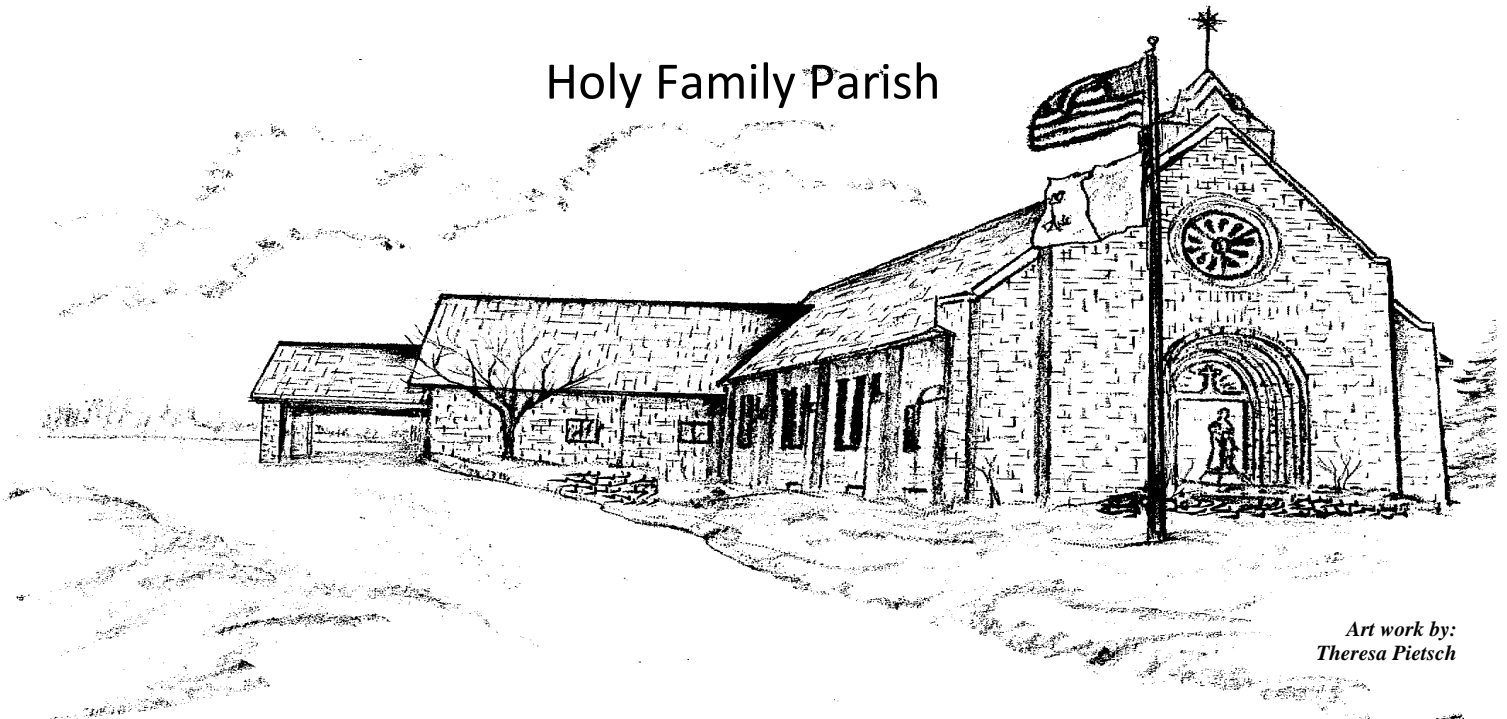


# Holy Family Parish



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2017

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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 Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**MASS SERVERS: Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

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. 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

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. 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

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. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Mass Servers: Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

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. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Ministers of Hospitality: Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 UPCS in 2017. Wendy Negri would be the contact person for our parishioners who would like to get a receipt for their 2017 UPCS donation, no matter the amount. The parish will not be providing a receipt for any UPCS. Wendy can be reached by calling (800)-562-9745 Ext. 104 or [wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org](mailto:wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org)

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

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

***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

### Parish Faith & Family News

Here are a few reminders of what's coming up. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** - 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. 25<sup>th</sup>** - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** - 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. 27<sup>th</sup>** - The greatest thing in life is to be needed.
- Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** - You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.
- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Beware of the high cost of low living.
- Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** - It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** - 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><b>Monday</b><br/>Is 52:7-10<br/>Heb 1:1-6<br/>Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>1 Jn 1:1-4<br/>Jn 20:1a,2-8</p> <p><b>Friday</b><br/>1 Jn 2:3-11<br/>Lk 2:22-35</p> | <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59<br/>Mt 10:17-22</p> <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>1 Jn 1:5—2:2<br/>Mt 2:13-18</p> <p><b>Saturday</b><br/>1 Jn 2:12-17<br/>Lk 2:36-40</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b><br/>Sir 3:2-6,12-14<br/>Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17<br/>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
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,123.00</b>

**111 Parishioners contributed for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

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.