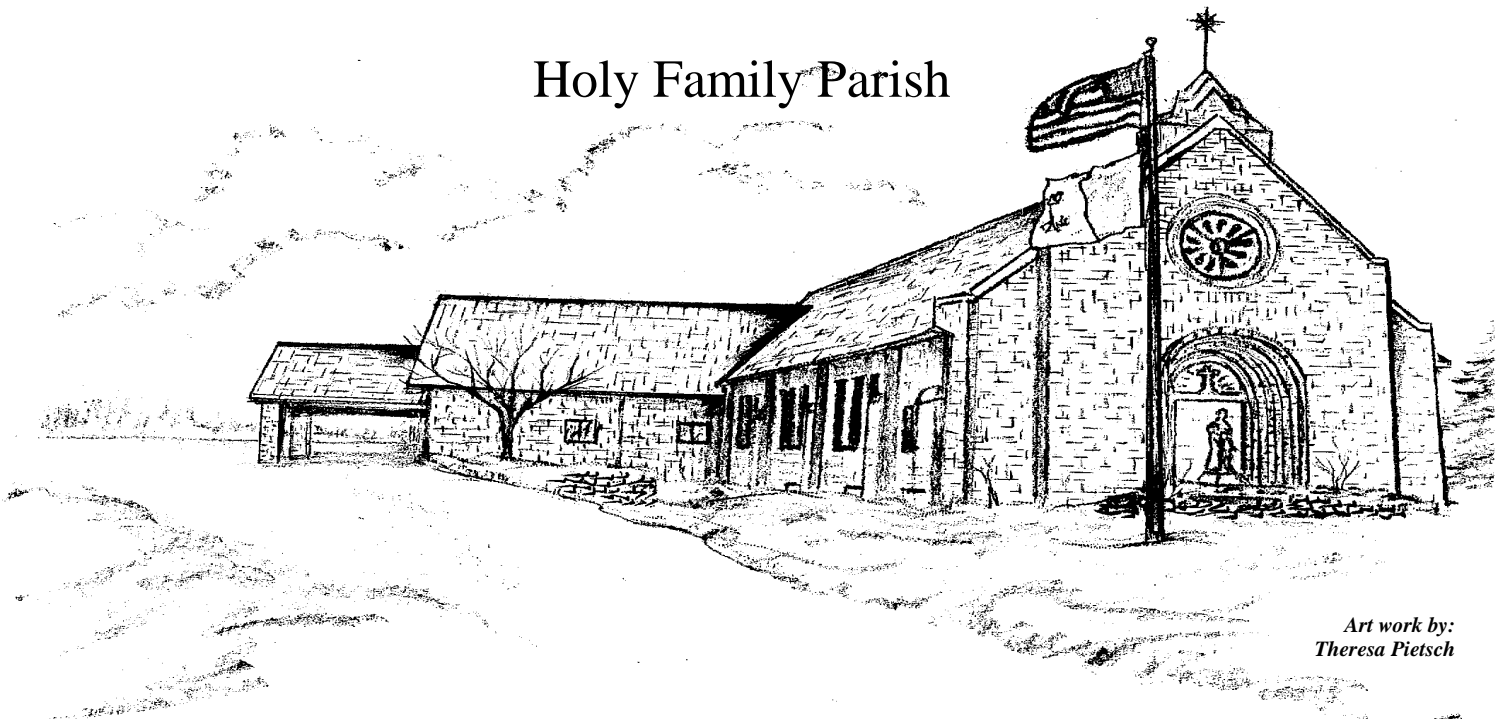


# Holy Family Parish



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## Second Sunday of Advent – December 6, 2015

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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. 8<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday.....	8:00 A.M.....	Amy Chenier Kositzke
	7:00 P.M.....	For the People of the Parish
Wednesday....	8:00 A.M.....	John Umes
Thursday.....	8:00 A.M.....	For the Prayer Shawl Recipients
Friday.....	8:00 A.M.....	Mary Vermote Arbour
Saturday.....	4:00 P.M.....	Dec. Nelson/Gardner Families
Sunday.....	8:00 A.M.....	Irene Longbucco
	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. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Tom Desy  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Virginia Hallfrisch  
10:00 AM – Jodi Gardner

