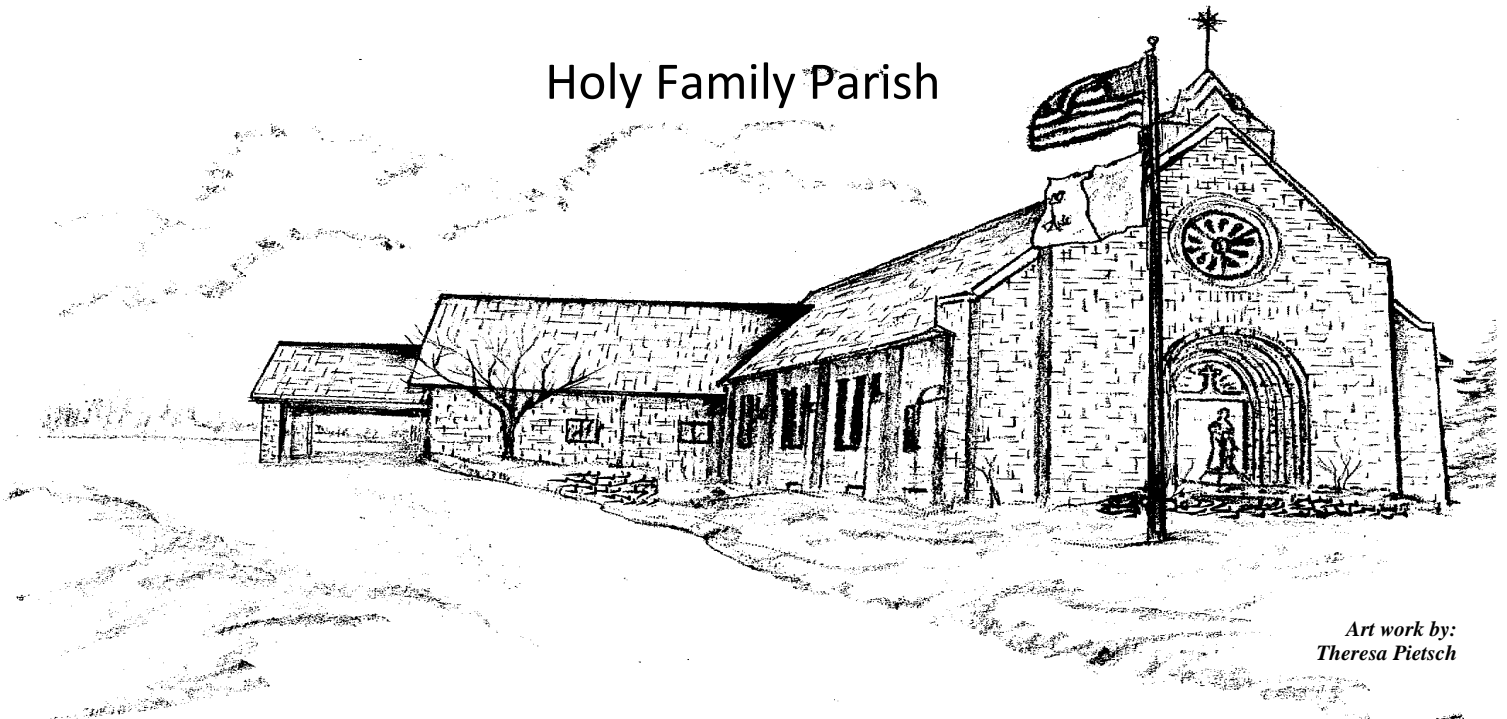


# Holy Family Parish



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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 14, 2018

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier - Secretary Harold Flagstadt  
Kevin Dubord Tina Cryderman  
Cathy Flagstadt – Education Committee  
Sally Young – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Audrey Herioux Bill Smith  
Mary Kay Nolde

### 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 Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday.....8:00 A.M.....Don Holmes  
Tuesday.....8:00 A.M.....Therese Peterson  
Wednesday...8:00 A.M.....No Mass  
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....No Mass  
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Sister Bernice Richer  
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Ed & Alice Solis  
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish  
10:00 A.M.....Roger Peterson

