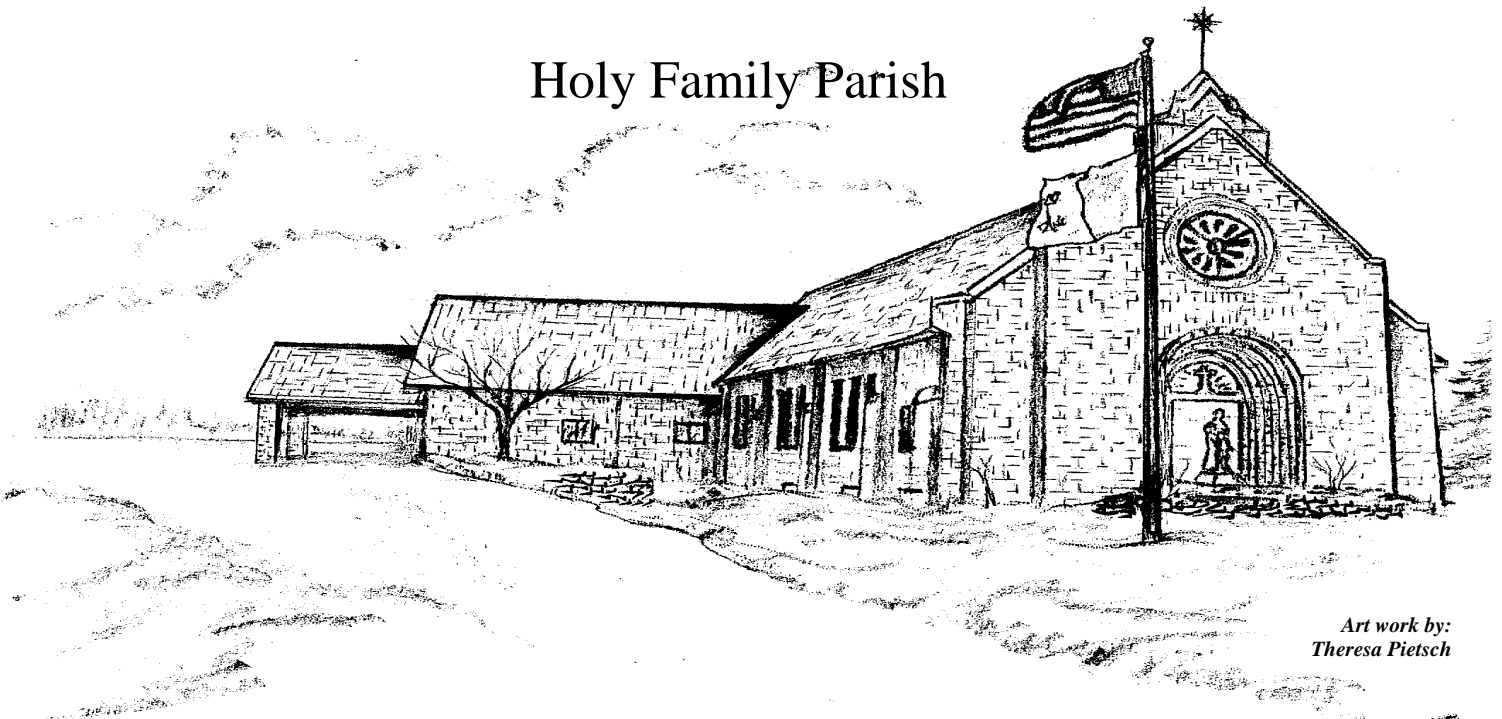


Holy Family Parish



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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 Feb. 12th thru Feb. 18th

Monday.....8:00 A.M.....*ad intentionem datis*
Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....Mary O'Connell
Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Elvira Carlson
7:00 P.M.....For the People of our Parish
Thursday.....6:00 P.M.....Jake Chaillier
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Eileen Vuksan
7:00 P.M.....Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Victoria Lippens
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish
10:00 A.M.....Janet Ostrander

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: Feb. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M – Lori Tourangeau
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Rosemary Beauchamp
10:00 AM – Bob Berbohm

MASS SERVERS: Feb. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Smith Boys
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Harold Flagstadt
10:00 AM - Simon Chouinard

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Feb. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 PM – Debbie Nolde
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Diane LaMarche
10:00 AM – Gerald Miron

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Feb. 17th – 18th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M – Kevin Dubord & Stephen Janchencko
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Bob Marcella & Dale Richer
10:00 AM – Galen VanDrese & Harold Young

The Schedule for Ash Wednesday is on the insert

Parish Faith & Family News

Our super bowl winner is the Philadelphia Eagles. They also won in our Souper Bowl of Caring collection. More money was collected for the Eagles than the Patriots. Our total we collected is \$230.56. Thank you for your support. This will be very helpful in feeding hungry children and their parents.

