

**JANUARY 1, 2023 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**ALL WHO HEARD IT WERE AMAZED BY WHAT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM BY THE SHEPHERDS.**  
*Luke 2:18*

MONDAY 7:00 a.m. Dennis Olson by Pete & Sheryl Carobine  
TUESDAY 6:30 p.m. Leo & Hazel Rice by Delores Rice  
WEDNESDAY 7:00 a.m. Mark LeClaire Sr. by Kay LeClaire  
THURSDAY 7:00 a.m. Lillian & Henry Gyselinck by Art & Shirley Viens  
FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. John Mente by Cindy Steele  
SATURDAY 4:15 p.m. Bob Fayas by Marge Fayas  
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of American Martyrs Parish  
SUNDAY 10:15 a.m. Fred Mortel by Robert & Monica Mortel



**LITURGICAL ROLES JANUARY 7/8, 2023**

**LECTORS**

4:15 p.m. – Gary Benjamin  
8:00 a.m. – Otto Jacob  
10:15 a.m. – Kelly Bruns

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

4:15 a.m. – Julie Barthels, Carol Hinds  
8:00 a.m. – Thomas Krueger, Debbie Jacob  
10:15 a.m. – Jeana Klingelhut, Sue Varda

**USHERS**

4:15 a.m. – Dennis Povolo, Matt Nash,  
Mike Meyer/Bianchi, David Hinds  
8:00 a.m. – Larry Benz, Aaron Schneider,  
Dennis Zeeb, USHER NEEDED  
10:15 a.m. – Ron LaLonde, Ben Determan,  
Edmond VanGuyse, Linda Maule

**SERVERS**

4:15 p.m. – Isaac, Ellery, & Alivia Nash  
8:00 a.m. – Cassie & Isaac Olson,  
Addison Paternoster  
10:15 a.m. – Makynna Rouse, Jacob Koller,  
Sydney Johnson

**SERVERS FOR TUESDAY, 1/3/2023**

6:30 p.m.- Michael & Cavan Mulligan

**SERVERS FOR THURSDAY, 1/5/2023**

7:00 a.m. – Nick Nora



Mass at Evergreen Assisted Living is on Friday  
January 6th at 10:00am.  
Mass is for all souls by Parishioners.  
All are welcome!

*WELCOME TO AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH*  
*We are happy that you have decided to worship with us today. If you are visiting, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish, call the parish office at 774-0630.*

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*God Bless You in the New Year!  
May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. ... Psalm 90:17*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK      JANUARY 1 THRU JANUARY 8  
(Confession heard before all daily Masses)**

TUESDAY                    6:00 p.m. – Recitation of the Rosary  
WEDNESDAY                5:15 to 6:15 p.m. – Faith Formation – Grades 1 thru 5  
WEDNESDAY                6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Faith Formation – Grades 6 thru 11  
SATURDAY                    3:30 TO 4:00 p.m. – Confession  
SUNDAY                      Following 10:15 a.m. Mass – Taking down Christmas decorations




**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, commemorates **the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.** On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE:** “More things are brought about by prayer than this world dreams of.” Our parish is very blessed to have this special ministry called “*Ministry of Praise*”. These are senior citizens, the sick or handicapped who pray for the parish every day. They are commissioned by the pastor and are given a certificate and a cross made of olive wood from the Holy Land and a special large print prayer book to use. Every other month they receive a special message from the pastor. This Ministry of Praise began a number of years ago when Fr. Bernard Haring visited a small parish in Bavaria and noticed at Mass a very special Presence of God. When he asked about this the priest brought him to the homes of people who offered special prayers for the parish every day. We invite any senior citizen and especially anyone who is not able to go to church to participate. Just call the rectory and Fr. Joe will enroll you in this very special ministry.

**AMERICAN MARTYRS FAITH FORMATION NEWS:**  
Faith Formation classes resume this week, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Grades 1 – 5, classes start at 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm. Grades 6 – 11, classes start at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

 Looking Ahead ... Our Winter Carnival is coming up fast, Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed for set-up, working the day of and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board at the back of church. Donations of cakes and cupcakes will also be needed.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our Church for Christmas!  
Our beautiful Christmas decorations will be taken down next Sunday, January 8th, following the 10:15 a.m. Mass.  
Volunteers needed. If you would like to help, please be at the church by 11:15 am. Many hands make light work.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE...**  
Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund. The scholarships aid 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 on-line 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, 2023.

**\*PLEASE TAKE NOTE – THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY OR STUDENT BREAKFAST FOR JANUARY 2023.**