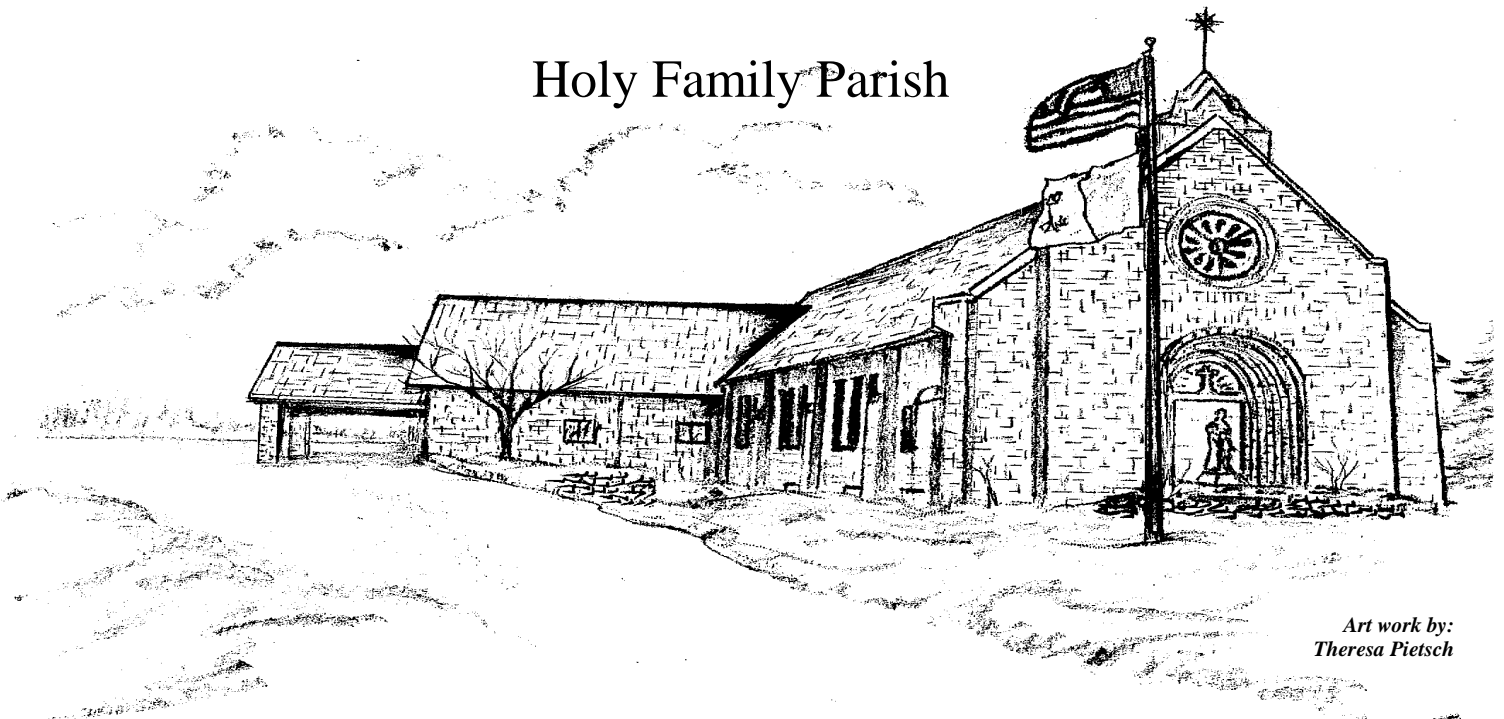


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REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

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 March 21st thru March 26th

Tuesday.....8:00 A.M.....Oliver Chenier

7:00 P.M.....Stations of the Cross

Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Marvin Nelson

Thursday.....6:00 P.M.....Virginia Paquin

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Edward Blahnik

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Walter & Rosemary Solis

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Robert Valley 1st Anniv.

10:00 A.M.....For the People of the Parish

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: March 25th – 26th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Lori Tourangeau
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Beverly Plimpton
10:00 AM – Tom Desy

MASS SERVERS: March 25th – 26th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Trent & Emily Marenger
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. - Rivard’s
10:00 AM - Gabe, Daniel, Ben Smith, Joshua Racine

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: March 25th – 26th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Anne DeShambo
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Harold Flagstadt
10:00 AM – Piper Desy

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: March 25th – 26th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Kevin Dubord & Eugene Marenger
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Joe Menard & Bob Marcella
10:00 AM – Harold Young & Alfred Gareau

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: March 25th – 26th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Julie Caron Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ruth Anderson Sun. at 10:00 AM – Christy Nelson

The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye

Now that you know how the date for Easter is determined, I thought it would be good to share with you some Lenten customs from around the world.

Fun Facts About Lenten Traditions Around the World:

Danes’ traditional Last Hurrah before Lent is called “Fastelavn” and consists of the eating of multitudes of jam-filled pastries and children whacking a barrel full of candy. The kids who successfully break it open are declared “Cat King” and “Cat Queen.” In case you’re wondering, yes, that is because before candy, the barrel used to contain a live cat. Of course, these are the folks who brought us Lutefisk and Frances McDormand’s accent in *Fargo*. So I guess beating a barrel with a cat in it isn’t that weird.

