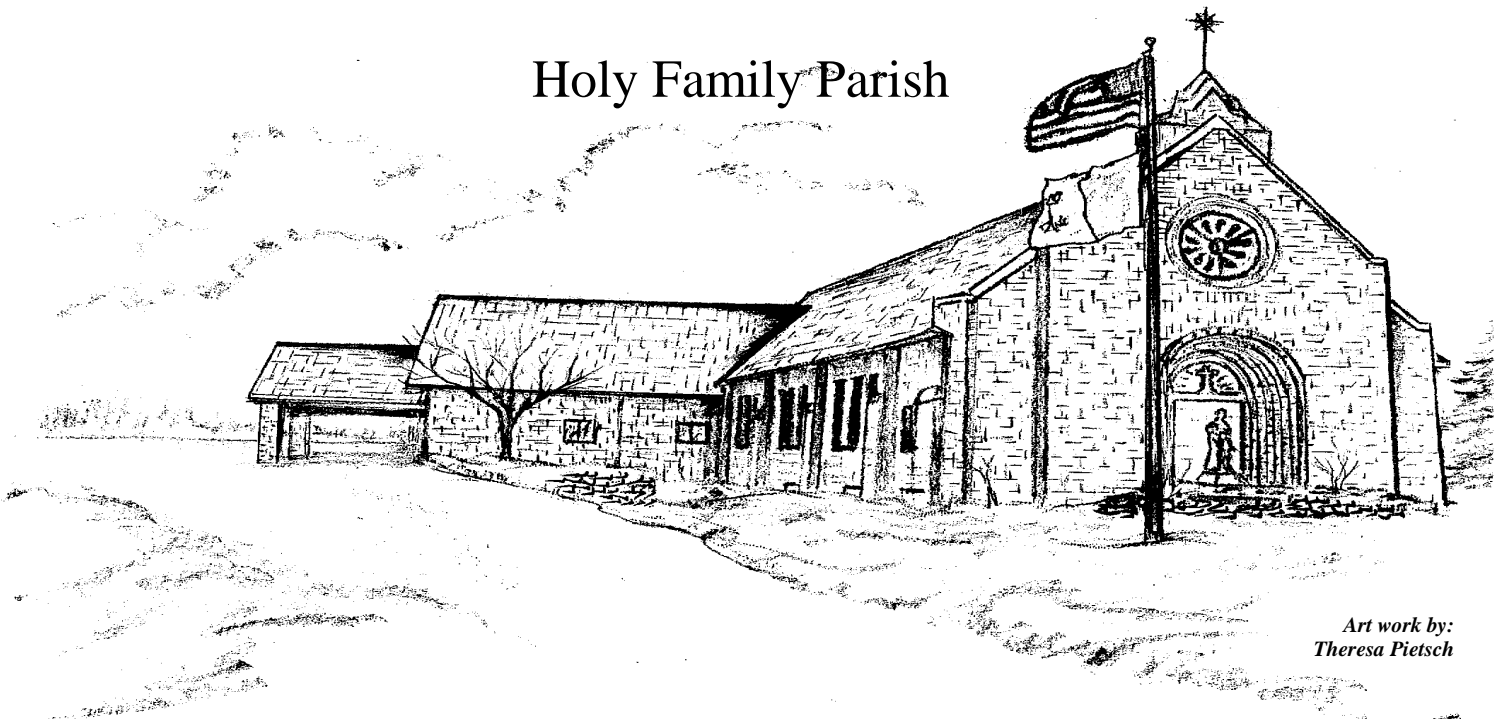


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REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

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. 22nd thru Dec. 27th

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....Mary Hubert

Wednesday.....8:00 A.M.....Sr. Bernice Richer

Thursday.....5:00 P.M.....For the People of the Parish

8:00 P.M.....Jack Gascon

Friday.....9:00 A.M.....Cameron Delveaux

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Gerald L. Nelson (18th Anniv.)

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....For the People of the Parish

10:00 A.M.....Sandy Groleau 2nd Anniv.

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. 26th – 27th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Lori Tourangeau

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Bob Berbohm

10:00 AM – Rosemary Beauchamp

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 26th – 27th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Simon Chouinard

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Elliot Danhoff & Lucas Hughes

10:00 AM - Gregory Chenier

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 26th – 27th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Nichole Silverstone

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Rosemary Beauchamp

10:00 AM – Bob Tourangeau

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 26th – 27th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Art Caron, Adolph Lippens, Richard Newhouse, Stephen Janchenko

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. 26th – 27th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Doris Newhouse

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Donna Richer

10:00 AM – Janice Plouff

The Pastor's Mind's Eye

Soon it will be Christmas Day

Many Christmas Carols have these words somewhere in either the refrain or the verses. Our Advent Hymns have been telling the story getting ready for the Gift of our Heavenly Father. As I sit and listen to Perry Como sing Schubert's "Ave Marie," something I do from the 4th Sunday of Advent until my first Mass on Christmas Eve. This I did with my mother since I was very young. My mother was a convert to Catholicism. When I was older I asked her why this song and why during these days. Her answer was simple and yet very profound: "John, since I converted this song has brought me so much calm, peace and focus." But she never answered my question as to "Why now?"

