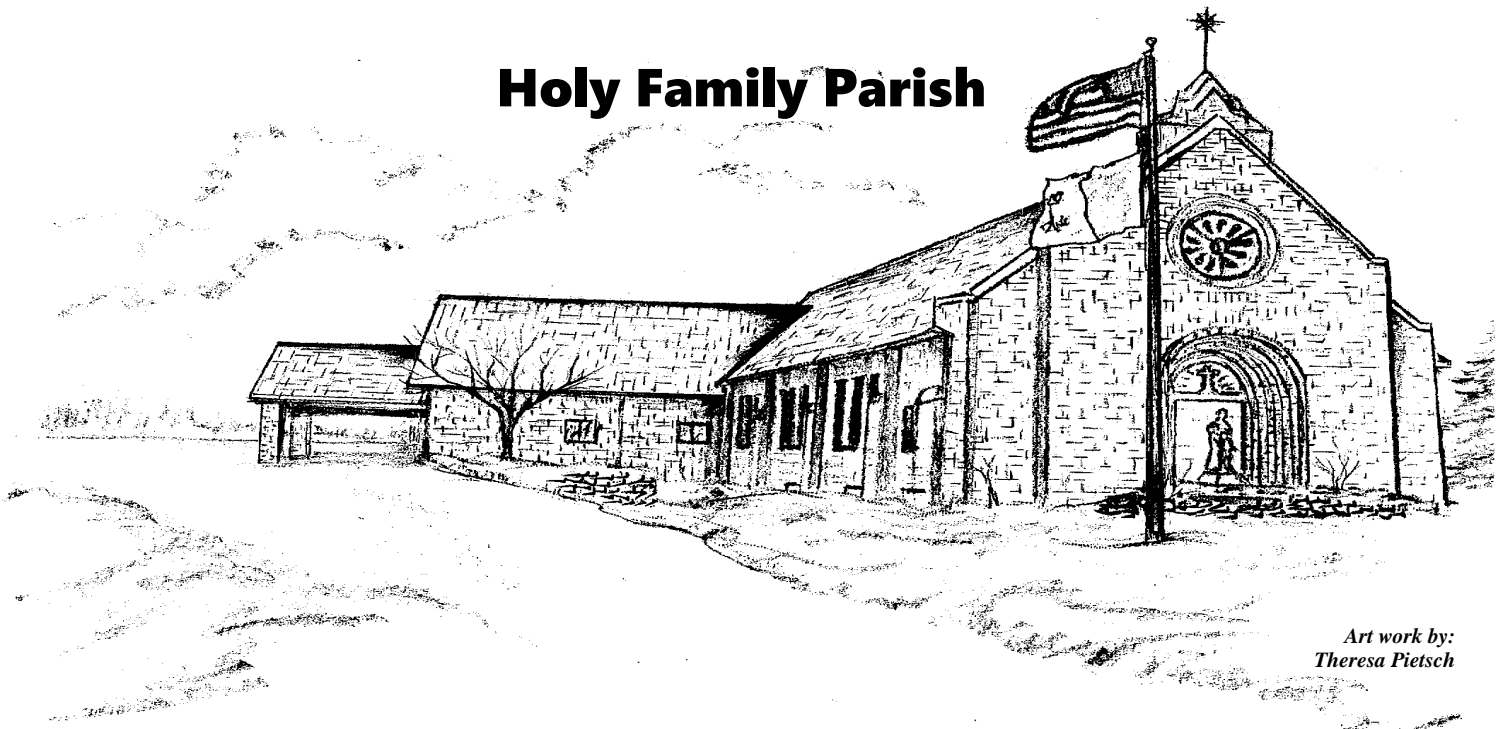


Holy Family Parish



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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. 24th thru Dec. 30th

Monday.....5:00 P.M.....For the People of our Parish
8:00 P.M.....Tourangeau/Massard Families
Tuesday.....9:00 A.M.....Henry Hughes
Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Cameron Delveaux
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Rudy Marcella
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....James Longbucco
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Tom Flagstadt
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....97th Birthday of Angela Cafmeyer
10:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish

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. 29th – 30th

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

ALTAR SERVERS: Dec. 29th – 30th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Isabel & Abrahm Seymour
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Tyler & Eric Smith & Jake Lippens
10:00 AM - Joshua & Marcus Racine, Bob Berbohm

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 29th – 30th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Anne DeShambo
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Tom Desy
10:00 AM – Harold Flagstadt

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 29th – 30th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Bob Tourangeau & Kevin Dubord
Sun .at 8:00 A.M. – Don Anderson & Bob Marcella
10:00 AM – Galen VanDrese & Brian Smith

It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas and its Twelve Days are upon us. As the Feast of the Epiphany falls on a Sunday this year we will be able to celebrate the full Twelve Days of Christmas. The twenty-fifth of December is the beginning of the Christmas season. If we embrace the error of the society that surrounds us, we will have begun the celebration of Christmas even before the First Sunday of Advent and Advent itself will be lost in a confused and sustained celebration of Christmas so that by the time the real feast and season come we are rather bored and can't wait to throw the tree into a snowbank and be done with it all. As you read this (if, indeed, you read it on Saturday or Sunday) the beginning of the Christmas season is still a couple of days away. Please use these last hours of Advent to take a breath, step back, and remember what all the fuss is about. To that end, I offer this short meditation by Sigrid Undset.

from Christmas and Twelfth Night

And when we give each other Christmas gifts in his name, let us remember that he has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused, and to save us from our own foolishness, from all our sins, he came down to earth and gave us himself.

— *Christmas and Twelfth Night*, Sigrid Undset

May you be blessed abundantly during these seasons of joy, and always.

Father Francis

Could you spare one hour a week to give companionship (cards, crafting, visiting, etc.) to the elderly right here in Flat Rock? If you are interested please contact Holly Geurts for more details at 789-9730.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 24 th	8:00 A.M. - No Mass 5:00 P.M. - Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 P.M. - Christmas Eve Mass
Tues.	Dec. 25 th	9:00 A.M. - Christmas Day Mass
Wed.	Dec. 26 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass 6:15 P.M. - NO C.C.D. Classes 7:45 P.M. - NO Adult Education Class
Thurs.	Dec. 27 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass
Fri.	Dec. 28 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass
Sat.	Dec. 29 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M. 4:00 P.M. - Mass
Sun.	Dec. 30	8:00 A.M. - Mass 10:00 AM - Mass ----- Coffee Socials after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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



Mark your calendars. We will be decorating our Church TODAY Sunday, Dec. 23rd starting with a light lunch after the 10:00 AM Mass. We will then head upstairs to decorate.

Many hands will make for light work, so plan for you and your family to help out as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Mass

Lector: Christy Nelson
 Mass Servers: Tyler & Eric Smith, Christian Flagstadt
 Ben, Daniel, Gabe Smith
 Minister of Communion: Anne DeShambo
 Ushers: Kevin Dubord & Mike Mosher



8:00 PM Mass

Lector: Audrey Herioux
 Mass Servers: Trent, Emily, & Alesha Marenger,
 Christian Flagstadt
 Minister of Communion: Dan Chouinard
 Ushers: Eugene Marenger & Alfred Gareau

Christmas Day

9:00 AM Mass

Lector: Beverly Plimpton
 Mass Servers: Christian & Harold Flagstadt
 Minister of Communion: Bob Berbohm
 Usher: Harold Young & Galen VanDrese



SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 23rd- Not what we give, But what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare. J. R. Cowell.

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.

The Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, Bishop of Marquette, invites you to the ordination of Michael Anthony Kowalewski to the Order of Deacon at Saint Peter Cathedral, Marquette, Michigan Friday, January 11, 2019, 3:30 PM

All family and friends are welcome to attend.

A light reception will follow in the cathedral hall.

Holy Family Feast Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 30 with the blessing of the Holy Family statue at 10:00 mass. We will have our monthly coffee social following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass. Groos/Carrolls Corner is in charge. If you would like to help out, please call Carol at 786-6365

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Is 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Mt 1:1-25

Tuesday
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Thursday
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a,2-8

Friday
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13-18

Saturday
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Sunday
Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Col 1:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:41-52

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$2,744.00
Loose.....	187.93
General Maintenance.....	11.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Flowers.....	30.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	300.00
Total.....	\$3,297.93

115 families contributed for Dec. 16th

Parish Faith & Family News

As we reflect back on the weeks of Advent, imagine Mary setting out and traveling to visit Elizabeth. With that image in mind, consider these questions: Have I traveled through Advent with hope? Have I listened for God's direction in my life like Mary did?

To look ahead to celebrating the coming of Jesus, imagine Elizabeth "filled with the Holy Spirit." With that image in mind, consider these questions: Am I open to the Holy Spirit filling me with joy at the coming of Jesus? Besides going to church, what will I do to celebrate Jesus my Savior in a special way on Christmas day and during the Christmas Season?

There are no CCD classes this week. It is Christmas break. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 2, 2019 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. The next Confirmation class will be January 6, 2019, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Have a blessed Christmas.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE --- Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 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 either 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 or email transcripts to Irene McCauley at imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2019.

Attention Engaged Couples!

Pre-Cana Day is March 30, 2019
At St. Anne's Parish, Escanaba

There is a scheduled Pre-Cana Day for all engaged couples of the area on Saturday, March 30, 2019 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: Marriage is a Sacrament, the challenges facing couples in marriage, money, family, children, communication, the secrets of exceptional marriages including sharing prayer and inviting Christ into your home and 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. Contact the parish office for more information.