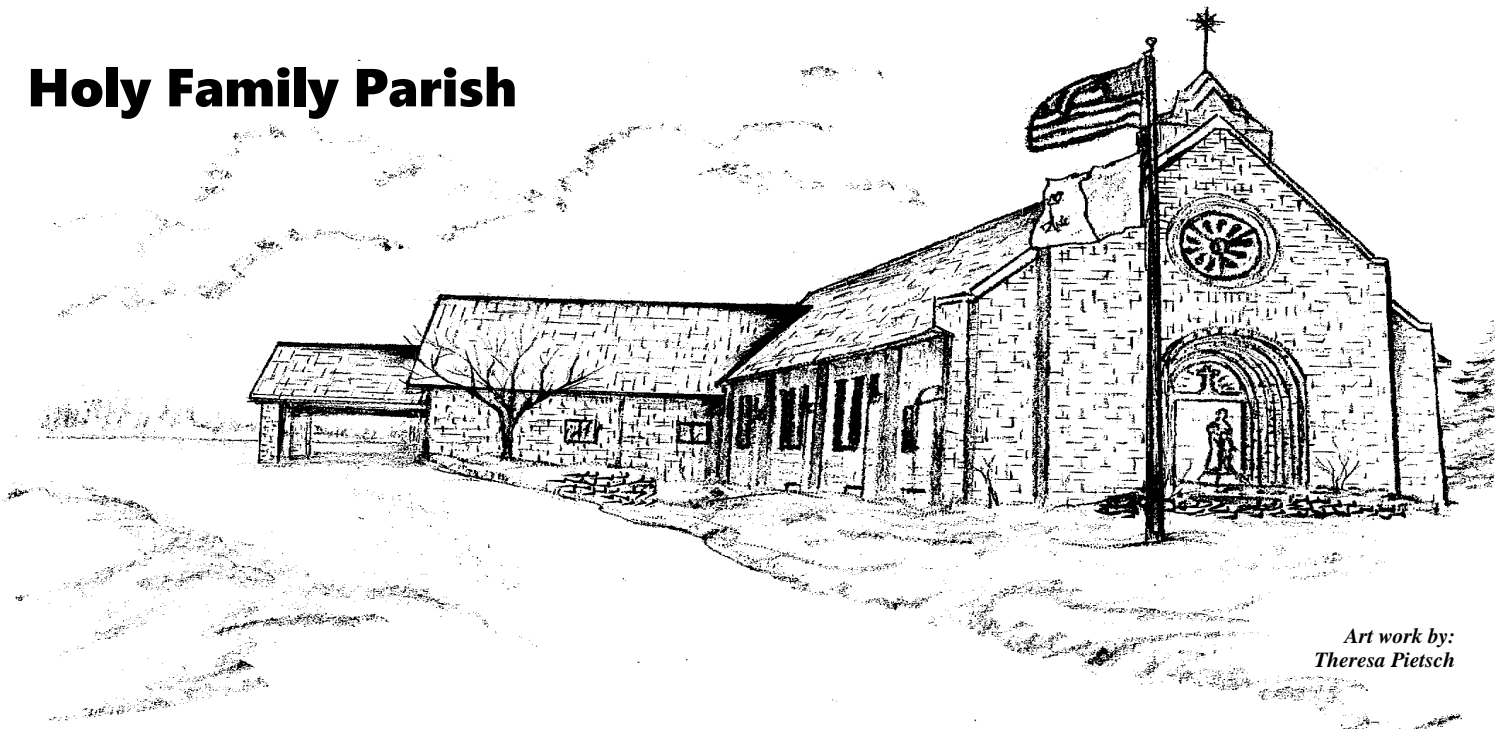


Holy Family Parish



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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, Kambria
Don Anderson, Duane & Nancy Marenger
Marjorie VanDamme*

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

The Church (Cont.)

Priests or Presbyters (Cont.) Priests, incardinated to the Diocese

Normally, the priests working in a particular Diocese are ordained and incardinated to that Diocese. And also it is the rule that a priest should either belong to a Diocese or a Religious Congregation. No priest can continue as priest without being incardinated somewhere. Although priests are incardinated into a Diocese or Order, they may obtain the permission of their Diocesan Ordinary or religious Superior to serve outside of their Diocese or Order. The assignments may be temporary, but can last several years. While they serve in a particular Diocese, they should obey the local Ordinary and follow the Diocesan rules, regulations and policies. Their appointment and transfer are decided by the local Bishop, though their Bishops or Superiors have the ultimate authority over their priests. During their service, their Bishops or Superiors can call them back giving sufficient time of notice to the local Ordinary.

