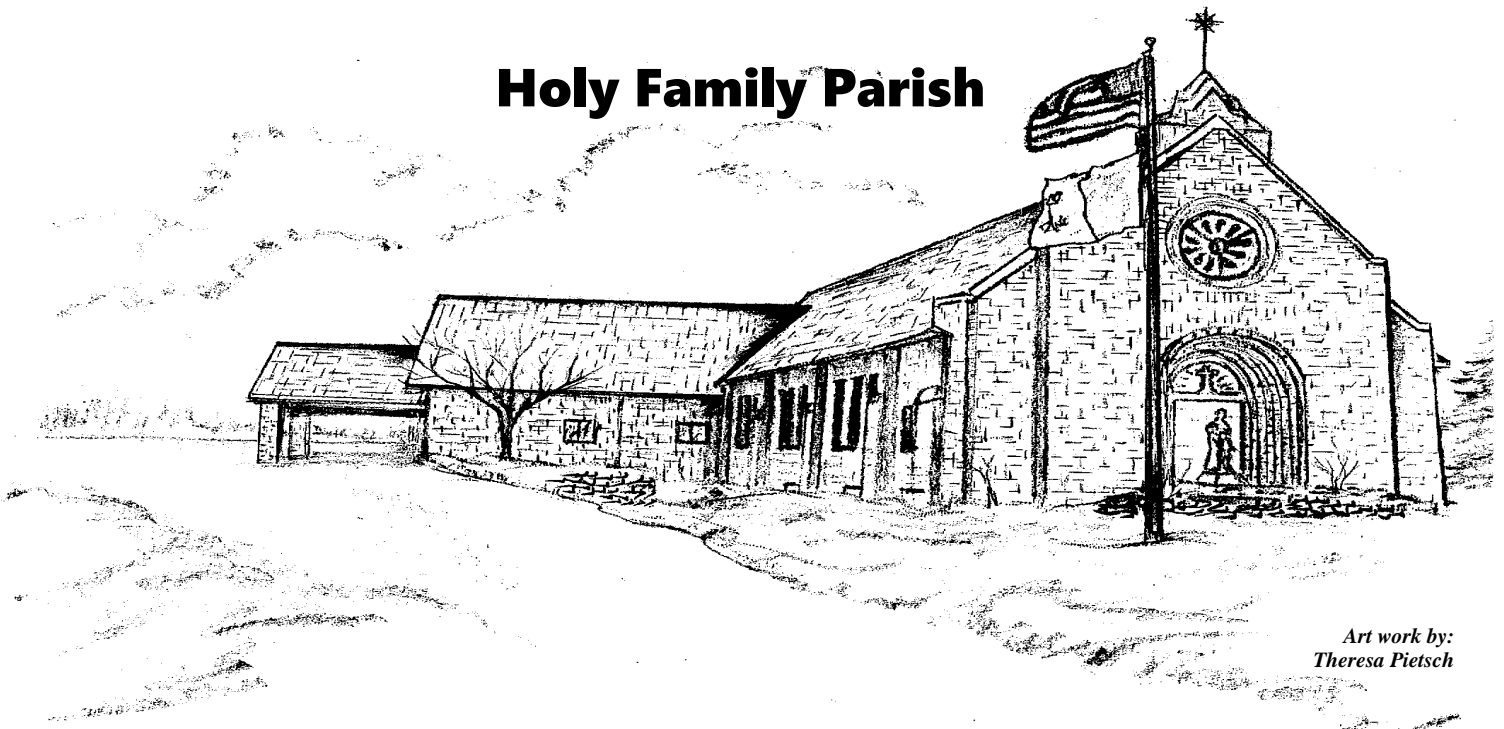


Holy Family Parish



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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. 17th thru Dec. 23rd

Monday.....8:00 A.M.... Intention of Mark Theut
Tuesday.....**8:00 A.M.**.....Rex & Shane McGinn
Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Elaine Gareau
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Joseph Kutches
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Jack Gascon
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish
10:00 A.M.....Rex McGinn

