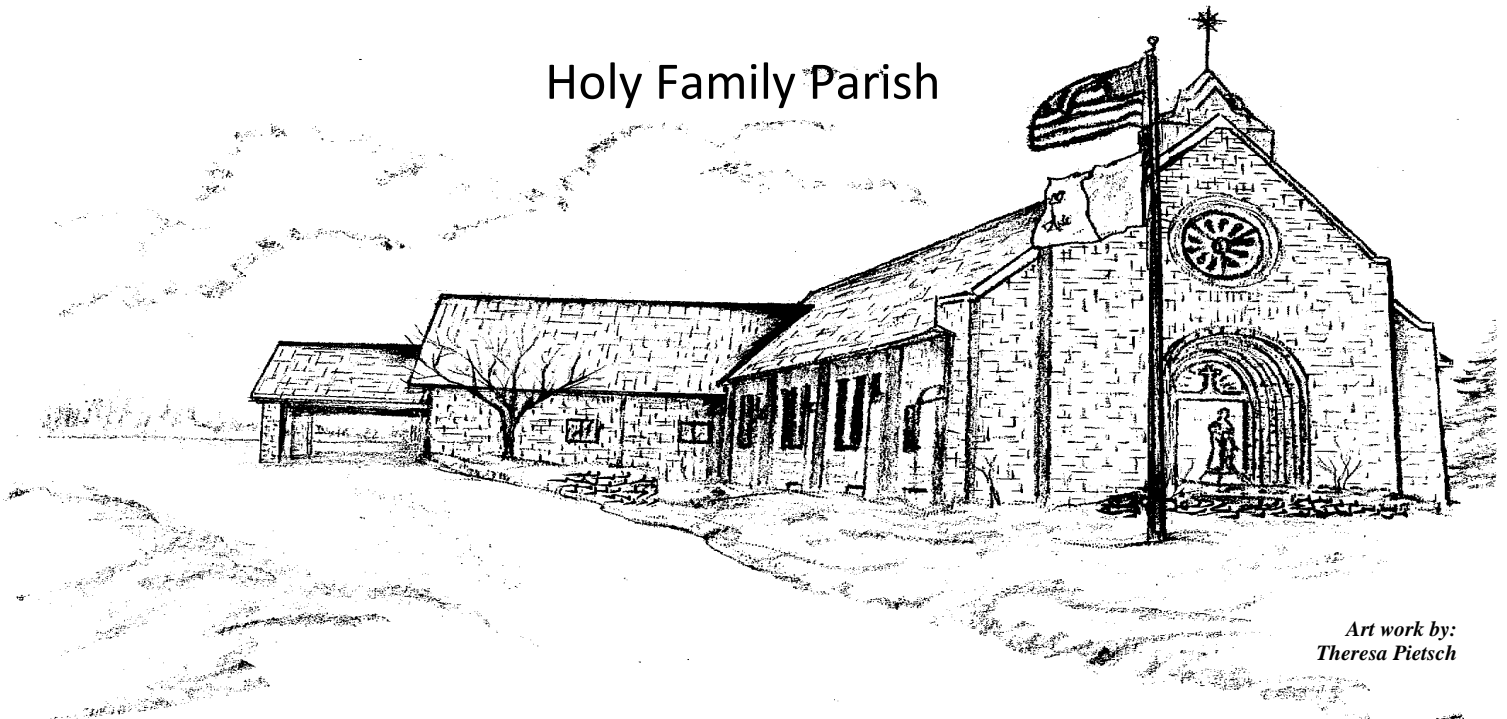


Holy Family Parish



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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 Mass on Tuesday and Friday
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. 12th thru Dec. 17th

Monday.....8:00 A.M.....*NO MASS*
Tuesday.....**6:00 P.M.**.....Lois Dupey
Wednesday...8:00 A.M.....Oliver Chenier (29th Anniv.)
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Sister Bernice Richer
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....No Mass
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....For the People of the Parish
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Leo King, Gertrude King-Kutches
And Joseph Kutches
10:00 A.M.....Rex McGinn

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. 16th – 17th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Mike LaFleur
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Rosemary Beauchamp
10:00 AM – Lori Tourangeau

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 16th – 17th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Trent & Emily Marenger
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Simon Chouinard
10:00 AM - Eli Gardner

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 16th – 17th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – **Jay Belcher**, Anne DeShambo, Harold Flagstadt
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – **Donna Richer**, Bob & Karen Berbohm
10:00 AM – Bob Tourangeau, **Piper** & Tom Desy

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 16th – 17th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Eugene Marenger & Don Smith
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Dale Richer & Don Anderson
10:00 AM – Roger Chenier & Bill Plouff

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 16th – 17th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – The Gascons Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Carol LaFave Sun. at 10:00 AM – Christy Nelson



Please join us this Sunday, December 10th at 11:00 AM for a **RETIREMENT PARTY** for Fr. John. The luncheon will begin after the 10:00 am Mass. At the request of Fr. John, in lieu of gifts please donate to the Seminary Fund. Fr. John's last day will be Thursday, Dec. 14th.

