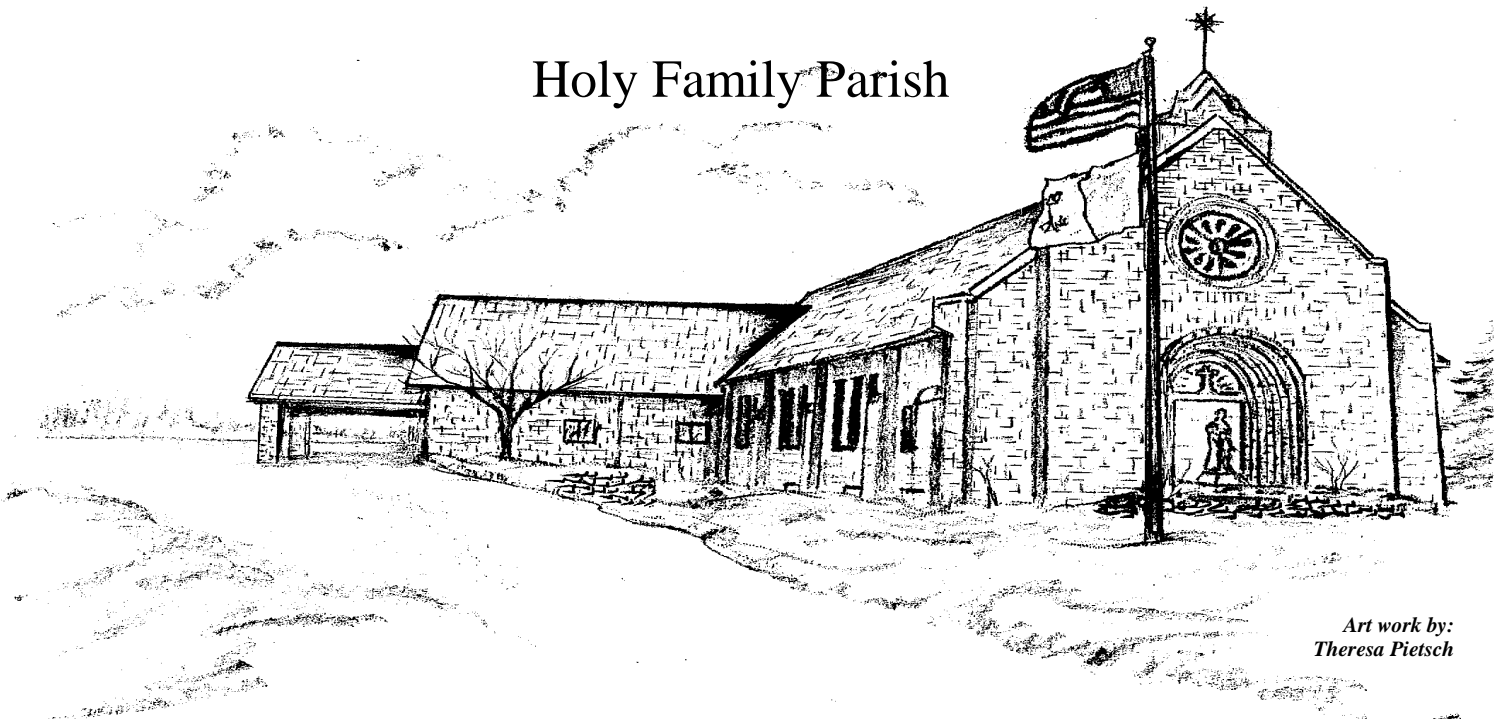


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REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

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. 6th thru Dec. 11th

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....Peter DeMay

Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Norman Beauchamp

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Debbie McMaster

7:00 P.M.....Walter Marcella

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Eugene Miron & Flora Richer

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Gerald L. Nelson 20th Anniv.

