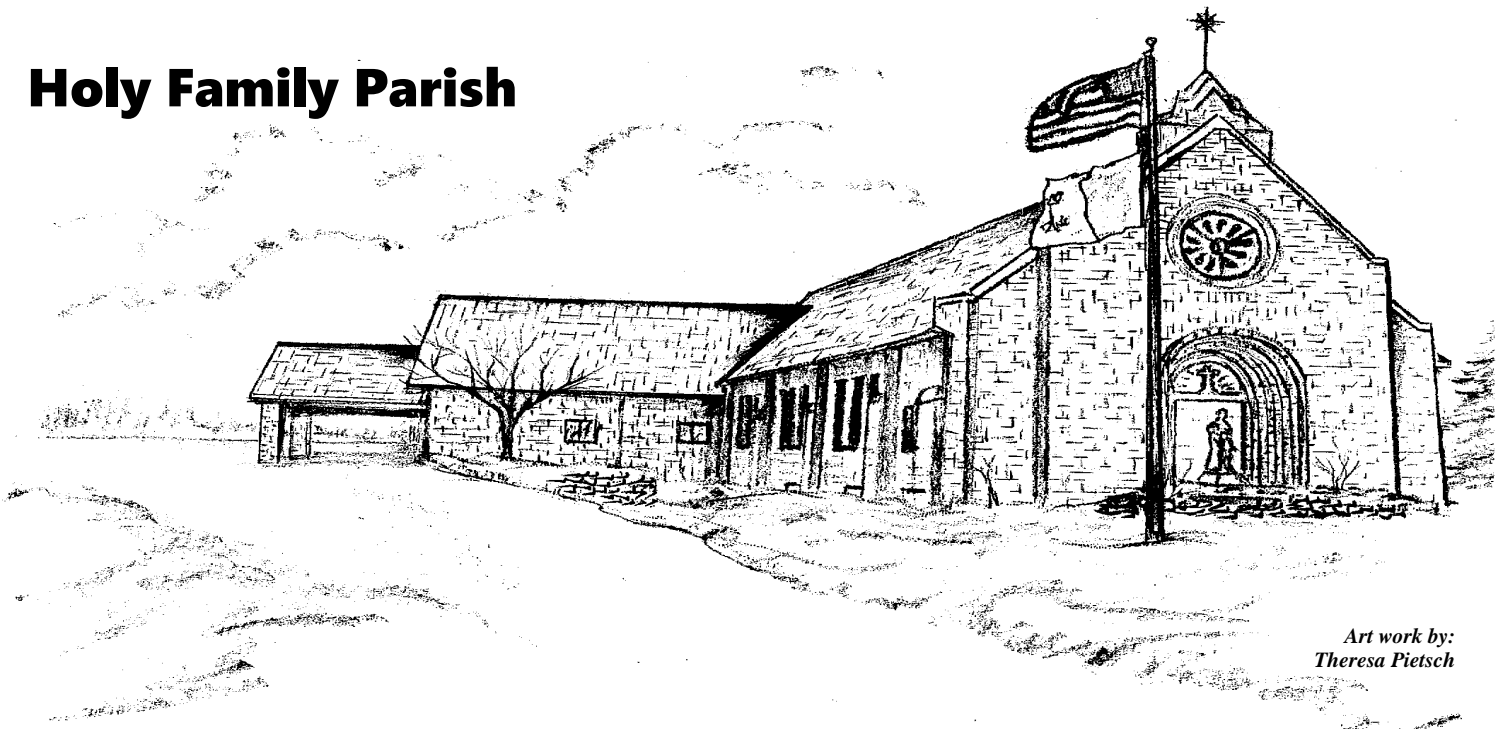


Holy Family Parish



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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:15 am – 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm
before daily Mass or by appointment

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.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

Bob Gascon, Brevyn Willford, Lincoln Noel

Don Anderson, Duane & Nancy Marenger, Kambria

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

Diocesan Bishops: Bishop is the ordained leader of the local church or community and the territory called the Diocese. The bishop serves as the spiritual leader and head of the priests in a particular diocese. He is the center of unity for his diocese or eparchy, and, as a member of the College of Bishops, shares in responsibility for governance of the whole Church. As each local particular Church is an embodiment of the whole Catholic Church, not just an administrative subdivision of something larger, the bishop who is its head is not a delegate of the Pope. Instead, he has of himself primary teaching, governance and sanctifying responsibility for the See for which he has been ordained bishop. The bishop is directly appointed by the Pope and he can appoint any priest to be the bishop provided he is spiritually and intellectually qualified. The bishop is directly accountable to the Pope for his actions. His term will continue till he turns to be 75 and after that he has to submit his resignation to the Pope. But the Pope is free to ask him to step down right away or to continue for some more time according to the need. Ordination to the Episcopate is the fullness of the priesthood and the completion of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Bishops are considered to be the successors of the apostles.

