

DECEMBER 23, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“BLESSED ARE YOU.....”

Luke 1:45

MONDAY	4:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased of American Martyrs Parish	(Christmas Eve)
MONDAY	8:00 p.m.	Dec'd Members of the Raiche & Stefanick Families by Family	(Christmas Eve)
TUESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Roy LaVarnway by Noleen LaVarnway	(Christmas Day)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 a.m.	Larry Flaminio by Adele Jenkins	
THURSDAY	7:00 a.m.	Dick Meinecke (Anniversary) by Bill & Delores Rice	
FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	Paul Miron by Mitch & Marchell Merrell	
SATURDAY	4:15 p.m.	Jeff Mente by Jim & Marie Blanton	
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased of American Martyrs Parish	
SUNDAY	10:15 a.m.	Taylor Bosley by Mark & Mary Balcer	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK DECEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 30

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.to 9:30 a.m. –	Sacrament of Reconciliation
THURSDAY	6:30 to 6:50 a.m. -	Confessions
FRIDAY	7:15 to 7:45 a.m. –	Sacrament of Reconciliation
SATURDAY	11:00 to 11:30 a.m. AND 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. -	Sacrament of Reconciliation



Thanks to the adult choir and celebration singers, our Christmas Liturgies are truly beautiful. The adult Choir, under the direction of John Calo, will begin their music at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 9:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. The Celebration Singers directed by Jean Marcell will begin their music at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.



Holy Family** - - Figures for our Christmas Manger will be brought in at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve by the family of **Mike & Beth Mulligan and their children Michael and Cavan** and the 8:00 p.m. Mass by the family of **Mark & Katie Picucci and their children Joey & Edy



Our Vocation Crucifix Prayer family for the week of December 23rd is the Terrian Family.

To all Altar Servers, please pick up your Christmas gift in the Priest Sacristy of church.

THANK YOU to our many donors. Our Flower Fund not only provides for Christmas & Easter Flowers but also for Eucharistic Adoration Day, weekend Masses, Special occasions and our summer planting. Your continuing generosity makes this possible. We are very grateful.

Our Celebration Singers Choir, consists of the following: Sue LeDuc (Piano), Jean Marcell, Mitchell Wiltzius, Patti Belongie, Elise Neuens, Margaret Schmidt, Leslie Larson and Cassidy. **Our Adult Choir**, under the direction of John Calo, consist of the following: Pat Mikulich, Mary Tuomela, Alyce Derwinski, Carol Gayan, Kathy Marinich, Wendy Welch, Gene Peterson, Judi Trumbley, Marissa Peterson & Kieran, Rosemary VanPeymbrock, Nancy & Steve Nelson, Joe McKindles, Angie Bjorn, Grant Lucia, Jeana Palmer, Denise Brown, Diane Davis, Diane Carlson, Paula Chapman, Dan Chapman, Dan Pedo, Jeana Klingelhutz, Pete Brey, Elise Neuens, Tom & Ann Johnston, Luisa Ozzello - guitar, Thomas Niebrzydowski - guitar, Flutist-Therese Ozzello, and Organist - Mary Lee.

OUR STAFF OF AMERICAN MARTYRS WISHES EACH OF YOU A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON. MAY THE CHRIST WHO CAME TO US AS A CHILD GIVE YOU HIS PEACE.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Let your goodness, Lord, appear to us, That we, made in your image, Conform ourselves to it.
In our own strength we cannot imitate your majesty, power and wonder: nor is it fitting for us to try.
But your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below.
You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms,
and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries. Amen

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

NEW CD of the week

Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song by Vicki Kueppers - Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet through song! With beautiful music and meditations on God's mercy throughout salvation history by Jeff Cavins, you'll be inspired to sing with all your heart.