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Lois Dupey

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. 10th – 11th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Diane Danhoff

Sun. at 8:00 AM – Tom Desy

10:00 AM – Jodi Gardner

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 10th – 11th

Sat. at 4:00 PM – The Rivard Family

Sun. at 8:00 AM - Lucas Hughes

10:00 AM – Trent & Alesha Marenger

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 10th – 11th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Debbie Nolde

Sun. at 8:00 AM – Piper Desy

10:00 AM – Gerald Miron

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 10th – 11th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Adolph Lippens, Art Caron, Richard Newhouse. Stephen Janchenko

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ron Germain, Joe Menard, Dale Richer, Bob Marcella

10:00 AM – Galen VanDrese, Bill Plouff, Alfred Gareau, Eugene Marenger

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 10th – 11th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Julie Caron

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Donna Richer

10:00 AM – Janice Plouff

The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye

Bury the Dead

Part 1

“Give graciously to all the living, and withhold not kindness from the dead” (Sir 7:33).

The other six corporal works of mercy are taken from the famous parable of the Last Judgment, in which people are saved or condemned because of how they treated the hungry, the thirsty, the imprisoned, and so on (Mt 25:21-46).

This work is inspired by the Old Testament figure Tobit, who buried the dead at the risk of his own life.

In one sense, this is a work of mercy we perform without thinking: when someone we know dies, we want to pay our respects by visiting the funeral home or attending their funeral. We even go to funerals of people we do not know well if they happen to be close to people who are dear to us. This is a gracious gesture and offers great consolation to the family of the bereaved. If the person is known to us, the funeral is a time to express our own sorrow and share memories with others. Such actions are a part of every culture and religious tradition.

This work of mercy also challenges us to reflect on the *Christian* understanding of death, and thus how we bury the dead. In the Creed we profess that we believe in the resurrection of the body, and that fundamental truth shapes our rich Catholic tradition of funeral rites. We read in the Catechism: “The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 2300).

December 8th – Holy Day of Obligation – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Mass schedule for the Holy Day is 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The following people are scheduled to serve:

8:00 AM Mass

Lector: Audrey Herioux

Altar Servers: The Rivards

Minister of Communion: Diane LaMarche

Ushers: Any four men attending Mass

7:00 PM Mass

Lector: Virginia Hallfrisch

Altar Servers: Laura Hallfrisch

Minister of Communion: Clint Miles

Ushers: Any four men attending Mass

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 5 th	5:30 P.M. -	Ladies of the Parish Christmas Party
Tues.	Dec. 6 th	5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. -	Confessions Mass
Wed.	Dec. 7 th	6:15 P.M. -	CCD Classes for 2 nd grade
Thurs.	Dec. 8 th	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. -	Mass for the Holy Day Mass for the Holy Day Smear
Sat.	Dec. 10 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 11 th	11:00 AM -	Confirmation Class

THANK YOU to all who have pledged or donated!

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

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER!!

Little by Little..... We are inching our way to reaching our goal of \$44,130. To date we have \$38,705.00 leaving us a balance of \$5,425.00 with 36 cards outstanding. It's never too late to send in your card.



Ladies of the Parish Christmas Party

Come One, Come All....Ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 5th which starts at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:00 PM. The cost for the night is \$6 for a catered meal, and if you want to participate there is a \$10 gift exchange. We also collect toys for the baskets.

Also start thinking of items you can donate to raffle off to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets. Why not consider making something. The raffle will be held on Dec. 5th, the night of the Ladies Christmas Party.

Church Dinner

St. Anthony & St. Thomas will hold their annual dinner bazaar this Sunday, Dec. 4th from 11 am to 2:30 pm. They will serve Ham, meatballs, cabbage rolls, and all the trimmings. Dinner is \$10 from ages 18 and up; ages 6-17 \$5; 5 and under are free.

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. Their requested donation will be \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 10-18; and 0 to 9 are free. Thank you in advance for your support.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 4th - Lord, protect me and keep me close to your heart.

Dec. 5th - When a happy person enters the room, it's as if another candle had been lighted.

Dec. 6th - God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.

Dec. 7th - Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could, some blunder and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely.

Dec. 8th - So much of what is great has sprung from the closeness of family ties.