Since this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, there are no CCD classes this night. Classes resume next Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Confirmation class will be Sunday, February 18, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This Lent do something different. Join "Best Lent Ever", a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day you'll receive an email with inspirational videos, practical tips, and encouraging stories.

Are you ready to have your "Best Lent Ever?" Sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/40days

Purgatory – Truth #5: Purgatory isn't a physical fire. Purgatory is an inner burning, a "spiritual fever," for the love of God.

The souls in purgatory have seen God in all his glory, and now they're unable to be with him. So they burn "interiorly" for God. It is God's burning love, his longing for souls that creates their longing for him. They "burn" for love of him; they are hearts aflame for love of him. They have an unquenchable thirst, an unspeakable yearning for him. They have a "heartsickness: for him. He's the fulfillment of all their desires.

This is the essence of purgatory.

40 CANS FOR LENT



The Knights of Columbus Council 640 is sponsoring a food drive during Lent and is asking for your help and generosity. Instead of "giving up something" for Lent, why not "give something instead". Remember to bring in your cans each week during Lent which will help us fill St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry. Our goal is to collect 1000 pounds or more. There will be a drop off box in the Church entrance.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 12 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass
Tues.	Feb. 13 th	6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	Feb. 14 th	8:00 A.M. - 12:00 PM - 7:00 P.M. -	Ash Wednesday Mass Senior Citizens meet Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs.	Feb. 15 th	6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. -	Mass Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 16 th	7:00 P.M. -	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	Feb. 17 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M.
Sun.	Feb. 18 th	11:00 AM -	Confirmation Class

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund. Applicants **must complete** the on-line application found at <http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/bbscholarshiplink> and **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. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2018.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

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

Knights of Columbus Council #640

All brother Knights are encouraged to attend their monthly meeting this Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 pm. Officer and program directors meet at 6:00 pm.

Snow Ball – Dinner - Raffle – Dancing

Music provided by THE JAM BAND
Terrace Bay Hotel Ballroom on Saturday March 3, 5 pm to 11:00 pm. Contact Roger Pepin 428-2677, Claude Alexander at 280-0179 or any Gladstone Brother Felix Council Knight. Even though this is during Lent, it is benefitting the Marygrove Retreat Center.

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

EASTER DUTY -- We are obliged to receive communion at least once each year. This should be done during the Easter Season (First Sunday of Lent through Trinity Sunday), but the law does allow for it to be fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year (Canon 920.2).

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Feb. 11th** - My abilities, however small are valuable because they are God's gifts.
- Feb. 12th** - I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday. Abe Lincoln
- Feb. 13th** - I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and still say that there is not God. A. Lincoln.
- Feb. 14th** - Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away.
- Feb. 15th** - "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me know it now...for I shall not pass this way again.
- Feb. 16th** - Let each day be your masterpiece.
- Feb. 17th** - there is no greater invitation to love than in loving first.
- Feb. 18th** - Some people have strong will power, and some have strong won't power.

Pasty Sale at St. Thomas

St. Thomas Pasty Sale will be February 12th & 13th from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. \$4 each - Plain or w/Rutabaga Pick up at St. Thomas Parish Hall, 1820 9th Ave. N, Escanaba To order, please call 786-7053



PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

The parish library will be closed for a few weeks while we do inventory, remove older or duplicate books and add new ones. If you have a book or video to return, you may leave it on the desk in the library. There is one table in the gathering space with many good books. They are free for the taking. Help yourself!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <p>Monday
Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13</p> <p>Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6,16-18</p> <p>Friday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15</p> | <p>Tuesday
Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21</p> <p>Thursday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25</p> <p>Saturday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday
Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15</p> |
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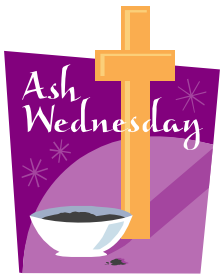
STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$2,412.00
Loose.....	147.36
General Maintenance.....	173.00
Fuel.....	284.00
Votive Lights.....	125.00
Mass Stipends.....	130.00
Roof Fund.....	51.67
Catholic Schools collection.....	5.00
Deposit for Steubenville.....	50.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	25.00
Postage Reimbursement.....	100.00
Souper Bowl Collection.....	230.56
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	21.00
Total.....	\$3,754.59

105 families contributed for February 4th

This is a reminder that the annual Diocesan Catholic Schools Collection is coming up (collected on Ash Wednesday, February 14th). This collection raises much-needed funds for the day-to-day operational expenses of our nine Catholic schools in the Diocese of Marquette.

Please do not forget to place your contribution in your envelope labeled: "Catholic Schools Collection" from your packet of collection envelopes and place it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your support of our Diocesan Catholic schools. May God bless you.

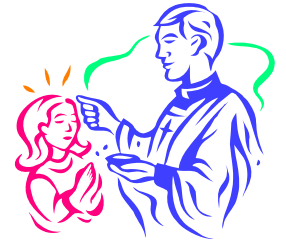


ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Audrey Herioux

MASS SERVERS: Trent Marenger



MINISTER OF COMMUNION: Bob Berbohm

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Don Anderson and Bob Marcella

7:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jodi Gardner

MASS SERVERS: Eli Gardner & Joshua Racine

MINISTER OF COMMUNION: Anne DeShambo

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Scott Shepeck and Kevin Dubord

LENT

REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence is also to be observed on the Fridays of Lent.
2. Fasting is required of all the faithful in good health from the age of 18 to the beginning of their 60th year. Abstinence binds everyone over the age of 14.
3. Fasting usually is interpreted to mean one full meal and, if necessary, two other small meals. One should not eat between meals, but milk, fruit juices, and other liquids are permitted.
4. Abstinence means no meat should be eaten during the entire day.
5. Anyone unable to observe the fast or abstinence obligations because of health or other serious reasons, should substitute another penance.

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~ News from the Seminary ~

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is having a blessed 2018 so far. Although it's been over a month, I am still grateful for the time I got to share at home over Christmas break. It was so nice to see and talk with so many of you. A special shout-out to those few who somehow remembered my holiday birthday and extended warm wishes.

I often get asked when I'm home if I get the chance to play the organ while I'm at school. The simple answer is "kinda." We have a brilliant music director who plays for our liturgies. I do sing in the choir every week, and occasionally do play for other common prayer times such as our Evening or Night Prayer. I'm more active in playing the keyboard with a group of guys who offer music for various events. Last weekend we had the awesome opportunity to lead music at a youth conference downtown Detroit. Overall, it's a busy time at the seminary.

I am currently in the process of writing my yearly self-evaluation. I can't believe I'm soon approaching the completion of my third year and of my undergraduate studies this spring. I continue to be humbled and amazed by the Lord in all that He has done and continues to do for me. While seminary is filled with many joys, at times like everything else, it's just tough. However, the Lord continues to prove himself so unfailing loving and faithful to me in the different obstacles that are presented; and I'm comforted that the Lord does this through your prayers for me. Thank you!! I should be returning home in early March for spring break and am looking forward to saying hello to you all. Until then, be assured of my prayers in thanksgiving for all of you!

~Christian

Journey to the Foot of the Cross: 10 Things to Remember For Lent

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent”:

1. **Remember the formula.** The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. **It’s a time of prayer.** Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
3. **It’s a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
4. **It’s a time to work on discipline.** The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to exercise more. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers.”
5. **It’s about dying to yourself.** The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control – it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
6. **Don’t do too much.** It’s tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it’s best to keep it simple and focused. There’s a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don’t try to cram it all in one Lent. That’s a recipe for failure.
7. **Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we’re all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God’s help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
8. **Be patient with yourself.** When we’re confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. “What a bad person I am!” But that’s the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
9. **Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It’s about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it’s about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God’s unconditional love.
10. **Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.