### 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: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

#### **MASS SERVERS: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Simon Chouinard  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Smith Boys  
10:00 AM - Wanda Chenier & Eli Gardner

#### **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 PM – Debbie Nolde  
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Diane LaMarche  
10:00 AM - John Miron

#### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Art Caron & Stephen Janchenko  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ron Germain & Bob Marcella  
10:00 AM - Bob Tourangeau & Harold Young

#### **VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Doris Newhouse      Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Carol LaFave      10:00 AM –

## Parish Faith & Family News

Remember this week there is no CCD Class. It is a semester break with exams. Class will resume on the 24<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-8. Class for confirmation students will be January 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10:00 am Mass.

Purgatory – a masterpiece of God’s mercy. Purgatory is a declared doctrine of the Church that’s been part of the deposit of faith since the time of the apostles. As faithful Jews, Jesus and the apostles joined in prayers for the deceased.

The Scriptures speak of a cleansing fire after death. 1 Corinthians 3:15 states: But if someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire. 1 Peter 1:7 says: so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

In fact, it wasn’t until the Protestant Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century that there was any significant opposition to saying prayers for the dead.

The Church formulated her doctrine on purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. St. Clement (the pontiff from 88-97 AD) stated that St. Peter liked to offer prayers for the relief of those who had passed away, an action that clearly implies there’s a purgatory of some kind. St. Ephrem (d. 373) stressed the value of prayer for the dead: “Instead of shedding tears over the grave let them flow at prayers in church.” St. Ambrose (d.397) offered a prayer in the funeral sermon he gave for the Roman Emperor Theodosius: “I will not leave him until by my prayers and lamentations he will be admitted unto they holy mount of the Lord.”

And in our own time, the Catechism of the Catholic Church confirms: All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter they joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. (CCC, 1030-1031)

And so it will continue....

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
Tues.	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:00 A.M. -</b> 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. -	<b>Mass</b> No Confessions No Mass
Wed.	Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 P.M. -	No C.C.D
Thurs.	Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Sat.	Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 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 <http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/bbscholarshiplink> and **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. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2018.

#### St. Thomas Pasty Sale

January 15th & 16th, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Hand Mixed, Hand Rolled, \$4 each - Plain or with Rutabaga  
Pick up at St. Thomas Parish Hall 1820 9th Ave. N, Esby.

To order, please call Craig or Mary Gierke at 786-7053

#### St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.**

**What Retrouvaille is NOT** - Retrouvaille simply means rediscovery. This program is not counseling. It is not group therapy. There is no mandatory sharing among participants. It is, however, a life-changing opportunity that has helped tens of thousands of couples. A former participant says: "This program is very powerful. It has helped our marriage immensely." For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend retreat in the Green Bay area **March 2- 4, 2018**; at the St. Norbert's Abbey in De Pere please call (414) 502-7685, email: [lakeshore@retrouvaille.org](mailto:lakeshore@retrouvaille.org) or visit our website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>



A big Thank you to all who came to help decorate our church for the Christmas season and also the taking down of the decorations. We especially want to thank Sally Young (and her sidekick Harold) who coordinated and worked everything from the lunches to the decorating and to Roger Chenier for donating all of the beautiful wreaths and pew markers. Our church looked beautiful.

#### Parish Retreat – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Our parish retreat is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup> at Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden. We are starting to take reservations. We need at least 35 people signed up for this to happen. The sign up is at the back of church or you can contact Pam at 786-1209.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Be sure if God sends you on stony paths. He will provide you with strong shoes.
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** - If you find life empty - try putting something into it.
- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>** - To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.
- Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** - DOUBT sees the obstacles; FAITH sees the way. DOUBT sees the darkest night; FAITH sees the day. DOUBT dreads to take a step; FAITH soars on high. DOUBT questions, "Who Believes?" FAITH answers, "I".
- Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>** - Tomorrow is not promised us, so let us take today and make the most of it.
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** - If you meet one too tired to smile, leave one of yours; Nobody needs a smile, as much as those who have none to give.
- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example.
- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Take time to love; it is what makes you Godlike.