Please join us on Tuesday Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM for the City Wide Confessions to be held at St. Joe-St. Pats in Escanaba. There will be several priests available.

Just a little insight into next week’s readings

ISAIAH 61: 1-2, 10-11 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 16-24 JOHN 1: 6-8, 19-28

We claim to be “the Body of Christ” and the “people of God.” If we truly are the presence of Christ in the world it should be apparent from our sense of mission. Can any one of us say: “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God?” Our lives are no longer our own. Our time, our talents, and our treasures have all been given to us for a purpose. The whole reason for our being must mirror the life of Christ. We are here to serve God and serve our neighbor. As church, we do that together. Our proclamation of the gospel is often carried out by our participation in the life of the institution. We cannot all be missionaries, but we can all participate in mission work through prayer and sacrifice. We cannot all labor among the poor, but we can all share our resources. We cannot all work among the captives or the brokenhearted, but we can all demonstrate the freedom of the children of God and lift up our own hearts to the Lord.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	Dec. 12 th	5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Confessions Mass St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	Dec. 13 th	6:15 P.M. -	C.C.D Classes
Thurs.	Dec. 14 th	7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Sat.	Dec. 16 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M.
Sun.	Dec. 17 th	11:00 AM - 11:00 A.M. -	Decorating and Lunch 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 that is listed in our Book of Intentions at the back of church.

Gerald Luft

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." 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 Rosemary at 786-9442 or Karen at 786-9082 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Seminarian Address - Sacred Heart Major Seminary, c/o (Seminarian Name), 2701 W. Chicago Blvd, Detroit, MI 48206

Have a Blessed Week!

Parish Faith & Family News

The month of December will go by fast. I want to mention that there will be a 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Our 3rd Graders process in as Mary, Joseph, and Shepherd.

Also, December 20th is listed as class. That night will be a Group Family Gathering instead. So plan on coming with your children.

Our Mass Schedule for the Weekend and Christmas is as follows:

Dec. 23rd at 4:00 PM – Sunday Obligation

Dec. 24th at 9:00 AM – Sunday Obligation

Dec. 24th at 5 & 8 PM – Christmas Obligation

Dec. 25th at 9:00 AM - Christmas Obligation

Please note the time changes for the weekend Masses.

Mark Your Calendars



Next Sunday, December 17th we will be decorating the Church for the Christmas Season. We will serve lunch first then decorate. If you have a spare hour or two,

please come to help. The more hands the faster we get done. Thanking you in advance.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Escanaba Council #640
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Also, plan to attend your monthly meeting on December 11th. Officers meeting is at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

Attention Engaged Couples

We have scheduled a Pre-Cana Day for all engaged couples of the area on Saturday, March 3, 2018 beginning at 8:45 am with coffee and rolls in the Parish Hall and concluding with 4:30 pm Mass at St. Anne's. Lunch will be provided. The day will include different topics relevant to marriage. There will be a blessing of your engagement during the 4:30 Mass. Attendance at a Pre-Cana seminar is a requirement before marriage. The fee to attend is \$30.00 per couple. A registration form can be picked up at St. Anne's parish office or mailed out by calling 786-1421. Call Deacon Terry and Hildie Saunders at 280-8782 with any questions.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Tuesday
Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38

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

Thursday
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

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

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

Sunday
Is 61:1-2a,10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8,19-28

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,512.00
Loose.....	179.30
General Maintenance.....	124.00
Fuel.....	315.00
Seminary Fund.....	40.00
Flowers.....	665.20
Reimbursement.....	200.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	42.00
Total.....	\$5,077.50

138 Parishioners contributed for Dec. 3rd

2nd Sunday of Advent

He is coming. In today's reading from Matthew, John the Baptist announces for all to hear the long-awaited coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist proclaimed a serious message of change and conversion. Indeed, he must have been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. Anyone who heard him preaching must have taken notice, even if they didn't take heed. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people's attention. But will he get ours? True conversion reveals itself outwardly. When our hearts change, our actions do too. Charity replaces criticism. Forgiveness replaces anger. Service replaces selfishness. The catechism teaches us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to the poor and lowly; in other words, to those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). This Advent, may we feel the urgency of John's words and get about the serious business of repentance.