



**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \***Processional**-O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #228
- \***Readings**-#786 2nd Sunday of Advent~Cycle A
- \***Presentation Hymn**-Marantha #220
- \***Communion Hymn**-Draw Near #486
- \***Recessional**-Soon and Very Soon #750



**\*\*SUNDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup> - 4:30p.m.**  
 ~Mary Claire by Eileen Ratliff  
 ~Hazen & Madeline Arseneau by Marilyn Champagne  
 ~Stephen Langevin by Sharon Langevin & Family  
 ~Kenny Lafond by John & Judy Moore

**\*\*WEDNESDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 7p.m.**  
*Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass*  
 ~For Our Parishioners

**\*\*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



**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
<b><u>Offering for November 27th</u></b>	<b>-\$2,134.00</b>
<b>Surplus for the week:</b>	<b>+\$749.00</b>

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

**Restoration:** \$2,000 in memory of Viator(Mac) & Colleen Chenore by Doug & Marilyn Hixon; \$190 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 November 27th- **\$30,448.15.**

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

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

**SUNDAY, December 11th @ 4:30p.m.**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**READER:** Cheryle Laurent

**E.M.:** Jennifer & Leslie

**Money Counters:** Rick & Beth

**Ushers:** Joe & Jim

**Servers:** Morris Kids

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

**We will be selling poinsettias Dec. 4th & 11th for \$13 in the back of church to use for Christmas.**

**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 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. 11th.**

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



## Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Third Sunday Sunday Advent "A"

Matthew 11:2-11

"Are you the one who is to come?"

- ~What have I heard and seen Jesus do in my life?
- ~What am I looking for in Jesus?
- ~Jesus declared John the Baptist "greater than a prophet." How do I see John as an example for my discipleship with Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, the Father sent John the Baptist ahead of you, filled with the Holy Spirit, to prepare your way. Strengthen my faith when it falters and keep me near you as you perform the works of the Messiah among us. Amen!

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

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~For the blind, deaf, lame, & all who need the healing that only Jesus can bring
- ~For the feeble, the weak, & the frightened, that God may save them with his recompense and vindication
- ~For patience as we await the coming of the Lord in glory
- ~For all of the faithful, that like John the Baptist, they may seek out and find the Messiah of God
- ~For our community as we prepare in faith for the feast of Christmas
- ~For all of our parishioners seeking for the help and guidance of Christ
- ~For our beloved dead, that like the apostles, prophets, and martyrs who have gone before us in faith, they may enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting life

Let Us Pray To The Lord

## WE NEED HELP

**We will be moving some large Christmas items down after church on December 11th.**



## 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

### "Morning Mass:

***What a way to start the day!"***

Weekday Masses are available at St. Edmund's in Watseka on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 7:30a.m. in the Davern Parish Center

### 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