**MASS SERVERS: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Trent & Alesha Marenger  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Rivard’s  
10:00 AM - Elliot Danhoff & Gregory Chenier

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Piper Desy  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Diane LaMarche  
10:00 AM – Harold Fladstadt

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Art Caron, Don Smith, Kevin Dubord, Steven Janchenko  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Bob Marcella, Ron Germain, Joe Menard, Jim Chenier  
10:00 AM – Harold Young, Bill Plouff, Brian Smith, Adolph Lippens

**VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 PM – The Gascons      Sun. at 8:00 AM – Carol LaFave      Sun. at 10:00 AM – Tami Chouinard

**The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye**

**HOPE** – With the most recent shootings in our Nation it is essential that Catholic Christian keep focused on the “Reason for the Season.” The Father in Heaven send us His beloved son in order to make sense of His love for mankind. Over 2000 years ago there was unrest in the Middle East, which was not much different from Advent 2015. The Lord was born in the midst of tragedy, hopelessness, and misguided followers of Yahweh. I implore you DO NOT lose hope and fall into angry despair. Remember why we celebrate Advent by remembering what each week focuses on in our preparation.

**1st CANDLE** – (purple) **THE CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. “*And again, Isaiah says, ‘The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*” (Romans 15:12-13)

**2nd CANDLE** – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! “*As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’* (Luke 3:4-6)

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

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 P.M. -	Ladies Altar Society Christmas Party
Tues.	Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. -	Mass - Holy Day of Obligation Mass Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Wed.	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 P.M. -	Family Group Gathering
Thurs.	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M. -	Prayer Shawl Ministry Smear League
Sat.	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM
Sun.	Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M. -	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:

Annie Hirn, Nancy Marenger, Raymond Beauchamp  
 Raymond J. Brunette, Tina Kelloniemi, Pam Houle  
 Diane Helman, Baby Girl King, Donette Ostrander  
 Jim Willford, Jim Vandermission, David Gardner  
 Pat McGlynn, Laurie Gardner, Ruth Chouinard  
 Gracie Wickham, Lynn Johnson, Kim Bigley  
 Lulu Johnson, Michael Dawson  
 Amanda Chenier, Susan VanDrese, Janet Gazan  
 Nick Nolde, Darlene McGeary, Christine Kleiman  
 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  
 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; Place your **unwrapped** gift back beneath the Christmas evergreen; in our church gathering area by December thirteen!

### Parish Faith & Family News

We were unable to have our Family Group Gathering this past week because of a funeral but we have rescheduled the Gathering for this Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:15p.m. Everyone in the parish is welcome to attend. We are having an Advent skit with refreshments to follow. This is mandatory for all families in the Religious Ed Program.

### ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH



The Ladies Altar Society will be holding their Christmas Party on this 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 sign up 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!

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Rex McGinn and Frank Paquin who passed away during the past week. May their soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.



### SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** - God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could, some blunder and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely.
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** - So much of what is great has sprung from the closeness of family ties.
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Belief in God is acceptance of the basic principles that the universe makes sense, that there is behind it an ultimate purpose.
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** - When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Every speaker has a mouth, An arrangement rather neat. Sometimes it's filled with wisdom, Sometimes it's filled with feet.

**Monday**  
Is 35:1-10  
Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**  
Gn 3:9-15,20  
Eph 1:3-6,11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday**  
Is 40:25-31  
Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**  
Is 41:13-20  
Mt 11:11-15

**Friday**  
Is 48:17-10  
Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**  
Zec 2:14-17  
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

**Sunday**  
Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Adults Envelopes.....	\$3,518.00
Loose.....	356.78
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	37.00
St. Vincent dePaul Society.....	594.00
Harvest Dinner Donation.....	30.00
47 <sup>th</sup> U.P.S.C.A. Refund.....	757.96
Reimbursements.....	3,349.60
Campaign for Human Dev.....	40.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,703.34</b>

