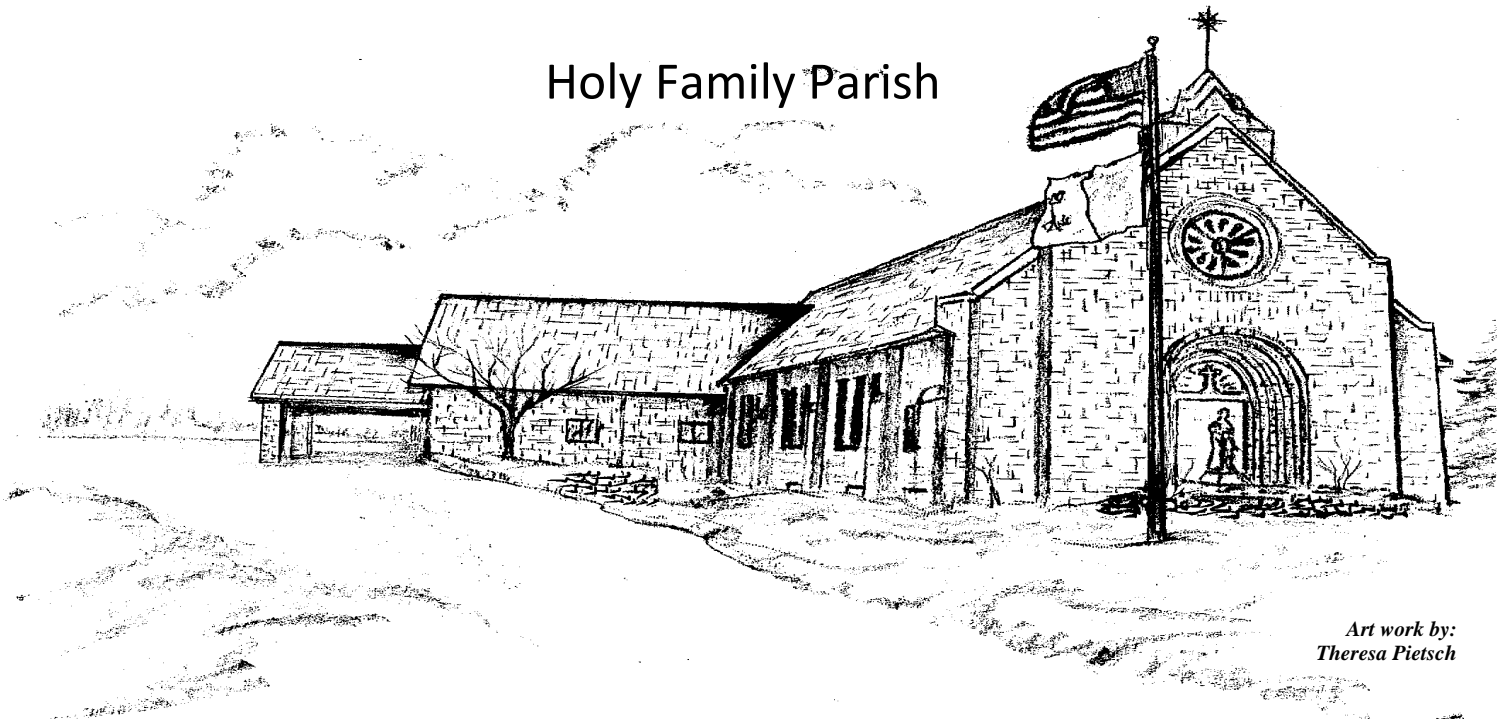


Holy Family Parish



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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2017

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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 Dec. 24th thru Dec. 31st

Sunday.....5:00 P.M.....For the People of our Parish

Sunday.....8:00 P.M.....Amy Chenier Kositzke

Monday.....9:00 A.M.....For the Intentions of Fr. Francis

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....Cameron Delveaux

Wednesday...8:00 A.M.....Marie Theoret

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Edward Blahnik

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Elvira Carlson

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....For the People of the Parish

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Tom Srock

10:00 A.M.....Marvin Manninen 1st Anniv.

