

## DECEMBER 24, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MARY SAID, "BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME  
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD."

Luke 1:38

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Ed DeYonghe by Marcia DeYonghe & Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Randy Hirn by Denise Brown
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Jeff Mente by Cindy Steel
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Robert Belongie by Mike & Teresa Swanson
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Mary Margaret Geronimi by Dean
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	Taylor Bosley by Mom (Lisa)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	The Rice & Massignan Families by Dolores Rice
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Harold Walker by Bill & Sue Hasse
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	John French by Paul & Pat Beauchamp



### LITURGICAL ROLES DECEMBER 30/31, 2023

#### LECTORS

Saturday, 4:15 p.m. – Monica Terrian  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.** – Amy Giesen, Donna Walstrom  
**Sunday, New Year's Eve 4:00 p.m.** – TBD  
**Monday, New Year's Day 9:30 a.m.** - TBD

**All Altar Servers ...** Please pick up your Christmas gift in the Sacristy of the church. God bless, *Merry Christmas*

#### SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 4:15 p.m. – Lisa Gobble, Carol Smiecinski  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.** – Amy Giesen, Sheryl Carobine  
**Sunday, New Year's Eve 4:00 p.m.** – TBD  
**Monday, New Year's Day 9:30 a.m.**- TBD

#### LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & USHERS ...

Sign-up sheets are available for **New Year's Masses**.  
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers the sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy and Usher sign-up sheets are at the back of church. Please sign-up for the Mass that you would like to serve at. Thank You!

#### USHERS

Saturday 4:15 p.m. – Pete Webb, Mike Meyer,  
Mike Bianchi, Larry Raiche  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.** – Don Lee Sr., Don Lee Jr.,  
Larry Lindholm, USHER NEEDED.  
**Sunday, New Year's Eve 4:00 p.m.**- TBD  
**Monday, New Year's Day 9:30 a.m.** - TBD



**No Faith Formation Classes on Wed.,  
December. 27<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume January 3,**

#### SERVERS

Saturday, 4:15 p.m. – Veronica Stanchina,  
Sammy Wilson  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.** – TBD  
**Sunday, New Year's Eve 4:00 p.m.** – TBD  
**Monday, New Year's Day 9:30 a.m.** – TBD

#### NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30 4:15 pm  
Sunday, December 31 9:30 am

#### NEW YEAR'S MASSES

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31 4:00 pm  
New Year's Day, Mon., January 1 9:30 am

*\*The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>)  
is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.*

#### SERVERS FOR TUESDAY 12/26/23

6:30 p.m. - Allison Allard, Isla Pipp

#### SERVERS FOR THURSDAY 12/28/23

7:00 a.m. – SERVER NEEDED



Knights of Columbus, Kingsford  
In Solidarity with Our Priests  
BISHOP BARAGA COUNCIL NO. 1585  
Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:00 pm – Bingo Wed. 6:30 pm  
Hall Rental Call 906-774-3320

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK    DECEMBER 24 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**(Confession heard before all daily Masses)**

TUESDAY                6:00 p.m. – Recitation of the Rosary  
WEDNESDAY        NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES  
SATURDAY            3:30 to 4:00 p.m. – Confession

*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 Joshua & Samantha Edwards and their children Owen, Avery, Estella & Alec.*



### **Don't Forget Jesus**

*Christmas is a special time to reflect on Jesus Christ.  
The wonder of His lowly birth brings meaning to our lives.  
There really is no other reason we celebrate this day  
The birth of God's precious son and the life He willingly gave.  
But so much seems to distract us in the bustling of our lives.  
We lose our focus in all the happenings not knowing, we leave  
out Christ. We lose sight of the true meaning as we endlessly  
rush about, trying to find that perfect gift seems to cloud our  
Saviour out. We need to stop and reflect awhile remembering  
our precious Lord. His birth, His life and sacrifice and all that  
He stands for.  
For though the world may celebrate it seems for other  
reasons, let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ is the true  
meaning of the season.    - M.S. Lowndes*



### **PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!**

Be a part of American Martyrs prayer chain and see God do mighty works.

*...The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16*

For more information contact Helen Raich 282-6022 or Denise Brown 271-0700.

### **SAVE THE DATE! ... COMING IN JANUARY**

**AMERICAN MARTYRS**  
**WINTER CARNIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**



### **BBCS – DECEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS**

1st Place - \$1300.00 - Team Happy Campers  
2nd Place - \$250.00 - Msgr. Joseph Gouin  
3rd Place - \$150.00 - Team 3 for All

*Congratulations!*



THE STAFF OF AMERICAN MARTYRS WISHES  
EACH OF YOU THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON GOD'S  
BLESSING OF JOY, PEACE AND LOVE!

*Merry Christmas!*



American Martyrs Church has scholarships available to American Martyrs students who are attending college. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Msgr. Joe at the rectory at 906-774-0630.

### **2024 BIBIANNE BASSETTE SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are now being accepted. This scholarship aids graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a college or vocational education at an accredited degree-granting institution. Consideration is based on academic achievement. Applicants must complete the online application found at

<https://dioceseofmarquette.org/awards-scholarships>

and either mail an **Official Transcript** and ACT/SAT scores (via postal mail) to Bessette Scholarship Fund, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855 or email transcripts to Irene McCauley at [imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org](mailto:imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org). Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2024.

### **WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** at Immaculate Conception.

All are welcome. The book study is on C.S. Lewis', "The Great Divorce". Begins January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call Immaculate Conception for more information at 906-774-0511.

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