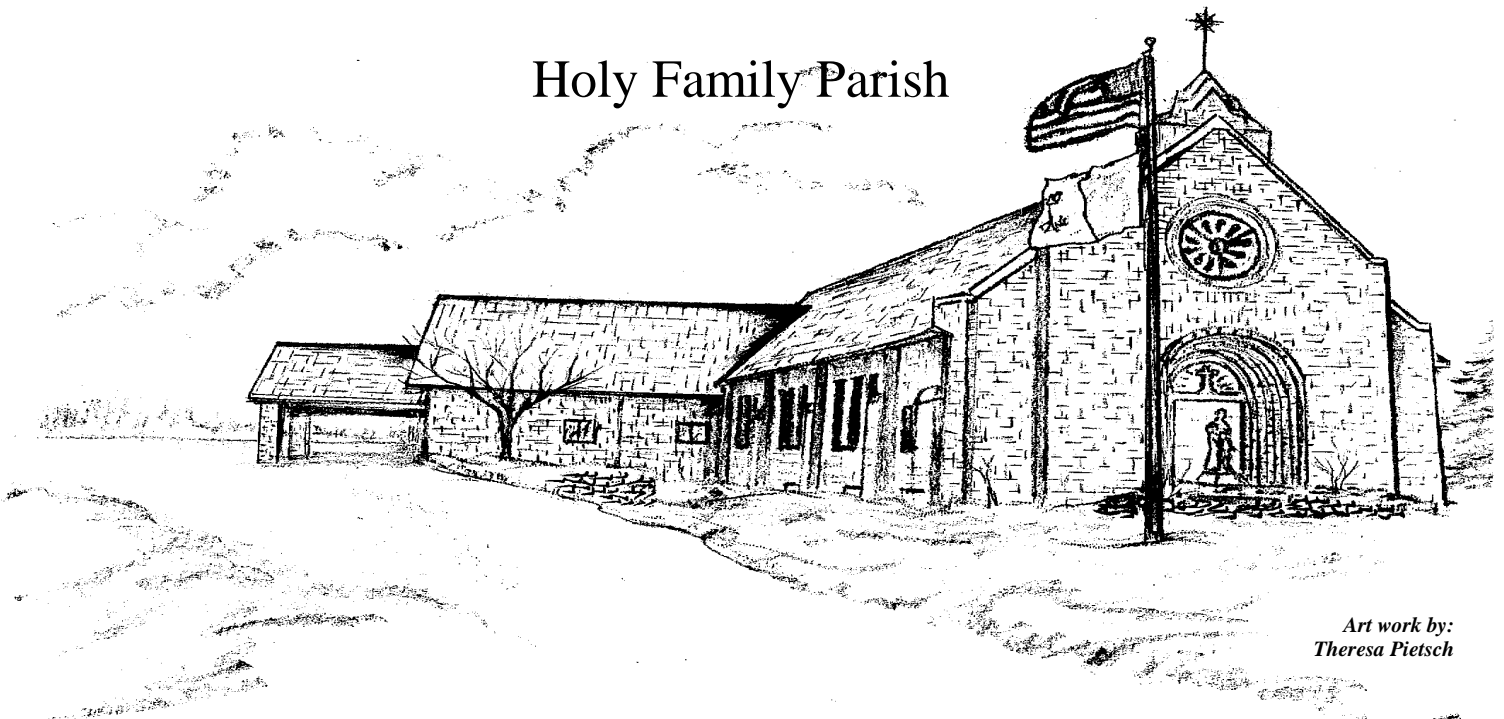


# Holy Family Parish



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## First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2015

### Parish Secretary

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### Faith Formation Coordinator

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### Maintenance

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### Sacristan

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### Pastoral Council Members

Brian Smith – President Barb Tardiff  
Joe Menard Steve Benoit  
Cookie Gascon Karen Berbohm  
Mark Hallfrisch Doris Newhouse  
Cathy Flagstadt – Education Committee  
Sally Young – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Jim Rivard Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Audrey Herioux Bob Spring

### 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.  
30 minutes 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. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....Chad Anderson  
Wednesday.....8:00 A.M.....Nathan Vermote  
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....John & Emma Smith  
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Janet Ostrander  
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Louis & Jean Nolde  
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Mike Beauchamp  
10:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish

*The Rosary is recited 20 minutes before daily Mass.*

**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. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Barb Tardiff  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Rosemary Beauchamp  
10:00 AM – Lori Tourangeau

**MASS SERVERS: Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Trent & Emily Marenger  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Laura Hallfrisch & Lucas Hughes  
10:00 AM - Simon Chouinard & Gregory Chenier

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Jay Belcher  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Beverly Plimpton  
10:00 AM – Bob Berbohm

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Art Caron, Adolph Lippens, Don Smith, Richard Newhouse  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ron Germain, Dale Richer, Bob Marcella, Joe Menard  
10:00 AM – Scott Shepeck, Harold Young, Bill Plouff , Alfred Gareau

**VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 PM – Doris Newhouse Sun. at 8:00 AM – Ruth Anderson Sun. at 10:00 AM – Janice Plouff

## The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye

### Open Your Hearts

ADVENT tells us to move forward. Mercy and Hope are always in the future.

A week from now, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica to begin the Year of Mercy for the Church. He is calling all of us to get beyond the thickets of judgement and conflict that have characterized our Church for too long. He speaks of pilgrimage, of missionaries of mercy, of forgiveness through the Sacrament and in our personal relationships, of delving into the Scriptures to recover the profound message of Mercy.