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. 22nd – 23rd

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Diane Danhoff
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Tom Desy
1000 AM – Jodi Gardner

ALTAR SERVERS: Dec. 22nd – 23rd

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Gabe, Daniel & Ben Smith
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Bob Berbohm
10:00 AM - Elliot Gardner, Wanda Chenier,
and Harold Flagstadt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 22nd – 23rd

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Jay Belcher
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Donna Richer
10:00 AM – Rosemary Beauchamp

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 22nd -23rd

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Brian Smith & Art Caron
Sun .at 8:00 A.M. – Dale Richer & Ron Germain
10:00 AM – Harold Young and Alfred Gareau

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Dec. 22nd – 23rd

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Robert & Kelly, Gunnar & Brooklyn LaMarche
Sun. at 8:00 AM – David, Joanne & Nicole Chenier
10:00 AM – Mike & Judy LaFleur

Parish Faith & Family News

Happy Gaudete Sunday! We are already half way to Christmas! Gaudete (gow-DAY-tay) means “Rejoice”! It reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but it’s very near. Let us pray: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Loving God, we seek you in the messiness of Advent, in this enforced joy and merrymaking, knowing that this season isn’t merry or joyous for so many. Amid the busy-ness of these weeks, save us from ourselves and return us to true peace.

What can you do to prepare yourself? Do something with your family. Decorate the tree together. Watch a Christmas video together. You can also find a special quiet place and pray for those in need in your family, your neighborhood and our world.

Our next class for grades one through 8 is this Wednesday, December 19, starting at 6:15 and going until 7:30 p.m. The third grade students will practice for the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass at the beginning of the class. So hopefully all 3rd graders will stay healthy and be at class. This includes the Holy Name children for the practice.

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/bbscholarshipink> 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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 17 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
Tues.	Dec. 18 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
		5:15 P.M. -	NO Confessions
		6:00 P.M. -	NO Mass
Wed.	Dec. 19 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
		6:15 P.M. -	C.C.D. Classes
		7:45 P.M. -	Adult Education Class
Thurs.	Dec. 20 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
		7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 21 st	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
Sat.	Dec. 22 nd	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M.
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass
Sun.	Dec. 23 rd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
		10:00 AM -	Mass
		11:00 AM -	Light Lunch followed by decorating the church

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving... please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

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

Area Penance Services

Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 PM – St. Joes/St. Patricks Escanaba

Our Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:

December 24th at 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM
December 25th at 9:00 AM

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.



Mark your calendars. We plan to decorate our Church on 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.

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 16th** - A fault-mender is better than a fault-finder.
- Dec. 17th** - A partnership with God is motherhood.
- Dec. 18th** - Christmas is a time for children, No matter what their age. Spirit is the only ticket, And heart the only gauge.
- Dec. 19th** - There is no right way to do the wrong thing.
- Dec. 20th** - Before your gifts are all wrapped up and gayly ribbon tied, Please remember to tuck a lot of love inside.
- Dec. 21st** - Christmas is a time to remember timeless stories from days of your, A time to ponder what's ahead, A time to open another door.
- Dec. 22nd** - Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.
H.W. Mabie
- Dec. 23rd** - Not what we give, But what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare. J. R. Cowell.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,841.00
Loose.....	226.00
General Maintenance.....	17.00
Fuel.....	68.00
Flowers.....	72.00
Immaculate Conception.....	750.26
Roof Fund.....	151.67
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	90.00
Total.....	\$5,765.93

115 families contributed for Dec. 9th

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<p>Monday Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17</p>	<p>Tuesday Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25</p>
<p>Wednesday Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Lk 1:5-25</p>	<p>Thursday Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38</p>
<p>Friday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 2:14-18a Lk 1:39-45</p>	<p>Saturday 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56</p>

Sunday
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

PRAYERS FOR ADVENT



All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the Kingdom of Heaven, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Lord God, may we, Your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.