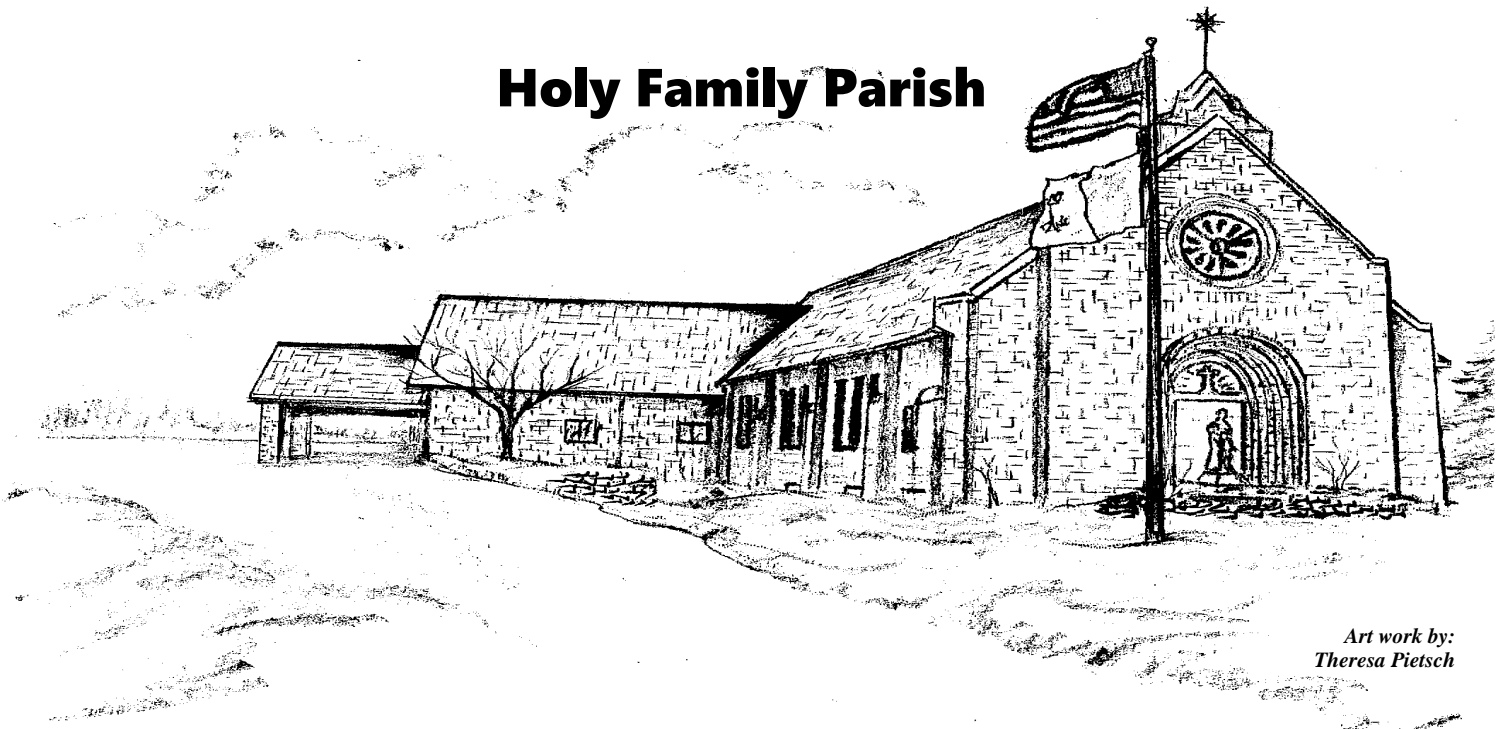


Holy Family Parish



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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.

7:15 am - 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm
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. 3rd thru Dec. 9th

Monday.....8:00 A.M.....Special Intention
Tuesday.....**6:00 P.M.**.....Amy Chenier Kositzke
Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....James Paquin
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Rock Miron
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Eugene Holmquist
Saturday.....8:00 A.M.....Don Pellegrini
4:00 P.M.....For the People of our Parish
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Walter Marcella
10:00 A.M.....Peter & Willa DeMay

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. 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Diane Danhoff

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Lori Tourangeau

10:00 AM – Jodi Gardner

ALTAR SERVERS: Dec. 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Joshua & Marcus Racine

Sun. at 8:00 AM - Gabe, Daniel, and Ben Smith

10:00 AM - Elliot Gardner, Wanda Chenier, & Alesha Marenger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Harold Flagstadt

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Clint Miles

10:00 AM – John Miron

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Stephen Janchenko & Art Caron