### **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.

*If you would like a copy of your 2017 Contributions to Holy Family, please sign up at the back of church. We will send them out by the third week of January.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <p><b>Monday</b><br/>1 Sm 15:16-23<br/>Mk 2:18-22</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51<br/>Mk 3:1-6</p> <p><b>Friday</b><br/>1 Sm 24:3-21<br/>Mk 3:13-19</p> | <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>1 Sm 16:1-13<br/>Mk 2:23-28</p> <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7<br/>Mk 3:7-12</p> <p><b>Saturday</b><br/>2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27<br/>Mk 3:20-21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b><br/>Jon 3:1-5,10      1 Cor 7:29-31<br/>Mk 1:14-20</p> |
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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,197.00
Loose.....	276.39
General Maintenance.....	107.00
Fuel.....	273.00
Seminary Fund.....	500.00
Reimbursements.....	25.00
Mass Stipends.....	10.00
U.P. Catholic Service Appeal Pledge.	100.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	88.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,576.39</b>

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### **Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga – 2018**

**Jan. 14** - "Epiphany of the Lord. At 10 preached in English and French. Few people in church as usual on Feast days. Mild weather the ice is breaking up."  
Bishop F. Baraga, Jan. 6, 1962.

**Mark Your Calendars for Sunday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. That is the Men's Venison Supper. More information next week.**

## *A Note from Fr. Francis*

As it is already a month since my arrival at Holy Family Church for the Third Sunday of Advent, I thought I should repeat some of the introductory notes I wrote this summer.

I am 67½ year old. I have spent the last five and a half months in a Benedictine Monastery in Chicago, too much of that time recovering from surgeries, i.e. on December 30<sup>th</sup> coronary by-pass surgery, on shrove Tuesday prostate surgery, and a tooth extraction in between. I suffer with arthritis in my feet and knees and so use a cane to help keep me balanced. I don't use the cane during Mass as I need to put both of my hands to more important use. If I stagger during Mass, it is the arthritis combined with the lack of my cane. It is unlikely that the staggering is the result of inebriation.

I am the sixth of eight children and grew up in Iron River. I have been a priest for forty years and in Holy Orders for forty-one years. My parents and six of my siblings are deceased; my younger brother and I are the survivors thus far.

In 1977, just a month after ordination to the priesthood I was assigned to Saint Patrick Church in Escanaba as assistant pastor. In 2004, after serving as college spiritual director and moderator of the liturgy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, I returned to the U.P. as pastor of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick Parish in Escanaba. After two years and the closure of Saint Patrick Church and the sale of the property, I was assigned as pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Lake Linden (on an Island in Lake Superior) where I served until my entrance into the monastery and my surgical adventures. In the early years of my service at Lake Linden I also served as pastor of Saint Cecilia Church in Hubbell until its closure in 2007.

Over the years I have also served as a deacon and subsequently assistant pastor at Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Church in Iron

Mountain. I was assigned to canon law studies in both Rome and Washington, DC after my service in Iron Mountain. On completion of my time of study I was named as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Ewen with the Mission of Saint Francis Xavier Church in Sidnaw and served there for fourteen years with the addition of Immaculate Conception Parish in Watersmeet for the last six of those years.

During the ten months the Diocese of Marquette was without a bishop after the departure for Oregon by Archbishop Sample, I served as Diocesan Administrator. I visited this parish twice during those ten months, once to present the Catholic Service Award , posthumously, to Lawrence Chouinard, Senior, and again to concelebrate the Funeral Mass for Father Glenn Theoret's Father, Clarence.

Here I am again, having served as an administrator here for ten weeks this past summer, I am back as pastor, officially beginning the pastorate on 31 December 2017.

Having suspended communion under both kinds for the flu season, I think it is best that we suspend or adapt the exchange of peace. In the Orient, where it is considered profoundly disrespectful to touch casual acquaintances, the "Sign of Peace" is a slight bow to the other person. There are two distinct advantages to this practice as it permits the exchange of a gesture of peace without touching and allows for exchanging peace with those who are out of reach. I do this regularly with some or other of the ministers of the Mass. I will suspend (if I can remember) the invitation to exchange a sign of peace but you may do so on your own, especially with the use of the slight bow.

***Have a Blessed Week!***