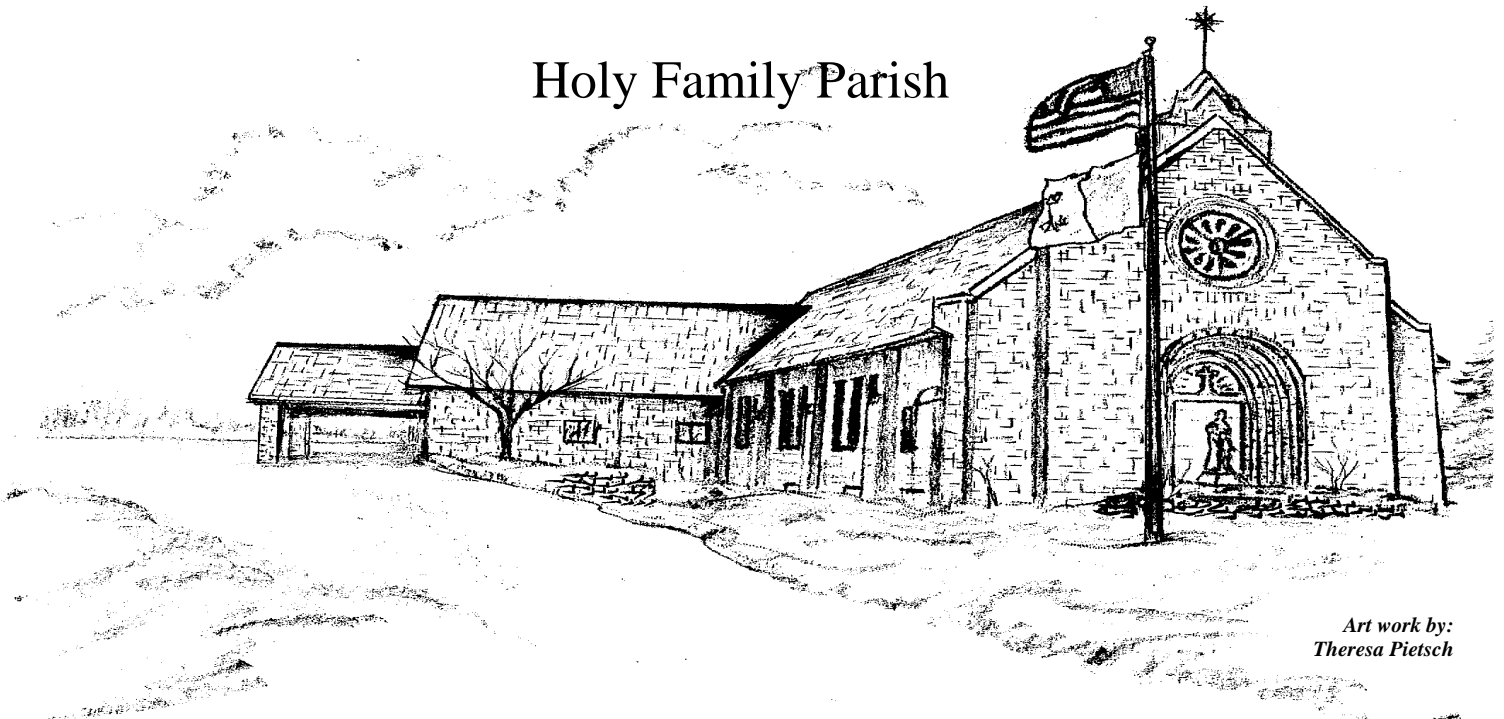


Holy Family Parish



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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.

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. 15th thru Dec. 20th

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....No Mass

Wednesday.....8:00 A.M.....Germaine Deno

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Janet VanDamme

(*Birthday Remembrance*)

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Thomas Flagstadt

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Shane & Rex McGinn

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Alvin DeMoulin 6th Anniv.

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. 19th – 20th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Mike LaFleur
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Audrey Herioux
10:00 AM – Gerald Miron

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 19th – 20th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Alesha & Emily Marenger
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Laura Hallfrisch & Lucas Hughes
10:00 AM - Gabe & Daniel Smith

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 19th – 20th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Debbie Nolde
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Sue Miles
10:00 AM – John Miron

VIDEO LIBRARY

Sat. at 4:00 PM – Linda Deksnis
Sun at 8:00 AM – Ruth Anderson
10:00 AM – Christy Nelson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 19th – 20th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Kevin Dubord, Jim Chenier, Richard Newhouse
Sun. at 8:00 AM – Don Anderson, Don Pellegrini, John King, Neil VanDrese
10:00 AM – Bob Tourangeau, Galen VanDrese, Alfred Gareau, Roger Chenier

