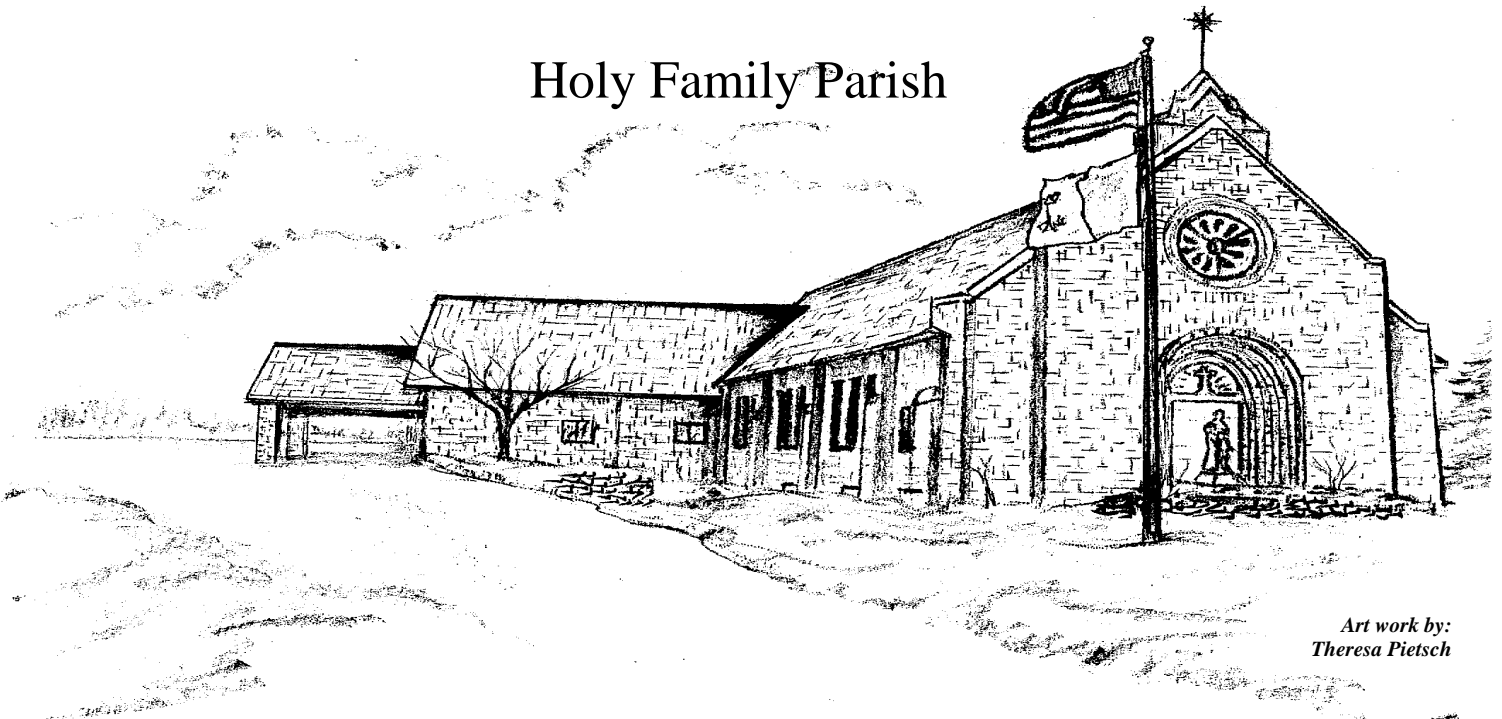


Holy Family Parish



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REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.

30 minutes before Daily Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness, or is having Surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

Mass Schedule for Dec. 13th thru Dec. 18th

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....No Mass

Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Eileen Vuksan

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Don Willford

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Sr. Bernice Richer

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Jack Gascon

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Walter Marcella

10:00 A.M.....For the People of the Parish

The Rosary is recited 20 minutes before daily Mass.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We will strive to imitate the Holy Family: by being a loving, welcoming, and forgiving community – fully alive in the Spirit of God; by teaching our children the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our parish; by celebrating the Liturgy as a joyful remembrance of our Lord’s Sacrifice for us; by being a family of prayer; by respecting all life, and by having our arms open always to embrace the sick and needy.

READERS: Dec. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Christy Nelson
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Beverly Plimpton
10:00 AM – Gerald Miron

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Alesha & Emily Marenger
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Laura Hallfrisch & Greg Chenier
10:00 AM – Simon Chouinard

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Nichole Silverstone
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Donna Richer
10:00 AM – John Miron

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Kevin Dubord, Eugene Marenger, Jim Chenier, Stephen Janchenko
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Don Anderson, John King, Bob Marcella, Tom Pietsch
10:00 AM – Harold Young, Neil VanDrese, Bob Tourangeau, Roger Chenier

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Doris Newhouse Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ruth Anderson 10:00 AM – Tami Chouinard

The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye

Bury the Dead - Part 2

The fact that we see this to be a “corporal” work of mercy flies in the face of the culture around us. Our modern society seems schizophrenic when it comes to the body. On the one hand, we are fitness-conscious and we spend much energy and money on being in shape and looking young and healthy. But then, at death, the body becomes at best an inconvenience and at worst an embarrassment, something to be discretely gotten out of the way. The funeral then becomes simply an occasion to remember the deceased.

How powerful and consoling, by contrast, are our Catholic funeral rites! They speak eloquently of the pain of loss, faith in the Resurrection, the hope of eternal life mingled with prayers to assist the departed on their final journey, and the sacramental life which plunges us, body and soul, into the death and resurrection of Christ.