Years later I realized she needed that peaceful gentle song to clear her head of: Christmas lists, Christmas recipes, Christmas card lists, office and neighborhood Christmas parties, Christmas concerts at all the schools. I encourage you to find the Christmas Song/Hymn that will calm you and focus you to be able to truly celebrate the Nativity of the Lord

My Good Wishes and Blessings go out to you on Christmas. Remember this Christmas, in the Year of Mercy, is an excellent time to mend fences in your families.

Sumus Missiles Deum

Hello everyone! I hope you are all doing well. It was great to be home over Thanksgiving break and see some of you. It's crazy to think that we only have a little bit of time left here at the seminary and then I'll be home for a few weeks! Just one more week crazy week of exams to get through. Even though there's lots of work and long nights of studying philosophy of nature, logic, Latin, and other classes, there's excitement in the chaos since I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Whenever I feel burnt out from sledging through syllogisms or enthymemes, I just say prayer and remind myself that I'll be home soon. I want to thank you all for your support this semester. I know that your prayers were at work and really helped me grow in my formation. Please pray for me and Christian as we finish this semester of seminary. You are in our daily prayers. *God bless, Ben Rivard*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	Dec. 22 nd	4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent de Paul Society meets Mass
Wed.	Dec. 23 rd	12:00 PM - 6:15 P.M. -	Senior Citizen meet NO Classes
Thurs.	Dec. 24 th	5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. -	Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass
Fri.	Dec. 25 th	9:00 A.M. -	Christmas Day Mass
Sat.	Dec. 26 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM

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
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



This 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.

Christmas Schedule

5:00 PM Mass on December 24th

Reader: Christy Nelson

Mass Servers: Lucas Hughes, Gabe & Daniel Smith

Minister of Communion: Anne DeShambo

Ministers of Hospitality: Brian Smith, Joe Menard
Richard Newhouse, Art Caron

8:00 PM Mass on December 24th

Reader: Scott Shepeck

Mass Servers: Trent, Emily & Alesha Marenger
and Laura Hallfrisch

Minister of Communion: Cindi Shepeck

Ministers of Hospitality: Alfred Gareau, Dale
Richer, Eugene Marenger, Adolph Lippens

9:00 AM Mass on December 25th

Reader: Barb Tardiff

Mass Servers: 3 Rivard's

Minister of Communion: Harold Flagstadt

Minister of Hospitality: Don Anderson, John King
Bob Marcella, Don Pellegrini

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 20th - Before your gifts are all wrapped up and gayly ribbon tied, Please remember to tuck a lot of love inside.

Dec. 21st - Christmas is a time to remember timeless stories from days of your, A time to ponder what's ahead, A time to open another door.

Dec. 22nd - Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. H.W. Mabie

Dec. 23rd- Not what we give, But what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare. J. R. Cowell.

Dec. 24th - Christmas is the delight of loving and being loved in return, not for gifts tied with bows, but for gifts of the Spirit offered with an open heart every day of the year. Pearl Buck.

Dec. 25th - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Dec. 26th - It's a little too much to save, And a little too much to dump. There's nothing to do but eat it, That makes the housewife plump.

Scholarships Available: Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund. The scholarships aid graduating 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 <http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/bbscholarshipink> 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. Application must be received no later than March 15, 2016.



Funding assistance provided by Legacy of Faith for the book Rediscover Jesus that all

parishioners should have received. If you do not receive one please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Sg 2:8-14 or Sep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday

Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday

Mal 3:1-4,23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Thursday

Is 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Friday

Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:41-52

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults Envelopes.....	\$3,064.00
Loose.....	312.90
Fuel.....	30.00
Retirement.....	560.00
Flowers.....	28.00
Mass Stipends.....	140.00
Reimbursement.....	138.55
Immaculate Conception.....	982.40
Total.....	\$5,255.85

170 parishioners used envelopes for Dec 13, 2015

Parish Faith & Family News

It's hard to believe that next week is Christmas! Most of you should be around Chapter 17 by the end of the 2015 year. But please check your schedule you received to know where your children should be. It might be a good time to catch up on your chapters.

When we come back in January, we start off with our Family Group Gathering on January 6, 2016, at 6:15p.m. Let's start out the New Year with all families in attendance for the gathering.

Our third graders will be at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. They will be Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and angels. Please have the kids here by

4:15 to get them dressed and to run through walking in.