In Oaxaca, Mexico, the final Friday of Lent is observed by people making aguas frescas and ice cream and giving them out to passersby, in honor of the Samaritan woman who gave Jesus water on his way back to Galilee.

In Germany, Holy Thursday is known as “Green Thursday” and green foods are eaten. Swedish children dress as witches on Holy Thursday and are given Easter Eggs and candy. Why witches? I have absolutely no idea.



**HOLY NAME LENTEN FISH FRY FUNDRAISER
EVERY FRIDAY 4:00-7:00 PM THROUGH APRIL 7**



\$10.00 dinner includes 3 pieces of fish, choice of 2 sides, coleslaw, roll, dessert and beverage. Kids Meal (10 & under) \$5.00 includes 1 piece of fish, choice of 2 sides, coleslaw, roll, dessert and beverage.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	March 21 st	8:00 A.M. - Mass 7:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross
Wed.	March 22 nd	6:15 P.M. - Family Group Gathering
Thurs.	March 23 rd	6:00 P.M. - Mass 7:30 P.M. - Smear League
Sat.	March 25 th	11:00 A.M. - Confessions heard until 12:00 P.M. 2:30 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass
Sun.	March 26 th	11:00 AM - Adult Education Class

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:

Marion Sodergren, Joanne Stefl, Junior Lippens
Heather Jarvis, Dwaine Taylor, Lynn Johnson
Karen Welch, Richard Ostrander, Debra Taylor
Betty Spring, Pat DeMenter, Larry Chouinard
Carol Katch, Pat Hughes, Betty Lou Tourangeau
Donald Pellegrini, Joyce VanDrese, Tom Neuens
Duane & Nancy Marenger, James Paquin, Matt Smith
Laurie Gascon, Denise Seymour, A Special Intention
Cecilia Terrien, Paula Pare, Tina Kelloniemi
Jean Way, Jim Vandermission, Clarence Roberts
Pat McGlynn, Ruth Chouinard, Amy Plouff
Amanda Chenier, Michael & Rita Dawson, Frank Novak
Kathy McGinn, Susan VanDrese, Pam Houle
Darlene McGeary, Christine Kleiman, Sue Mulzer
Tabitha Brunette, Shirley Frazer, Dustin Berube
Nick Nolde, Michael Dombe, Allie Grenier
Diane Helman, Joanne Popkowski, Rose Morrison
Sally Luft, Tom Forvilly, Janet Gazan, Sydney Berndt
Roger Arnold, Nancy Paquin, Coda Meadors
Kathryn Fudala, Janet Shelley, Shelly Polakcyk
Kathy LaCosse, Payten LaMarch Raymond Beauchamp
Brenda Chouinard, Kay Edington, Elvira Skrupski
Peggy Verbrigghe, Darlene Kelloniemi, Bill Whitney

Parish Faith & Family News

This week Wednesday, March 22, is our family group gathering. The topic is prayer, fasting, and alms giving. We will begin at 6:15 and end at 7:30 p.m. We will be making a crown of thorns.

Next Sunday, March 26th, there will be no Confirmation class. This is the start of Spring Break. Enjoy your spring break!

To all youth from grades 8 – 12. You are invited to the 4th annual Lent Lock-in at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bark River. The theme is "The Armor of God". Every day an invisible war rages around us and the enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to us. This retreat will provide you the proper "tools" to be spiritually equipped to put on the Armor of God and to ensure victory in your lives.

It begins Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. and ends Saturday, April 8 after 5:00 p.m. Mass. There will be prayer and adoration, group activities and music by the Christian rock band "The Well", food and games and guest speakers. The cost will be \$10.00. If you are interested, please contact Cathy in the office for a registration form. This will need to be handed in by April 1st. There will be plenty of chaperones for this event.

St. Vincent de Paul's Corner Notes

If you know of someone who needs help, please call Rosemary at 786-9442 so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Mar. 19th** - When alone, we have our own thoughts to watch; When in family, our tempers; When in society, our tongue.
- Mar. 20th** - It is natural to love them that love us, but it is supernatural to love them that hate us.
- Mar. 21st** - Money will buy a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.
- Mar. 22nd** - He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.
- Mar. 23rd** - Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God intended him to be.
- Mar. 24th** - The Bible - like a bank - is most helpful when it is open.
- Mar. 25th** - The first point of wisdom is to know the truth; the second, to discern what is false!

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FATIMA CELEBRATION

We call Our Lady's message at Fatima, "Heaven's Peace Plan." In the outline of this plan, the Blessed Mother asked for four things: (1) prayer, especially the daily Rosary, (2) sacrifices for sinners, (3) the daily faithful fulfillment of our duties in life according to our vocation and specific situations, and (4) the patient bearing of the trials and sufferings that come our way each day! Our Lady has told us that Jesus wants these things and in fact He needs them for the conversion of sinners. As she reminded the children, "Many souls are lost from God because there is no one to pray and sacrifice for them." When a great number of sinners have been converted, then peace will come!