All members of Holy Family, who are registered, will be receiving in the mail a book called “Rediscover Jesus” along with a prayer to be read each morning of our lives for the next year. Please take advantage of this year to Rediscover Jesus and the Father’s Mercy.

***Seminarian Address*** - Sacred Heart Major Seminary, c/o (Seminarian Name), 2701 W. Chicago Blvd, Detroit, MI 48206

**Confirmation/Adult Faith Formation Next Course** – This Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of our Adult Formation series. The title is **Epic: Brief journey through Church History**. This course will run for ten(10) weeks. The third part of the series is entitled **OREMUS: A Guide to Catholic Prayer** seven(7) sessions.

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 P.M. -	Mass
Wed.	Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:15 P.M. -	Family Group Gathering
Thurs.	Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 P.M. -	Holy Family Men's Meeting & Smear League
Sat.	Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM
Sun.	Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	----- - 11:00 A.M. -	Coffee Social after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses Confirmation and Adult Education Classes

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus, you are God's gift of healing love. While on earth, you healed the sick who came for help. We believe that you continue to heal the sick today. Heal all those for whom we pray, and those on our prayer list:

Raymond Beauchamp

Nancy Marenger, Raymond J. Brunette

Baby Girl King, Donette Ostrander

Jim Vandermission, David Gardner

Diane Helman, Tina Kelloniemi, Pam Houle

Pat McGlynn, Laurie Gardner, Ruth Chouinard

Jim Willford, Lynn Johnson, Kim Bigley

Gracie Wickham, Lulu Johnson, Michael Dawson

Amanda Chenier, Susan VanDrese, Janet Gazan

Nick Nolde, Darlene McGear, Christine Kleiman

Rex & Kathy McGinn, Traci Frappier, Shirley Frazer

Gerald Luft, James Paquin, Matt Smith, Justin Bjork

Michael Dombe, Allie Grenier, Frank Novak

Joanne Popkowski, Tom Forvilly, Carol Lancour

Mary Starnes, Tabitha Brunette, Dustin Berube

Sally Luft, Marion Sodergren, Jean Way, Sue Mulzer

Roger Arnold, Nancy Paquin, Coda Meadors

Kathryn Fudala, Janet Shelley, Shelly Polakcyk

Kathy LaCosse, Joanne Lohfink, Payten LaMarch

Brenda Chouinard, Virginia Paquin, Kay Edington

Peggy Verbrigghe, Darlene Kelloniemi, Bill Whitney

### The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree for St. Vincent dePaul is a way to give from your heart; by filling a request off the tree, you can do your part! Place your **unwrapped** gift back beneath the Christmas evergreen; in our church gathering area by December thirteen!

### Parish Faith & Family News



Remember our Family Group Gathering is Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 6:15 p.m. All members of the parish are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

### ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH

The Ladies Altar Society will be holding their Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM. It will be a catered dinner and the cost is \$6.00. There is a signup sheet at the back of church. We will also be collecting for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas baskets. There will also be an exchange gift of \$10.00 if you would like to participate also. Come and enjoy a fun evening!

### MEETING NOTICE

#### DELTA COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

**CHOOSE  
LIFE**

Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00 pm in Room 961 of the Joseph Heirman University Center at Bay College. Lots on the agenda! Call Carol at 786-4795 for more information.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Tom Flagstadt, brother of Harold Flagstadt, who passed away on Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.



### SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** - I used to censure everyone, I was a Pharisee; Until, quite unexpectedly, I got a glimpse of me.

**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>** - God doesn't do for us what He has given us power to do for ourselves.

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Prayer is not an attitude attained, but an attitude maintained.

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, Yet what can I give Him; give my heart.

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - You cannot possess a richer treasure than that of the loyalty of a friend.

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Lord, protect me and keep me close to your heart.

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** - When a happy person enters the room, it's as if another candle had been lit.

**Monday**  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday**  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

**Friday**  
Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

**Tuesday**  
Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**Thursday**  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21,24-27

**Saturday**  
Is 30:19-21,23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

**Sunday**  
Bar 5:1-9  
Phil 1:4-6,8-11  
Lk 3:1-6

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults Envelopes.....	\$2,838.00
Loose.....	321.00
Fuel.....	120.00
St. Vincent dePaul Society.....	49.00
Campaign for Human Dev.....	238.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,566.00</b>

133 parishioners used envelopes for Nov. 22, 2015

### OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA



**St. Anthony/St. Thomas, 1820 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.**, annual Dinner Bazaar will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm. Serving Ham, pigs in a blanket and all the trimmings. Adults \$10 ~ Ages 6-17: \$5 ~ 5 & under: Free  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**St. Anthony Meat Pie Sale** will be Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. All pies must be **PRE-ORDERED!** To place an order, please call Debbie at 399-4259. \$13.00 for each 10-inch meat pie. Please pick up orders at St. Thomas Church Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 4:00 PM



*If you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas Basket from St. Vincent dePaul, please call Betty Lou at 786-7216. All calls are kept confidential.*

### The Knights of Columbus 360

Congratulations to Brother Knight Tom Blahnik who joined our Order on November 11, 2015.

Join other Brother Knights for the Escanaba Christmas Parade on December 4, 2015 and walk with our float.

### Visit Aquinas College

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids is hosting two AQDays for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. You're invited to come and discover what life at AQ is all about. Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: General AQDay (open to all academic majors) Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Athletic AQDay (open to student-athletes)

Please visit [aquinas.edu/undergraduate](http://aquinas.edu/undergraduate) for more details or to register.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS