

December 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Discerning a Path Forward...Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream...Matthew 1:20

MONDAY	7:00 am	Father Hughes by The Carter Family
TUESDAY	6:30 pm	Leo Sr. & Hazel Rice by Dolores Rice
WEDNESDAY	4:00 pm	Josh Goetteman by Gene & Linda Peterson
THURSDAY	9:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of American Martyrs Parish
FRIDAY	8:00 am	Len Pickett by Randy & Carol Lorenz
SATURDAY	4:15 pm	Jeff Mente by The Family
SUNDAY	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of American Martyrs Parish
SUNDAY	10:15 am	Todd McCole by Tina & Terry Rice



LITURGICAL ROLES DEC. 27 & 28, 2025

LECTORS

4:15 pm	Mark Balcer
8:00 am	Angela Gayan
10:15 am	Ann Martin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:15 pm	Sue Hasse, Lori Moreau
8:00 am	Amy Giesen, Donna Walstrom
10:15 am	Stephanie Coe, Frank Derouin

USHERS

4:15 pm	Tony Edlebeck, Beau Poquette, Bob Beaudry, Bill Hasse
8:00 am	Peter Carobine, Robert Goodreau, Dan Paternoster, Paul Amicangelo
10:15 am	John Benzie, Dennis Zeeb, Roy Quick, Shawn Bruns

SERVERS

4:15 pm	Will Poquette, Rylee Poquette
8:00 am	Cassie Olson, Chloe Mortl
10:15 am	Dylan Bjorne, Natalie Bjorne, Kieran Peterson

SERVERS FOR TUESDAY 12/23/25

6:30 pm	Joseph Picucci, Andy Jahnke
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COLLECTION	
December 13 & 14, 2025	
Adults (168).....	\$5,442.00
Average (\$32.39)	
Visitors & Children	\$785.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$760.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$218.00
Mexico.....	\$120.00
Christmas.....	\$150.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$130.00
Total.....	\$7,605.00
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS AT AMERICAN MARTYRS
Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24 th – 4:00 pm
Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 th – 9:30 am
New Year’s Eve, Wednesday, December 31 st – 4:00 pm
New Year’s Day, Thursday, January 1 st – 9:30 am



Alter servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers & ushers are needed for Christmas & New Year’s Masses – sign up sheets are posted in the sacristy & on the table by the cry room for ushers. Thank you for your help.

Mark Your Calendars:
January 7th – Faith Formation
-January 18th – Senior Fireside Chat
January 24th – Winter Carnival
February 28th – Anniversary Dinner

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK DECEMBER 21 THRU DECEMBER 27, 2025

(Confessions heard before all daily Masses)

SUNDAY	11:00 am – Church Decorating after the 10:15 am Mass
MONDAY	6:30 pm – Choir Practice
TUESDAY	6:05 pm – Recitation of the Rosary
WEDNESDAY	Christmas Eve Mass – 4:00 pm
THURSDAY	Christmas Day Mass – 9:30 am
SATURDAY	3:30 – 4:00 pm – Confessions

Dear Parishioners:

All four candles of the Advent wreath are lit. The fullness of the lit wreath points us to the coming celebration of Christmas, and our commemoration of the Incarnation. God’s ancient promises have been fulfilled in the coming of Christ, the very Word made flesh. Today presents us with a surprise. God is a community of love. Christmas is a time when one of that divine community became one of us in all things but sin. God has embraced our humanity and floods us with life and love.

I drove down a local street one night and noticed on a house a string of lights, half of which were on the house, half of which were pulled off leading to a life sized green plastic grumpy grinch. No grinchies during Christmas. Our response during Christmas must be just the opposite. Christmas celebrates that God has come among us in the person of Jesus Christ. The Incarnation has impacted every part of us, our family, our community, and the world at large. We are called into the mystery that heaven converges with earth.

Thank you all who have cleaned, decorated, coordinated Mass, sung in our chorus and served in our liturgical ministries. We welcome all parishioners, family members, and visitors.

We wish to you the love of Jesus that Mary and Joseph knew on that first Christmas night. May you and your loved ones share the peace and happiness of that love with each other.

Have a blessed and peace filled Christmas in the Lord.

Fr. Greg & Msgr. Joe



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

Merry Christmas!



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 Kandace & Jereme Smith.



The adult choir will begin their music at 3:30 pm on Christmas Eve and at 9:00 am on Christmas Morning. A special thank you to our choir for providing our beautiful Christmas music.

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 Savior 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. Loundes