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Brian Smith & Bob Tourangeau

10:00 AM – Harold Young & Eugene Marenger

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Dec. 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Mark, Jessie, Amelia & Jonah Chouinard

Sun. at 8:00 AM – Germain Taylor & Brenda Jacques

10:00 AM – Dennis & Sally Bittner with granddaughters Dana & Ava

Saturday, December 8 , The Immaculate Conception – A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass is at 8:00 AM

Lector: Beverly Plimpton

Mass Server: Harold Flagstadt

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: Piper Desy

Ministers of Hospitality: Don Anderson & Bob Marcella

Parish Faith & Family News

What can we do to prepare for Christ’s birth? We can prepare by participating in church activities. Or by doing things with your family, like creating a Christmas decoration for a room or table in your house, read stories about Christmas together, giving the gift of time-service to others (hours helping others), write a note to another family member telling them what you appreciate about them.

You can also prepare by praying for people. Pray for someone in the newspaper who is in need. Write down a list of people you want to pray for. Keep the list with you and pray for each person every day.

There are CCD classes this Wednesday, December 5, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. for grades 1 through 8. The Confirmation class is Sunday, December 9, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

There is still time to sign up for Steubenville North Youth Conference trip that is July 26-28, 2019 in St. Paul, Minnesota. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit due by December 15, 2018.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 3 rd	8:00 A.M. - Mass 5:30 P.M. - The Start of the Ladies Christmas Party with meal at 6 pm
Tues.	Dec. 4 th	5:15 P.M. - Confessions 6:00 P.M. . - Mass
Wed.	Dec. 5 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass 6:15 P.M. - C.C.D. Classes 7:45 P.M. - Adult Education Class
Thurs.	Dec. 6 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass 7:30 P.M. - Holy Family Men's Club meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 7 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass 10:00 AM - Start of First Friday Calls
Sat.	Dec. 8 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Holy Day of Obligation 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M. 4:00 P.M. - Mass
Sun.	Dec. 9 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass 10:00 AM - Mass 11:15 A.M. - Confirmation Class

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

For more information about the Holy Family Conference contact Cindy Hurthibise at 384-6927.

St. Anthony/St. Thomas Annual Dinner Bazaar

Sunday Dec. 2nd from 11 am to 3 pm

Ham, Pigs in a Blanket, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot veggies, coleslaw, jello salads, and homemade pies. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, raffles & 50/50, silver dollar and craft sale. Cost is ages 16 and up \$10, ages 6-15 \$5, and 5 and under free with adult. Take out available.

LAST CALL TO ALL THE Ladies of the Parish Christmas Party Ladies of all ages

Come One, Come All...Ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas party this Monday, Dec. 3rd 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. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event! ***If you plan to attend, please sign up at the back of Church by Dec. 2nd.***

Also bring 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. 3rd, the night of the Ladies Christmas Party.



SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 2nd - What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, Yet what can I give Him; give my heart.

Dec. 3rd - You cannot possess a richer treasure than that of the loyalty of a friend.

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.

The Bay de Noc Choral Society is hosting its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. There is no charge but a free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow. The concert will feature organ, bells, brass and strings accompaniment.

Right to Life of Delta County will meet Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:40 pm in Room 961 of the Joseph Heirman University Center at Bay College. The winners of the October Respect Life poster contest for grade school students will be presented their awards before the 7:00 pm meeting. Plans will be made to mark the tragic 46th anniversary, Jan. 22, 2019 of the Roe V Wade, Supreme Courts decision that legalized abortion up until birth in this country.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Friday

Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Thursday

Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21,24-27

Saturday

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

Sunday

Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,236.00
Loose.....	292.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	30.00
Flowers.....	20.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	553.00
Roof Fund.....	100.00
Total.....	\$4,241.00

115 families contributed for Nov. 25th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (DECEMBER 8TH) IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Despite the fact that this year, December 8th falls on a Saturday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception remains a Holy Day of Obligation. This is because Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States. In the time frame, Friday, Dec. 7, to Sunday, Dec. 9, we are obligated to attend two separate Masses for two distinct obligations: We are obligated to attend one Mass, in order to fulfill our obligation for the Holy Day (The Immaculate Conception), as well as another Mass, in order to fulfill our Sunday obligation (The Second Sunday of Advent). To clarify which Masses will be for the Immaculate Conception, and which will be for the Second Sunday of Advent:

- **Friday, Dec. 7** (at 4 p.m. or after) - Saturday, Dec. 8 (before 4 p.m.): The Immaculate Conception **Saturday, Dec. 8** (at 4 p.m. or after) - Sunday, Dec. 9 (all day): The Second Sunday of Advent