Dec. 9th - Belief in God is acceptance of the basic principles that the universe makes sense, that there is behind it an ultimate purpose.

Dec. 10th - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

St. Vincent de Paul's Corner Notes

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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

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

Everyone should have received a little Blue Book for Advent in the mail this past week. If you would like an extra copy there are some at the back of church. Feel free to take a copy.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Wednesday
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Friday
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Tuesday
Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14

Thursday
Gn 3:9-15,20
Eph 1:3-6,11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
Sir 48:1-4,9-11
Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday
Is 35:1-6a,10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,487.00
Loose.....	239.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	110.00
Campaign for Human Dev.....	35.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	775.00
Total.....	\$4,666.00

131 families contributed for Sunday, Nov. 27th

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights are inviting all children ages 5 through 14 to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The contest will be judged and cash prizes awarded to the top winners. Contest ends December 9, 2016. Entry form and contest rules may be obtained by contacting Dan Robitaille at 384-6962, or Tom Desy at 789-7491.



Baptism Congratulations ~

Welcome to the Church, Emily Josephine, daughter of Aaron & Kristy Moreau. Emily was baptized on Saturday, Nov. 26th. We also welcome Nolan and Blake, sons of Zach & Jaylene Mark, Rianna Alexis daughter of Janell Norkooli, and Xavier Thomas, son of Steven Cappert and Lauren Norkooli. They were baptized on Sunday, Nov. 27th. Congratulations to all the families, extended families, God-parents and grandparents!

Sumus Missiles Deum



Hello everyone! I truly feel so blessed to be a part of this parish, and I am so thankful to be a part of this Holy Family. A few weeks ago, Christian and I received financial help from the Seminarian Education Fund to help with tuition. Thank you all so very much! The generosity of this parish is something that I am very proud of and the prayerful support of this parish is truly something that inspires me to work hard in my formation for the priesthood. One thing that I'm very much looking forward to is my time at home during my Thanksgiving break. I really do miss the UP and my home. It's absolutely crazy how this semester has flown by! When I get back to Detroit, I'll only have about three more weeks until the semester is ended! Please continue to pray for me as this school year comes to a close. I have only two more philosophy papers to write and I should be out of the woods. Thank you again so very much and please know of my prayers for all of you. God bless, Ben

Parish Faith & Family News

We had our Family Group Gathering last Wednesday. I would like to thank all those who helped in any way. Maybe you were one of the characters in our skit, or getting them dressed for the skit. Maybe you were a teacher or a voice in the distance, or you made treats or popped popcorn and worked in the kitchen. Maybe you helped out with the crafts, or handed out items, or greeted everyone. You are all appreciated so much. If you didn't attend you missed a good time. Consider coming to the next one.

The answers to the scrambled words last week are: church, Nazareth, tree, and wreath. Look at the end of this article for more.

When you look up the word manger in the dictionary it says; a trough or open box in a stable designed to hold feed for livestock. Did you ever think about that? Food is put in a manger to feed. Jesus was laid in a manger. He is our nourishment. Our life line. What a wonderful analogy. Just add that to the list of many wonderful things about our faith.

There is class this Wednesday, the 7th, for 2nd graders. And there is class next weekend for the Confirmation students. This starts right after the 10:00 Mass.

To the Confirmation students: Are you working on your service hours? Please make sure you get the paper signed by whomever is in charge. Also, if your sponsor is not from Holy Family Church they need to get a signed form stating they are active in the parish they are registered in.

Here are a few more words to unscramble:

Mlemnaeu

meoh

ragmen

tesrpns



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 640

The Knights of Columbus will be selling yard signs and magnets at all of the Masses next weekend.



St. Anthony Meat Pie Sale

We will be making Holiday Meat Pies at St. Thomas on December 14th & 15th. Our quality meat is purchased at Viau's Market! All pies must be PRE-ORDERED! To place an order, please call Debbie at 399-4259. \$13.00 for each 10-inch meat pie. Please pick-up orders at St. Thomas Church 1820 9th Ave. North, Escanaba December 14th and 15th, 1:00 -4:00 PM