The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye

This 3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! “...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’” (Luke 2:7-15)

The 4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. “...I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:10b-11). God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:16-17)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	Dec. 15 th	6:00 P.M. -	No Mass
Wed.	Dec. 16 th	6:15 P.M. -	Classes for 2 nd and 3 rd grade CCD class
Thurs.	Dec. 17 th	7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Sat.	Dec. 19 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM
Sun.	Dec. 20 th	11:00 A.M. -	Decorating for Christmas with lunch

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

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

Next Sunday, Dec. 20th, we will be decorating our church for the Christmas Season following the 10 am Mass. We will also have lunch. If you can please come and help. The more hands we have the easier and faster the job is.

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

Parish Faith & Family News

We had a wonderful Family Group Gathering this past Wednesday. There were four skits, one for each week of Advent, that we hope helped you better prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus. We hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you Father John for helping us with our skits.

I know it's hard to think of summer right now, but deadlines for the Steubenville North Youth Conference is in January. There is a new site for the Youth Conference this year. It is in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on July 22-24, 2016.

There is a non-refundable \$50 deposit due by January 4, 2016. I have all the necessary forms in the office.

There will be classes for the 2nd and 3rd graders this week on Wednesday, starting at 6:15 p.m.

March for Life and "9 Days for Life"

This coming January our nation faces the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Since that tragic decision over 57 million children's lives have been lost. While our society relegates abortion to a matter of personal choice, often denying the personhood of unborn children, we know that the Gospel of Life will prevail. Whether you plan to travel to Washington D.C. for the March, or you plan to attend rallies, marches or liturgies in your own area, please consider participating in the "9 Days for Life" period of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage from January 16-24, 2016. More information about the novena is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm>

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 13th - God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

Dec. 14th - Help me never to judge another until I have walked a day in his steps.

Dec. 15th - CHEER UP! Birds also have bills, but they keep on singing.

Dec. 16th - A fault-mender is better than a fault-finder.

Dec. 17th - A partnership with God is motherhood.

Dec. 18th - Christmas is a time for children, No matter what their age. Spirit is the only ticket, And heart the only gauge.

Dec. 19th - There is no right way to do the wrong thing.

SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR BY CHURCH OFFICIALS OR VOLUNTEERS

If you know of an incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by anyone in Church service, including a member of the clergy, a religious, a lay employee or volunteer, we encourage you to come forward so that the Diocese of Marquette can take action to protect others and help those who have been harmed to find healing. We are open to and respect your complaint. You are important. We want to make this process as safe as possible. Victim's Assistance Coordinators are there to help those who have been harmed through the difficult and sometimes painful process of healing and hope. How to begin the process:

Call one of the Diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinators: Stephen Lynott at 844-495-4330 (toll-free) or Diane Tryan at 844-694-4362 (toll-free) or Write: Victim's Assistance Coordinator, c/o Catholic Social Services of the U.P., 1100 Ludington Street, Suite 401, Escanaba, MI 49829. Please mark the letter "Personal and Confidential" and indicate in your letter how you wish to be contacted (by phone or by letter). We always encourage you to report the incident to local civil authorities. The Diocese of Marquette reports all allegations to the appropriate civil authorities.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Nm 24:2-7,15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday
Zep 3:1-2,9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday
Is 45:6b-8
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday
Gn 49:2,8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Friday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday
Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday
Mi 5:5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults Envelopes.....	\$4,474.00
Loose.....	363.00
General Maintenance.....	144.00
Fuel.....	227.00
St. Vincent dePaul Society.....	20.00
Flowers.....	501.00
Mass Stipends.....	200.00
Reimbursement.....	23.03
Misc.....	35.00
Immaculate Conception.....	35.00
Total.....	\$6,022.03

161 parishioners used envelopes for Dec. 6, 2015

The Knights of Columbus 360

Thank you to our parish priests and parishioners for your support with the sale of our Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs and Nativity Scene magnets. Our monthly business meeting is this Monday, December 14, at 7:30p.m. Plan now to attend the K.C. Retreat with Father Cory Litzner, our Diocesan Chaplain, for the Knights of Columbus, at Marygrove Retreat Center on January 8-10, 2016.

Confessions will be held at All Saints Church on Dec. 14th at 7pm. Wed., Dec. 16th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:30 PM. Also the City Wide Penance service will be at St. Joseph/St. Patrick Parish on Tuesday, December 15th starting at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!