Dec. 15th for \$13 in the back of church to use for Christmas decorations.**



**Please Pray For:**

**Intentions:** Willy VanWassenhove, Megan Markley, Martha Lambert, Don Savoie, John Bumbul, Cleona Datzman, Emmett Sutton & Family, Angie Clement, Cody Gregory, Web Bohn, Regina Penny, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Janet Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, & Special Intentions

**Our Departed:** Shirley Arseneau, Diane Woo

**Our Service Men & Women:**

- \*SGT 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

Third Sunday of Advent "C"

Luke 3:10-18

"One mightier than I is coming!"

The crowds asked John the Baptist "What should we do?"  
What should I do to prepare for Christmas and for Christ coming into my life?

How have I been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire?

What is the "chaff" in my life that needs to "be burned"?

Prayer: Come Lord Jesus in your Word and in your Sacraments. Fill my mind and heart with your love and open my eyes to see what I must do to be a more authentic follower. Help me to hear the words of John the Baptist as they are addressed directly to me. Amen!

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That God may strengthen us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ
  - ~That the Lord, who is in our midst, may renew his love in us
  - ~That the Church may be led to works of justice and charity
  - ~That the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus
  - ~That this Season of Advent may prepare us to celebrate a worthy Christmas
  - ~That the prayers and petitions on the minds and in the hearts of our parishioners may be heard and answered by the Lord who is near
  - ~That the dead may rejoice in the Lord always
- Let Us Pray to the Lord

**Love Light Tree** On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at our 4:30p.m. Mass we will be having our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Please join us in the parish hall afterwards for a potluck supper.

**Forms are due back TODAY.**

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

## CHRISTMAS MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 7:00P.M.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4:00P.M.

# AREA EVENTS

## Busy Person's Advent Retreat

Presenter: **Sr. Linda Hatton, Sr. Myra Lambert, & others**

Cost: \$25

Call the number below ASAP if you would like to start

## Caregiver Stress Busting Program

Do you provide care for a loved one with a chronic illness? We know caregiving can be stressful. This program teaches stress management techniques, coping & relaxation strategies

When: Thursdays, Jan. 23-Mar. 20, 2025 from 1:30-3pm

Cost: No Cost

Register or Questions call Amanda: 815-523-9919



## 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:

- Cranberry Sauce**
- Stuffing Mix**
- Scalloped Potatoes Box**
- Paper Towels**
- Shampoo**

## Eastern Illinois Food Bank Food Distribution

They will be distributing food in the hardware parking lot next to the post office the 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:30-1pm. Visit [eifoodbank.org](http://eifoodbank.org) for more information.