One problem is that we do not know much about these rites unless we experience them firsthand at the death of a loved one. At such a time of strong emotions, the Church’s ritual touches us on a very deep level, but we may not be aware of what is going on. One simple suggestion for carrying out this work of mercy is to take a little time to read over the Church’s funeral liturgy and meditate on the beauty of the truth of our faith enshrined there.



SURROUNDING AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Joseph/St. Patrick, Escanaba – Tuesday December 13th at 6:30 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Bark River – Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 PM
St. Annes, Escanaba – Friday Dec. 16th & Friday, Dec. 23rd both from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
All Saints Church, Gladstone – Monday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM
St. Charles Borromeo, Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 7:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	Dec. 13 th	5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	No Confessions No Mass St. Vincent de Paul Society
Wed.	Dec. 14 th	12:00 PM - 6:15 P.M. -	Senior Citizens meet CCD Classes for 2 nd grade
Thurs.	Dec. 15 th	7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Sat.	Dec. 17 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 18 th	11:00 AM -	Confirmation Class

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus, you are God's gift of healing love. While on earth, you healed the sick who came for help. We believe that you continue to heal the sick today. Heal all those for whom we pray, and those on our prayer list:

Pat DeMenter, Larry Chouinard
 Carol Katch, Pat Hughes, Betty Lou Tourangeau
 Clarence Roberts, Tom Neuens
 Andrea Plouff, Donald Pellegrini, Joyce VanDrese
 Duane & Nancy Marenger, Dustin Berube James Paquin
 Laurie Gascon, Denise Seymour, A Special Intention
 Paula Pare, Tina Kelloniemi, Raymond Beauchamp
 Cecila Terrien, Jim Willford, Jim Vandermission
 Pat McGlynn, Ruth Chouinard, Amy Plouff
 Amanda Chenier, Michael & Rita Dawson, Frank Novak
 Kathy McGinn, Susan VanDrese, Pam Houle
 Darlene McGeary, Christine Kleiman, Sue Mulzer
 Jean Way, Lynn Johnson, Matt Smith, Justin Bjork
 Tabitha Brunette, Traci Frappier, Shirley Frazer
 Nick Nolde, Michael Dombe, Allie Grenier
 Diane Helman, Joanne Popkowski, Rose Morrison
 Sally Luft, Tom Forvilly, Janet Gazan, Sydney Berndt
 Roger Arnold, Nancy Paquin, Coda Meadors
 Kathryn Fudala, Janet Shelley, Shelly Polakcyk
 Kathy LaCosse, Joanne Lohfink, Payten LaMarch
 Brenda Chouinard, Kay Edington, Elvira Skrupski
 Peggy Verbrigghe, Darlene Kelloniemi, Bill Whitney

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

Brother Knights, plan on attending your monthly meeting, December 12th. Officers meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Faith & Family News

This Sunday is traditionally known as Gaudete (gaw day tay) Sunday. This means Rejoice! So don't give up. Have patience. Be still. The Lord is coming!

There will be class for the 2nd graders this week. I hope you are working hard on your stories.

There is class next Sunday, the 18th, for our Confirmation students. This is right after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

The 3rd graders will be starting in a couple of weeks. So mark your calendar for the 21st of December. We will practice for Christmas Eve 5:00pm Mass.

The answer to the scrambled words from last week are: Emmanuel, home, manger, and presents. Can you unscramble these:

sjhepo blates sioeokc

BREAKFAST SERVED!

All Saints Monthly Breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 11th, from 9 am to 1 pm. The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, bacon, toast, applesauce, biscuits and sausage gravy, coffee and orange juice.

Get your Voices Ready!

Everyone is invited to North Woods Place, Escanaba, for a holiday Sing-a-long on Thursday Dec. 15th beginning at 1 pm with Waylin Wayne and Rosemary Ray, followed by snacks and beverages at 2 pm and senior line dancers at 3 pm.



SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 11th - When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.

Dec. 12th - Every speaker has a mouth, An arrangement rather neat. Sometimes it's filled with wisdom, Sometimes it's filled with feet.

Dec. 13th - God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

Dec. 14th - Help me never to judge another until I have walked a day in his steps.

Dec. 15th - CHEER UP! Birds also have bills, but they keep on singing.

Dec. 16th - A fault-mender is better than a fault-finder.

Dec. 17th - A partnership with God is motherhood.

St. Vincent de Paul's Corner Notes

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

If you know of anyone in need, please call either Rosemary at 786-9442 or Karen at 786-9082.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank Holy Family parishioners for your most generous donations of food items for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. The bags filled "5 Large" grocery carts with so many needed items. God Bless!

St. Vincent is seeking volunteers to help in the Escanaba warehouse. Please call 789-1281 if you can help.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a,10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday
Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25
Lk 7:18b-23

Friday
Is 56:1-3a,6-8
Jn 5:33-36

Tuesday
Zep 3:1-2,9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Thursday
Is 54:1-10
Lk 7:24-30

Saturday
Gn 49:2,8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Sunday
Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,812.00
Loose.....	327.25
General Maintenance.....	165.00
Fuel.....	265.00
Retirement Fund.....	10.00
Reimbursement.....	15.99
Christmas flowers.....	355.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	30.00
Total.....	\$4,980.24

145 families contributed for Sunday, Dec. 4th

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE

From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need. A helpful guide for prayerfully planning our gifts is now available from our diocese. "My Catholic Giving Guide" is a one page worksheet that places giving within a gospel framework and includes a fill-in-the-blank worksheet for planning your donations for the year ahead. A copy of "My Catholic Giving Guide" is available in the December 9 issue of the U.P. Catholic Newspaper, along with related stories.



Mark Your Calendars.....We will start to decorate our parish for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 18th starting after our 10:00 AM Mass.