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. 30th – 31st

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

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 30th – 31st

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Harold Flagstadt & Joshua Racine
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Bob Berbohm
10:00 AM – Wanda Chenier & Eli Gardner

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 30th – 31st

Sat. at 4:00 PM – Anne DeShambo
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Donna Richer
10:00 AM –John Miron

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 30th – 31st

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Don Smith & Art Caron
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Dale Richer & Don Anderson
10:00 AM – Bob Tourangeau & Alfred Gareau



VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 30th – 31st

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – The Gascons Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Karen Berbohm 10:00 AM – Janice Plouff

Christmas Mass Servers

Readers: Dec. 24th & 25th

Sun. at 5:00 PM – Jodi Gardner
Sun. at 8:00 PM – Tom Desy
Mon. at 9:00 AM – Bev Plimpton

Mass Servers: Dec. 24th – 25th

Sun. at 5:00 PM – The Smith Boys and Eli Gardner
Sun. at 8:00 PM - Trent, Emily and Alesha Marenger
Mon. at 9:00 AM – Simon Chouinard

Ministers of Communion: Dec. 24th & 25th

Sun. at 5:00 PM – Anne DeShambo
Sun. at 8:00 PM – Gerald Miron
9:00 AM –Dan Chouinard

Ministers of Hospitality: Dec. 24th & 25th

Sun. at 5:00 PM – Brian Smith & Kevin Dubord
Sun. at 8:00 PM – Dale Richer & Alfred Gareau
Mon. at 9:00 AM – Bob Marcella & Ron Germain

Next month the Diocese of Marquette will be mailing out tax receipts to everyone who made a single payment of \$250 or more to UPCSA in 2017. Wendy Negri would be the contact person for our parishioners who would like to get a receipt for their 2017 UPCSA donation, no matter the amount. The parish will not be providing a receipt for any UPCSA. Wendy can be reached by calling (800)-562-9745 Ext. 104 or wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 25 th	9:00 A.M. -	Mass
Tues.	Dec. 26 th	5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. -	Confessions Mass
Wed.	Dec. 27 th	6:15 P.M. -	No C.C.D
Thurs.	Dec. 28 th	7:30 P.M. -	No Smear League
Sat.	Dec. 30 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M.

and the staff of Holy Family Parish.

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/bbscholarshipink> 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.

Parish Faith & Family News

Here are a few reminders of what's coming up. Our 3rd graders will be Mary, Joseph, and shepherd at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Please be here by 4:40 to get dressed.

There are no CCD classes until January 3, 2018 for grades 1-8. And January 7, for the Confirmation students. Have a great Christmas break.

Weather permitting, we will have our sledding party on Saturday, January 13, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We will feed you supper. If you are one of the lucky ones that can still have a real tree, and you take it down by January 13, we would love to have it for our bonfire. Please drop it off on the east side of the church.

Sunday, January 14, is our Confirmation retreat for our students. It will take place at St. Thomas Church in Escanaba, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and includes lunch.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

***May you have the gift of faith, the blessing
of hope and the peace of His love at
Christmas and always.***



Merry Christmas

from Fr. John, Fr. Francis

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 24th** - Christmas is the delight of loving and being loved in return, not for gifts tied with bows, but for gifts of the Spirit offered with an open heart every day of the year. Pearl Buck.
- Dec. 25th** - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11
- Dec. 26th** - It's a little too much to save, And a little too much to dump. There's nothing to do but eat it, That makes the housewife plump.
- Dec. 27th** - The greatest thing in life is to be needed.
- Dec. 28th** - You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.
- Dec. 29th** - Beware of the high cost of low living.
- Dec. 30th** - It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.
- Dec. 31st** - And as the Old Year slips away, He kindly with him takes The pages we have blurred and marred With failures and mistakes. The blighted hopes and needless bears are gone beyond recall. And ours once more the fair, clean page the New Year brings to all.

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

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| <p>Monday
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14</p> <p>Wednesday
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a,2-8</p> <p>Friday
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35</p> | <p>Tuesday
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22</p> <p>Thursday
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13-18</p> <p>Saturday
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday
Sir 3:2-6,12-14
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40</p> |
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$2,840.00
Loose.....	221.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	-0-
Seminary Fund.....	105.00
Roof Fund.....	50.00
Parish Faith & Family Income.....	80.00
Donation.....	200.00
Reimbursements.....	620.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	7.00
Total.....	\$4,123.00

111 Parishioners contributed for Dec. 17th

May the Lord bless you as you seek His face and celebrate His glorious birth. We are grateful to all our dear and faithful parishioners who join us as we celebrate Mass together as a family. During the Christmas season more than ever, we are grateful to those who have supported our parish by their time, talent and treasure.