The priests working in the Diocese play different roles to help the Bishop to run the Diocesan administration smoothly. It is not enough that all should serve as pastors; rather there are other important positions remain in the Diocesan Curia. First of all, the Bishop appoints a **Vicar General** who is his associate or the second person in the Diocese. Normally, there is only one Vicar General in the Diocese; in case, the Diocese is large, there can be more than one. The Vicar General is appointed moderator of the curia who coordinates the Diocesan administrative offices and ministries. The Bishop is also required to appoint a judicial vicar who is delegated the Bishop's ordinary power to judge cases (canon 1420 of the Code of Canon Law). In the Latin Church the judicial vicar is also known as *officialis*. The person holding this post must be a priest, have earned a degree in Canon Law. He also normally presides over the Diocesan Tribunal who will take care of the annulment process. The Bishop is also required by Canon Law to appoint a **Chancellor**, possibly a vice-chancellor, and notaries to the Diocesan Chancery. They also serve as the secretaries of the diocesan curia.

Besides the Vicar General and Chancellor the Bishop appoints six to twelve priests as consulters to the priest council. They have the responsibility to elect the Diocesan Administrator, in case the Bishop retires or transferred.

For administrative purpose the Diocese is divided into different vicariates and each vicariate will have a priest appointed known as Vicar Forane. He is also the member of the Diocesan Personnel Board. He conducts regular meetings of the priests in his vicariate and discusses issues and new policies. The pastors can communicate to the Vicar Forane or the Bishop directly, any specific issues of the parish or personal needs. The Vicar Forane is supposed to visit the parishes every year and check the registers of the parish such as baptism, confirmation, marriage and death.

Deacons

Among the ordained ministers in the Church, the position of the Deacons comes just below the priests. They are the co-workers with the Bishop alongside presbyters, but are intended to focus on the ministries of direct service and outreach to the poor and needy, rather than the pastoral leadership. They are usually related to a parish, where they have a liturgical function as the ordinary minister of the Gospel and the Prayer of the Faithful. They may preach homilies, depending on the policy of the diocese. In the Roman rite, they may preside over the non-liturgies such as communion service, baptisms, weddings (outside of Mass), funeral services (outside of Mass) and adoration /benediction. In the ancient Church the deacons always looked after the temporal matters of the particular parish or even in Vatican. The Scriptural basis and description of the role and qualifications of the deacon can be found in Acts 6: 1-9, and 1Timothy 3:1-13.

(We will continue next week).

Second Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of your Special Intentions
Tues.	Jan. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Trevor Koski
Wed.	Jan. 20 th	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – John Marcella
Thurs.	Jan. 21 st	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marvin Nelson
Fri.	Jan. 22 nd	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion Sodergren ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Jan. 23 rd	<i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass –Lela & Kent Dubord
Sun.	Jan. 24 th	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Pete & Willa DeMay

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

86 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Jan. 3rd

Adults.....	\$3,871.00
Loose.....	50.00
General Maintenance.....	40.00
Fuel.....	65.00
Seminary Fund.....	500.00
The Word Among Us.....	40.00
Total.....	\$4,566.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Overage..... \$ 779.17

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 5.00

A huge thank you to the parishioners who have donated another \$600 to the U.P. Catholic Services. We are still \$7,200 short of our Goal! Please return your card if you have not done so yet!

MASS TIME CHANGE



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

Thanks to anonymous person(s) who donated \$100.00 for the Sound System. It is greatly appreciated!!!

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 UPCA. You can contact Wendy Negri at wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org if you do not receive one and need one.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Jan. 17th - DOUBT sees the obstacles; FAITH sees the way. DOUBT sees the darkest night; FAITH sees the day. DOUBT dreads to take a step; FAITH soars on high. DOUBT questions, "Who Believes?" FAITH answers, "I".

Jan. 18th - Tomorrow is not promised us, so let us take today and make the most of it.

Jan. 19th - If you meet one too tired to smile, leave one of yours; Nobody needs a smile, as much as those who have none to give.

Jan. 20th - Children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example.

Jan. 21st - Take time to love; it is what makes you Godlike.

Jan. 22nd - Let me give so much time to the improvement of myself that I shall have not time to criticize others.

Jan. 23rd - I asked of life: "What have you to offer me?" And the answer came: "What have you got to give?"

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/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, 2021.

