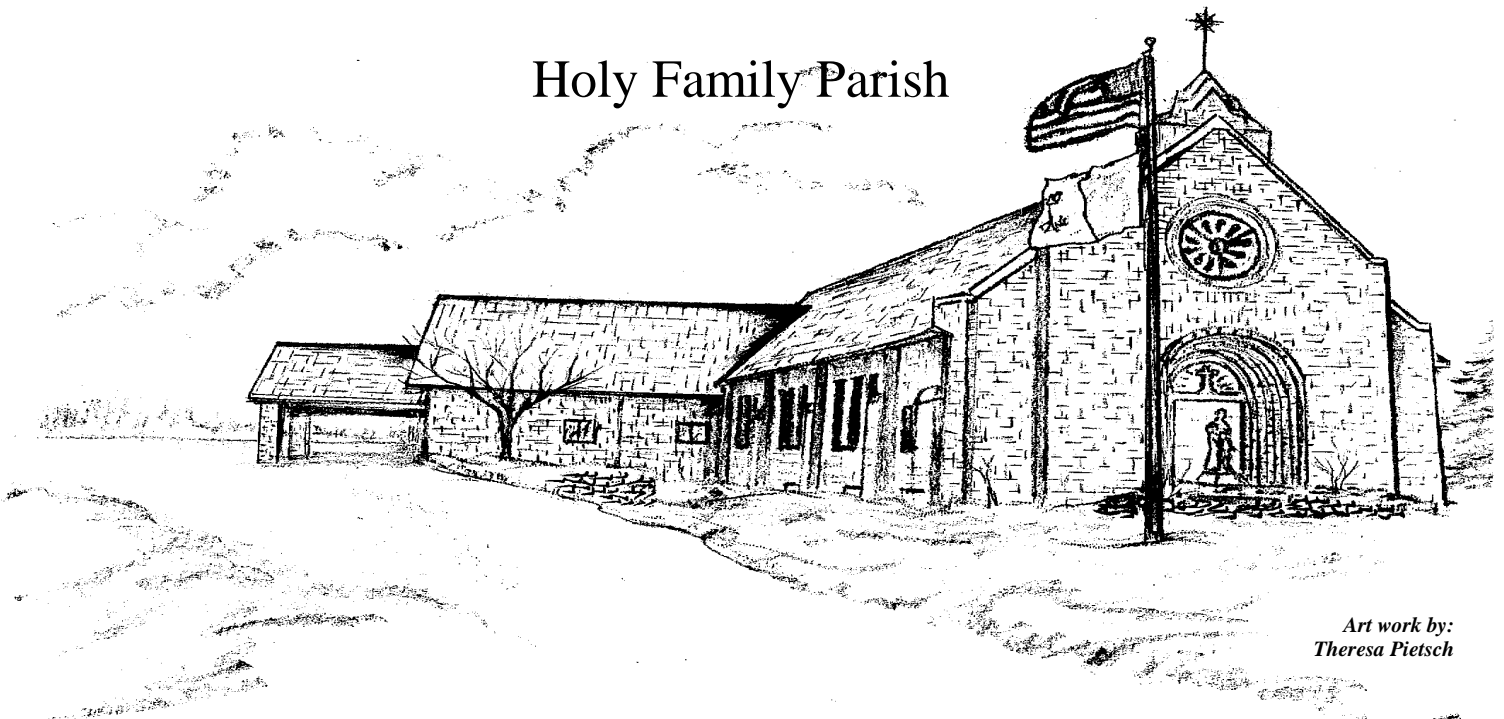


# Holy Family Parish



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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 27, 2015

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### Pastoral Council Members

Brian Smith – President Barb Tardiff

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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. 29<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....Rex McGinn

Wednesday.....8:00 A.M.....Nathan Vermote

Thursday.....4:00 P.M.....Tom Srock

Friday.....9:00 A.M.....Janet Ostrander

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Amy Chenier Kositzke

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....James 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: Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **MASS SERVERS: Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Elliot Danhoff & Simon Chouinard  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Laura Hallfrisch & Lucas Hughes  
10:00 AM – Trent & Emily Marenger

### **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Piper Desy  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ron Chouinard  
10:00 AM – Gerald Miron

### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Kevin Dubord, Eugene Marenger, Stephen Janchenko, Art Caron  
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Jim Chenier, Don Anderson, Don Pellegrini, Neil VanDrese  
10:00 AM – Bob Tourangeau, Galen VanDrese, Roger Chenier, Harold Young

### **VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – The Gascons      Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ruth Anderson      10:00 AM – Tami Chouinard

January 1, 2016 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule will be December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM and January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM. The following people are scheduled to serve:

#### **Readers**

4:00 PM Mass – Tom Desy  
9:00 AM Mass – Diane Danhoff

#### **Altar Servers**

4:00 PM Mass – Gabe & Daniel Smith  
9:00 AM Mass – Rivard's

#### **Ministers of Communion**

4:00PM Mass – Jay Belcher  
9:00 AM Mass – Dan Chouinard

#### **Ministers of Hospitality**

4:00 PM – Brian Smith, Richard Newhouse, Art Caron, Eugene Marenger  
9:00 AM – Don Anderson, Don Pellegrini, Joe Menard, Alfred Gareau

## The Pastor's Mind's Eye

#### **Our Patronal Feast Day,**

Just 2 days after Christmas the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Just two days after Christmas some people are trying to fix broken gifts, buy more batteries and at the same time candy canes and chocolate Santa's are in the 75% off discount bins. This Feast continues to emphasize the Reason for the Season.

The Christ child is here and doesn't need batteries, and certainly shouldn't be returned for a big, better and faster model. This new born gift of our Heavenly Father must now be kept throughout the year. Just like Joseph and Mary kept Him close, safe and healthy while he grew in wisdom and knowledge. You and I must follow the example of the Holy Family and keep Jesus' teachings lining in our hearts and homes. We must never let the great gift of peace and mercy sit on a shelf and get dusty, like some of the material Christmas gifts.

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 P.M. -	Mass
Thurs.	Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 P.M. -	New Year's Eve Mass
Fri.	Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 A.M. -	New Year's Day Mass
Sat.	Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM
Sun.	Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	----- -	Coffee Social after the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

### 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  
Amanda Chenier, Michael Dawson  
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

### In Sympathy



Please pray for the souls of David Gardner and Walter Marcella whose funerals were recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

### Parish Faith & Family News

Our next Family Group Gathering will be January 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:45 p.m. We will have a **BONFIRE** behind church and cook hot dogs on the grill and have other snacks too. We hope you will come join us. This, however, is mandatory for all families in the CCD program.

Please save your (real) Christmas tree when it's time to throw it out. We will need it for our bonfire. You can drop it off to the Church's east side parking lot. Let's hope we get some snow so the kids can go sledding too.

This is a reminder to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents; some of the children have not handed in any worksheets from the Reconciliation Pardon and Peace book. Please hand them in as they are done. Also, we hope you are going over the stories with your child.

Hope your Christmas was wonderful and we pray you will be blessed in the New Year.

### Monthly Coffee Social

Next Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our monthly coffee social after the 8:00 & 10 am Masses. Theoret's corner is in charge.



## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>** - The greatest thing in life is to be needed.
- Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** - You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.
- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Beware of the high cost of low living.
- Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** - It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** - And as the Old Year slips away, He kindly with him takes The pages we have blurred and marred With failures and mistakes. The blighted hopes and needless bears are gone beyond recall. And ours once more the fair, clean page the New Year brings to all.
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** - God bless thy year - the rough, the smooth, the bright, the dear - GOD BLESS THY YEAR!
- Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - This year is the one in which you promised to do so much last year.

**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.



A big THANK YOU to all who decorated our church so beautiful this year for the Christmas Season.

The new server schedules are now posted on our website at [www.holyfamilyparish.net](http://www.holyfamilyparish.net)

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <p><b>Monday</b><br/>1 Jn 1:5-2:2<br/>Mt 2:13-18</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>1 Jn 2:12-17<br/>Lk 2:36-40</p> <p><b>Friday</b><br/>Nm 6:22-27<br/>Lk 2:16-21</p> | <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>1 Jn 2:3-11<br/>Lk 2:22-35</p> <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>1 Jn 2:18-21<br/>Jn 1:1-18</p> <p><b>Saturday</b><br/>1 Jn 2:22-28<br/>Jn 1:19-28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b><br/>Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12</p> |
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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults Envelopes.....	\$3,770.00
Loose.....	297.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	60.00
Retirement.....	60.00
Flowers.....	30.00
Seminary Fund.....	15.00
Adult Education.....	240.00
St. Vincent dePaul.....	51.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,553.00</b>

153 parishioners used envelopes for Dec 20, 2015

### **Knights of Columbus Escanaba Council #640**

To all men 18 years and older of the parish, make joining the Knights of Columbus your New Year's resolution. Pope Francis has declared a Year of Mercy. The Church gives us the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy to inspire us to action. Put your faith into action and join your local Knights of Columbus this year. For more information about the Knights, call Harold Flagstadt, Grand Knight, at 786-5034.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Boys and girls ages 9 through 14 as of January 1, 2016: date of competition is Friday, January 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. place of competition - Northern Lights YMCA Please contact Tom Desy for entry forms at 399-3138 or 789-7491.