Duties of the Bishop

The Bishop is the one who makes policies of the diocese and see them implemented. Each diocese is divided into several parishes and the priests represent the bishop in the parishes and serve as pastors and see that the plans and policies of the diocese being carefully and faithfully implemented. The bishop is free to choose candidates for priesthood and only he has the authority to ordain a candidate to priesthood. He has the full authority over a priest and he can appoint him at any parish as he feels fit. In normal circumstances, only the bishop has the authority to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. But he can delegate his priests to confirm the candidates in special situations like Easter Vigil.

When the diocesan See is vacant due to the resignation, transfer or death of the bishop, if no one is appointed immediately, the diocesan consulters should appoint an administrator for the day today running of the diocese. The power of the administrator will be more or less that of the bishop, regarding the executive matters. But he is not allowed to ordain a candidate to priesthood. The administrator will continue in office, till the appointment of a new bishop. If the diocese is big, the Pope may appoint one or more bishops to assist the bishop or archbishop in ministry. They are known as auxiliary bishop or bishops. The Coadjutor Bishop has the right of succession on the death or the resignation of the Diocesan Bishop, and if the See is an archdiocese, he holds the title of Archbishop. Suppose the retiring Archbishop was a Cardinal, the succeeding bishop will never receive the title 'Cardinal,' unless the Pope appoints him to be the Cardinal.

Priests or Presbyters: As we have seen, the Bishop is the supreme pastor of the Diocese and he is entrusted with the spiritual and pastoral care of the faithful in that Diocese. But the Bishops are assisted by the group of men known as priests or presbyters. They are the men chosen by the Bishops for priesthood and after a long period of seminary training they are ordained by the Bishop. They are entrusted with the spiritual and pastoral care of a community which is known as Parish. It is the Bishop who decides where a priest should be appointed. Before one is given the full charge of a parish, he should be an associate or parochial vicar with an experienced pastor, at least for two years. The young priest who is eligible to take over a parish is not given the title as 'Pastor;' immediately, rather **Parochial Administrator**. But at the same time he has the full authority over the parish as a pastor. The only difference is that the Bishop can transfer a Parochial Administrator any time. Normally, a Parochial Administrator may continue in that position two to three years and then he is promoted to be the Pastor of a parish. The Pastor is appointed for a certain period of time and the Bishop, by law, is not allowed to transfer the Pastor before the completion of the period, unless there is serious reason. For instance, in Marquette Diocese, according to the revised policy a Pastor is appointed for six years and if the Bishop is pleased and the Pastor agrees the period can be extended to another six years more. But due to serious reasons the Pastor is allowed to ask for a transfer any time during this period. The pastor is accountable to the Bishop and it is his duty to take care of the spiritual and pastoral needs of the faithful and also he should administer the temporal affairs of the parish with the help of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council. But he is the one who makes the decisions and the Councils are only consultative bodies.

In the Catholic Church only celibate men are ordained to priesthood. But exceptionally, the Protestant clergymen who join the Catholic Church as clergy are entitled to priestly ordination while they remain married. Sometimes the Catholics who attend different Catholic Churches get a little confused to see a married priest in the Catholic Church. Please don't get scandalized. The age of retirement for the priests varies from Diocese to Diocese. In Marquette Diocese the retirement age of priest is between 70 - 75 years.

(We will continue next week).

First Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 11 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of your Special Intentions
Tues.	Jan. 12 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Joe Gareau
Wed.	Jan. 13 th	<i>Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Lillian Kitza
Thurs.	Jan. 14 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Ken Fassbender
Fri.	Jan. 15 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Mary Ann Marcella
		-----	Parish office closed
Sat.	Jan. 16 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Jan. 17 th	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the People of our Parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Kathy LaCosse

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

39 envelopes were returned January 1, 2021

Adults.....	\$ 661.00
Loose.....	20.00
Total.....	\$ 686.00

86 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Jan. 3rd

Adults.....	\$2,311.00
Loose.....	60.00
General Maintenance.....	83.00
Fuel.....	198.00
The Word Among Us.....	100.00
Total.....	\$2,752.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Short Fall..... \$1,034.83

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 25.00

***Happy One Year Ordination Anniversary to
Deacon Bob Berbohm. Deacon Bob was ordained
on January 10, 2020. Congratulations!!!***

MASS TIME CHANGE

***Please note that the Tuesday evening
Mass has changed to 8:00 AM.***



TAX TIME

If anyone needs a copy of their 2020 End of Year Donations please call the parish office 786-1209 or sign up at the back of church.

Year End Tax Receipts will be mailed directly from the Diocese of Marquette for anyone who made a one time donation of \$250 or more to UPCSA. You can contact Wendy Negri at wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org if you do not receive one and need one.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March for Life will be held on Sunday January 31, 2020 at All Saints Church in Gladstone, starting at 1:00 PM.

Thank you for the generous donations that are still coming in towards the Sound System.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Jan. 10th** - The Church is a workshop, not a rest home.
- Jan. 11th** - Time flies, suns rise and shadows fall. Let time go by. Love is forever.
- Jan. 12th** - True wisdom lies in gathering precious moments out of each day.
- Jan. 13th** - Only in a world of love can we unfold and bloom.
- Jan. 14th** - Be sure if God sends you on stony paths. He will provide you with strong shoes.
- Jan. 15th** - If you find life empty - try putting something into it.
- Jan. 16th** - To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 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 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, 2021.

Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God. ~Mother Teresa

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
Heb 1:1-6
Mk 1:14-20 | Tuesday
Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday
Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39 | Thursday
Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday
Heb 4:1-5,11
Mk 2:1-12 | Saturday
Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday
1 Sm 3:3b-10,19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20
Jn 1:35-42 | |

**MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION -
JANUARY 9TH-10TH, 2021**

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 13th - ST. HILARY, bishop and doctor – Hilary was born towards the start of the 4th Century, at Poitiers in France. Married and father of a saintly daughter named Abia, Hilary was converted to the Christian faith by reading the Scriptures, especially the Prologue to the Fourth Gospel. As Bishop of Poitiers he fought against the Arians, suffered exile, wrote extensively and helped his people. He died in 367.

Long-Term Substitute Opportunity

Holy Name Catholic school is seeking a long-term substitute teacher for a first grade classroom. The teacher would start mid-January and serve through the end of the school year. The teacher would be responsible for teaching, planning, assessing, and most importantly caring for the students. Preferred applicants should be practicing Catholic and have a degree in elementary education. The position will remain open until filled. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to the attention of Joseph Carlson, principal. Applications can be submitted to jcarlson@holynamercrusaders.com or mailed/dropped off at Holy Name Catholic School - 409 South 22nd Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD; Jan. 10th 2021; Cycle - B
Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Mark 1: 7-11

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our celebrations of Christmas and Christmas season witness a series of great events and finally come to an end with the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus. And also this week the decorations should come out. Christmas brings our attention to a major truth that is nothing but the revelation or the manifestation of God to the world; means God became man and dwelt among us. We have already seen how the manifestation of Jesus taking place in different ways to different people. Finally, as the four Evangelists see, the Baptism of the Lord is his major manifestation to the whole mankind. After the Magi episode it took 30 years before Jesus appeared again on the scene. According to Matthew, Mark and Luke the Baptism is the turning point or the inauguration of his public ministry. This was the time Jesus revealed his true identity as the Son of the Almighty God. Here he is not introduced to be the son of Mary and Joseph. At the Baptism of Jesus God Himself testified, **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

The Baptism of Jesus always remained a question of debate among the Biblical Scholars. For, the baptism given by John was the sign of the repentance of one's sin. In that case, why should Jesus receive that baptism as he had no sin and thus no need of repentance? In order to answer this question, first of all we should know what the characters of baptism are and how far they are applicable to the life of Jesus and his ministry. The meaning of baptism can be found in the four letters of the word **RICE**. Of course, rice is a good food. But here it is used differently. The first letter **‘R’ stands for Rebirth**. In baptism we are re-born in the water and the Holy Spirit. Jesus says to Nicodemus, in John chapter 3, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” **‘I’ stands for Initiation**. At baptism we are initiated or admitted into full membership in the Church, the community of the children of God in the world. **‘C’ is for Consecration**. In baptism we are consecrated and dedicated to a specific mission of spreading the kingdom of God or transmitting our faith. **And ‘E’ is for Empowerment**. At baptism the Holy Spirit comes into our lives and empowers us, equips us, gives us the moral strength to say no to evil and to live as God's children that we have become.

Now in the light of these four effects of baptism let us see whether Jesus who was the Son of God needed the baptism from John the Baptist at all. Looking at the nature of baptism given by John in the Jordan, we find that Jesus didn't need

repentance for sins, as he was sinless. And also rebirth does not apply to Jesus as he was from all eternity the only begotten Son of God. **Did Jesus need Initiation?** Yes, being human, Jesus needed to associate and to identify with the community of men and women of his land. To serve God we need to interact with other people, belonging to a community. So it was needed that Jesus be identified and initiated to his community. Only then he would be accepted by his people. **Consecration:** Baptism for Jesus was the consecration, a moment of self-dedication to execute the Will of the Father. For him it was a commitment to do whatever was necessary to promote the cause of the kingdom of God on earth. Was Jesus empowered by the Holy Spirit? Yes, Jesus was Empowered by the Holy Spirit at his baptism, which gave him the power to seek always the will of his Father and fight against the temptations. At Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. *In Acts we read, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil” (Acts 10: 37-38).*

We all should keep in mind that the very moment we were baptized we have received the four characters of baptism and we have to live a life accordingly. The young parents, when they bring their baby to be baptized should remember these wonderful characters and the responsibilities attached to the baptism. As many think these days, baptism is not a formality or ritual to be completed in the baby’s life. Baptism is not a mere registration of our membership in the Church. Rather it is the registration of our membership in the Divine Family of the Holy Trinity. It is the symbol of our belonging to God. It marks the beginning of the Christian pilgrimage of the baby. If the parents fail to help their children to grow in these four characters, they will be held accountable for neglecting their children. We the adults should examine our lives and see how much we live up our baptismal call. Once we are baptized, we are the transmitters of faith to whoever is in need of it, especially we have to impart the faith to the next generation. At every baptism a baby or adult becomes the **‘Beloved son or daughter of the Heavenly Father and he/she is anointed by the Holy Spirit for a great mission to accomplish.**