Thank you to all who helped undecorate the church this past Sunday and put away all the decorations. It is greatly appreciated!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Heb 5:1-10
Mk 2:18-22

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3,15-17
Mk 3:1-6

Friday

Heb 6-13
Mk 3:13-19

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20
Mk 2:23-28

Thursday

Heb 7:25—8:6
Mk 3:7-12

Saturday

Heb 9:2-3,11-14
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

Jon 3:1-5,10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 20th - ST. FABIAN, pope and martyr – Fabian was Pope for 14 years, 236-250. For the Church these were years of peace, organization and missionary effort. Selected to become bishop when yet a layman, Fabian showed himself zealous and wise. His service to the church ended with the persecution of Decian, in which he was one of the first victims.

Also, **ST. SEBASTIAN, martyr** – The furious persecution of Diocletian - the last Roman persecution - started in 300 with a purge of the army. Sebastian, Milanese in origin and a disciplined soldier, chose Christ over the Emperor. Sebastian's body was buried with honor by the Roman community in the catacombs along the Appian Way.

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. Please wear a mask & social distance.

At the moment of death we will not be judged according to the number of good deeds we have done or by the diplomas we have received in our lifetime. We will be judged according to the love we have put into our work. ~Mother Teresa

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle-B; Jan. 17th 2021
1Samuel 3:3-10; 1Corinthians 6:13-15; John 1:35-42

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

If we take the entire salvation history, we meet many men and women who were specially chosen by God for a particular mission. The Bible constantly narrates the instances of God calling people and demanding a quick response from them. We have the examples of the call of Abraham, through whom the people of Israel came into existence; then Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah and several other prophets and many others who responded God positively. In the first reading we heard how God called young Samuel as he was sleeping in the Temple. Once Samuel recognizes God's call he responds to Him saying: **“Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”** Only when he was ready to listen, God gave him the message and the mission. His positive response to God made him a great prophet in Israel. It is interesting to notice that God never went to the elite men and women of the time; rather he approached the most ordinary people. Initially, none of them had the confidence to take up the mission God entrusted to them. But once they obeyed and responded to God's command, they became the most powerful instruments in God's hands.

The mysterious way of God in calling people continued through Jesus too. When Jesus started his public ministry, as a recognized Rabbi, he could have waited for the qualified young men to seek for his discipleship (as it was customary in the ministry of Rabbis). Instead Jesus broke that custom and went out in search of his disciples. In the gospel we have just listened to *John's version* of the call of the first disciples, Andrew and Peter. He simply went out to the streets and lakeshore and picked up the least in the community as his disciples. None of the twelve enjoyed any social and religious status at all. But once Jesus chose them, they were no more the same fragile people.

When we examine the nature of the call of God in the Old Testament and that of Jesus in the New Testament, we get the impression that God and Jesus didn't respect the individuals' freedom of choice. Rather the demand was imposed on them. Indeed they all responded positively; but some of them raised objections too. It is true that the urgency of the call was very high and as a result they had to respond quickly. But they responded with convictions. For instance, we see Matthew the Tax Collector leaving his office in the middle of the busy hours even without closing his accounts and business of the day. Being struck by the unknown light and having listened to the voice of Jesus, Paul didn't waste any time to be

converted to Christianity. But on the other hand the rich man whom Jesus called went away sadly responding to the call negatively. All those who had responded positively became great instruments in the hands of Jesus.

God's call is a gift and this call is given to each and every person, demanding a response and readiness to work for Him. The call of God continues in the history and only through human beings God implements His plans. The call is not meant for only a few people. Each one of us is called by God for different missions to accomplish. Like Samuel if we can open our minds and say to the Lord, "**Speak Lord, your servant is listening**" – no doubt we will be able to hear what God expects from us. When the ordinary people like Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln and Rosa Parks, responded to the call of God and came out of their comfort zone, they worked miracles in the world. *Our main problem is that you and I don't want to leave our comfort zone. No one had contributed anything to mankind remaining in their comfort zone; rather by sacrificing many dear things in their lives.* In the words of Jesus, "**Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit**" (John 12:24). If the world honors many great men and women today, remember, they were ready to fall to the ground and die and thus they could produce much fruit. Sometimes people make excuses that they are not that capable of doing things; so let others do. ***But God never chooses anyone seeing his/her quality, talents and qualification. God calls you and I for different missions, not because we are great, but because He is great.*** What God demands from us is just our co-operation or yes to His call. What was the big qualification of Virgin Mary? Coming to our own time, what qualification did Abraham Lincoln or Mother Theresa have? They all had only the goodwill to sacrifice their comforts and security for the good causes. When Jesus took them in his hands, miracles happened through them.