140 parishioners used envelopes for Nov. 29, 2015

**OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA**



**St. Anthony/St. Thomas**, 1820 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., annual Dinner Bazaar will be held THIS 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



**The Knights of Columbus 360**

All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend their Monday, December 14, 2015 monthly meeting. Officers meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting is at 7:30 p.m. *Remember the Christmas party is Sunday, December 13, 2015.*

**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**



## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule is 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The following people are scheduled to serve:

### 8:00 AM Mass

**Lector:** Bob Berbohm      **Altar Servers:** The Rivards      **Communion Minister:** Ron Chouinard  
**Ushers:** Any four men attending Mass

### 7:00 PM Mass

**Lector:** Diane Danhoff      **Altar Servers:** Laura Hallfrisch & Lucas Hughes  
**Communion Minister:** Anne DeShambo      **Ushers:** Any four men attending Mass

## SUMUS MISSILES DEUM

This month I would really like to start off by extending a very grateful “thank you” to all of you for giving me such a warm welcome home over Thanksgiving Break. Whether I saw you at one of the masses or out around in town, I received such a great welcome and loved being able to see so many people. It’s hard to believe already that in two weeks it will be finals week for the first semester and I will be back home again for Christmas break! I am ready to complete finals since Thanksgiving break didn’t mean a break from academics. Ben and I had to spend time on our drive back to Detroit quizzing each other on Latin! We indeed made up on our own song to remember which prepositions in Latin take an ablative or accusative case- how fun ☺ However, it did help on the quiz! Thank you all again for your support, and I am looking forward to being home again soon.

*God Bless- Christian*

## Happenings at Surrounding Parishes

**Confessions** will be held at All Saints Church in Gladstone on Dec. 14th at 7pm. Wednesday, Dec. 16th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Bark River at 6:30. Also, there are confessions heard on Friday Dec. 11th & 18th from 5-6:30 pm at St. Anne’s Parish and the City Wide Penance service will be at St. Joseph/St. Patrick Parish on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

**25th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life** is on December 8th at 9pm until 1am on the 9th, at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church. Now more than ever, America needs to invoke the Inter-cession of our Blessed Mother! There will be community prayer and quiet pray with the Hour of Unity at 12:00 Midnight to 1 am. Please join us by entering through the 7th St. entrance anytime between 9pm and 1am.



**“HOLY YEAR OF MERCY” BEGINS DEC. 8  
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

“Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”. In these words from the Our Father, there is a plan for life, based on mercy. Mercy, kindness, forgiveness of debts, is not only a thing of devotion, of intimacy, of spiritual healing, a sort of oil which helps us be kinder, better, no. It is the prophecy of a new world: mercy is the prophecy of a new world, in which the goods of the earth and of work are equally distributed and no one lacks the necessary, because solidarity and sharing are the concrete result of fraternity. ...“Here is the truly modern sense of the Jubilee Year, this Celestine Jubilee Year, which I proclaim open from this moment, and during which the

door of divine mercy will stand wide open to everyone. It is not an escape, not an avoidance of reality and of one’s problems, it is the answer that comes from the Gospel: love as a force of purification, of integrity, a force of renewal of social relationships, a force of planning for a different economy, which places the person, work and family at the center rather than money and profit. ... “These two things: to convert oneself and perform works of mercy. This is the driving force of this year, this Celestine Jubilee Year. May we always be accompanied and sustained on this journey by the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy.” -Pope Francis

**CRAFT SHOW & LUNCHEON - 2015  
FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN**

**INCOME**

22 Crafter Tables @ \$10 each	\$220.00
Lunch Tickets--126 served	\$756.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$116.00
Donut donations	\$3.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

food expenses--Cookie	\$117.88
postage	\$23.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140.91</b>

**EXPENSE - Advertising**

UP Action ad - 2 wks	\$87.60
Manistique Advisor ad - 2 wks	\$42.00
<b>Total - Advertising</b>	<b>\$129.60</b>

**Total profit** **\$824.49**