Please plan on attending our diocesan-wide Fatima Centennial Celebration on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Full day of activities are planned for the whole family. The day begins at 9:00 am and concluding with the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop John Doerfler will be celebrating with us at St. Peter Cathedral. To help us plan for food and to provide everyone with free Fatima information, please register at www.DioceesofMarquette.org/fatima or call 1-800-562-9745 Ext 139. Many blessings upon you and your family!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <p>Monday
2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a</p> <p>Wednesday
Dt 4:1,5-9
Mt 5:17-19</p> <p>Friday
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34</p> | <p>Tuesday
Dn 3:25,34-43
Mt 18:21-35</p> <p>Thursday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23</p> <p>Saturday
Is 7:10-14;8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38</p> |
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,208.00
Loose.....	243.70
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Flowers.....	331.00
Mass Stipends.....	200.00
Diocesan School Collection.....	10.00
Reimbursement from Men's Club...	456.90
Donation from Men's Club.....	1,200.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	5.00
Total.....	\$5,674.60

134 Parishioners contributed for March 12th

Knights of Columbus Council 640 News



Hunger exists in every parish and community and is not confined to any season. During Lent, Catholics are asked to alleviate another's misfortune and through the

40 cans for lent program the Knights of Columbus can bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

The Knights will be collecting cans at all the Masses during Lent. Please be generous.

Our **NEW** Youth Missionary Program

At the request of three (3) young students from our Parish, we would like to send them on a mission trip to Honduras to serve the poorest of the poor in the city of LaPaz Honduras.

Laura Hallfrisch, Jamie Rivard and Tyler Rivard are interested in doing missionary work for **two (2) weeks**. As a parish we would be sending these young people to join with other Catholic youth of our area. They are a part of the **Servants of Christ** who have been going for years.

They will be leaving at the beginning of the summer. They are hoping to raise funds for this trip through the generosity of our parish. Some of the things this missionary group from Upper Michigan **has established** and does each year is:

A Bible Fiesta - For 10+ years they have put on a Bible camp where approximately 325 children from ages of 5-10 come to pray and learn.

A medical clinic – The group hires Honduran doctors, dentists and nurses to perform the actual clinic and they are their support people.

A Skill Center – in the past 3 years they have added skill classes to their mission. These classes

are designed to teach the people of the barrio skills to help them support their families. Currently included in the skill center are sewing, crocheting and wood working classes.

Missionaries of Charity – they financially support and spend time with the children. These children are diagnosed with HIV and have no family to care for them. They also work with the elderly people at Missionaries of Charity.

This Missionary trip costs approximately **\$1300.00** per person. In addition to working on that cost, the youth have been purchasing supplies, such as **vitamins and supplements**, to take with them for the people of LaPaz who are in most need. They are also working to take as much clothing and small toy items for the children as they can buy and can fit in their luggage. The children of the *barrio* have so little!

Any donation to help them make this missionary trip a reality would be very much appreciated. It is my goal that any extra will go into a fund to make it easier for anyone from our Parish that may feel called to do the same. If you would like to help us with this, please make donations of any amount to Holy Family and mark it **Servants of Christ Missionary Trip**.

On behalf of Laura, Jamie and Tyler, let's make one of His lowliest's life a little better,

Fr. John

A SMALL CROSS - A POWERFUL MESSAGE

When driving to, from, and through Frankenmuth, Michigan, I'm always intrigued with the many small simple crosses in the front yards of the homes we pass by.

Those crosses are a statement of support for Frankenmuth's Christian foundation.

Two years ago an atheist living there complained about two crosses on a bridge in town. He requested that they be removed and the town removed them.

He then decided that, since he was so successful with that, the city shield should also be changed since it had on it, along with other symbols, a heart with a cross inside signifying the city's Lutheran beginnings.

At that point, the residents decided they had had enough. Hundreds of residents made their opinions known by placing small crosses in their front yards.

Seeing this quiet but powerful statement from the community, the man removed his complaint. Those simple crosses remain in those front yards today.

After passing those crosses for two years, it finally hit me that a small cross in millions of front yards across our country could provide a powerful and inspiring message for all Americans passing them every day.

I think it might be time to take this idea across America. We have an administration that says "we are not a Christian nation" and everywhere you look the ACLU and others are trying to remove from our history and current lives any reference to God, prayer, or the fact that our country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles.

The majority of Americans are Christians, why are we letting this happen to us?

IT'S TIME TO STAND UP AND MAKE A STATEMENT. A SMALL QUIET BUT POWERFUL STATEMENT.

IF YOU AGREE, PLACE A SMALL WHITE CROSS IN YOUR FRONT YARD OR GARDEN FOR ALL TO SEE THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE.

It would be a beautiful thing to see crosses all across America.

The hand-made crosses are available by contacting Daniel Theoret @ 202-3314 or pick one up at Phyllis Theoret's. A cross is on display in the vestibule of the church.