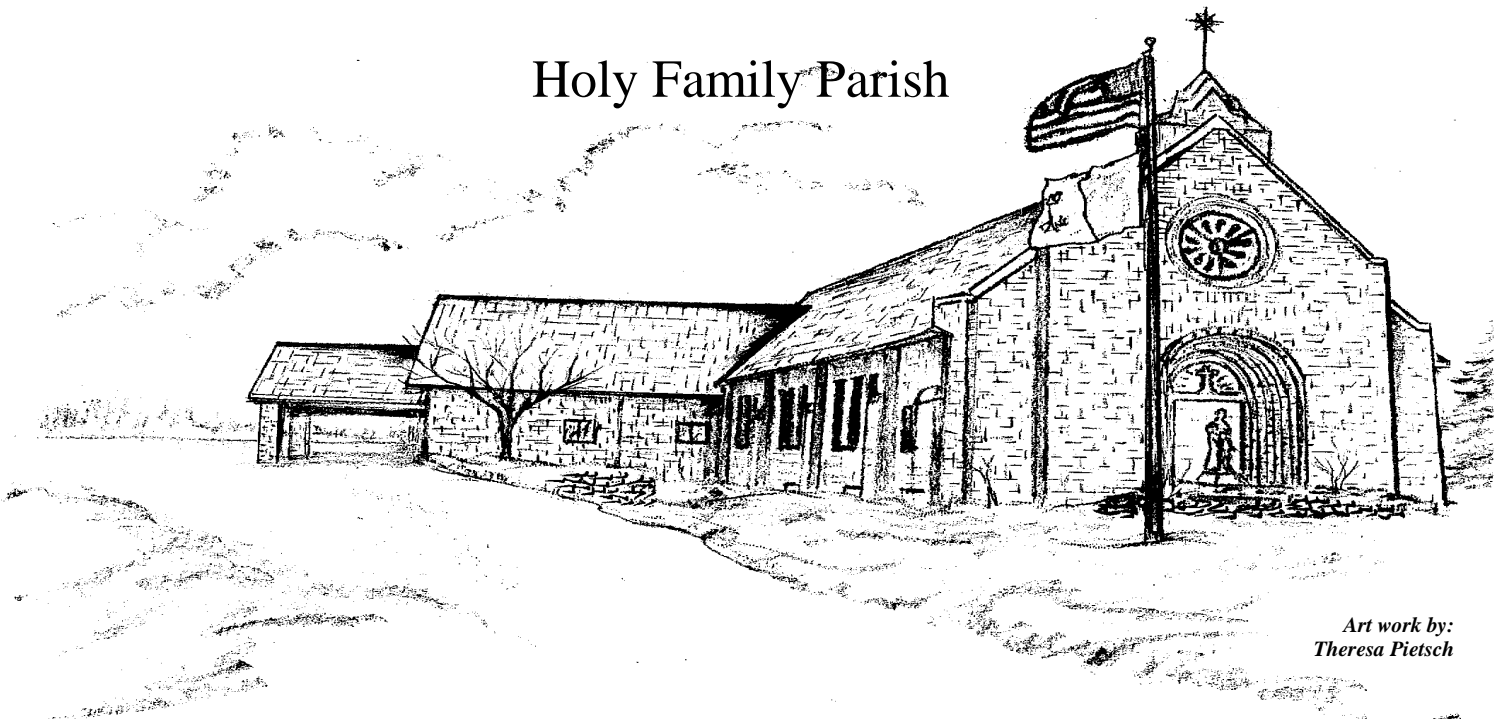


Holy Family Parish



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Divine Mercy Sunday – April 23, 2017

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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 Mass on Tuesday and Friday
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 April 25th thru April 30th

Tuesday..... 6:00 P.M.....Amy Chenier Kositzke

Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Lonnie Dittrich

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Don & Janice Warren

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Adolph & Eileen Nelson

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Deceased of the Flagstadt and
Fillion Families

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

10:00 A.M.....Elmer VanDrese

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: April 29th – 30th

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

MASS SERVERS: April 29th – 30th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. - Greg Chenier
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Simon Chouinard
10:00 AM - Alesha & Emily Marenger

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: April 29th – 30th

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

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: April 29th – 30th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Ron Smith & Kevin Dubord
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ron Germain & Joe Menard
10:00 AM – Eugene Marenger & Bill Plouff

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: April 29th – 30th

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

The Pastor's Mind's Eye

Prepare Yourself Properly for Today's Celebration of Divine Mercy

Going to Confession is not the only way we should prepare ourselves for Divine Mercy Sunday. As Cardinal Francis Macharski, Archbishop of Krakow, Poland explains in a 1985 pastoral letter, we are not simply called to ask for God's mercy with trust. We are also called to *be* merciful:

"Our own merciful attitude is likewise a preparation. Without deeds of mercy our devotion would not be real. For Christ does not only reveal the mercy of God, but at the same time He places before people the demand that they conduct themselves in life with love and mercy. The Holy Father states that this requirement constitutes the very heart of the Gospel *ethos* (*Rich in Mercy, 3*) - it is the commandment of love and the promise: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7). Let it be a mercy that is forgiving and true, and universal, with good words, deeds, and prayer for others!"

Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina about this requirement to be merciful are very strong and leave no room for misinterpretation:

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy ... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it" (742).

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. **Celebrate** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely **repent** of all our sins;
3. Place our complete **trust** in Jesus;
4. Go to **Confession**, preferably before that Sunday;
5. Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast;
6. **Venerate* the Image** of The Divine Mercy;
7. **Be merciful to others**, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents - in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	April 25 th	5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Confessions Mass First Communion Practice & Pictures St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	April 26 th	12:00 PM - 6:15 P.M. -	Senior Citizens meet Class for Adult Education
Sat.	April 29 th	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. -	Wedding - Heidi Nolde & Adam Swanson Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M.
Sun.	April 30 th	11:00 A.M. -	Confirmation 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:

Mike Larson Family, Bill & Shirley Frazer

The rest of the list is now in our Book of Intentions at the back of church.

Parish Faith & Family News

This week on Tuesday, April 25th, we will be having 1st Communion pictures and practice after the evening Mass. We will start around 6:30 p.m. Please come dressed as you would on the day of.

Coming up Wednesday, May 3, will be our final CCD Family Group Gathering. We will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. There will be pizza and sloppy joes, prizes, and a skit. It will be a fun evening.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE PARISH



On Tuesday, May 2nd, we will have our last monthly gathering until September. Danforth area is in charge of the luncheon and we will be playing BINGO. Bring your friends.

"Annual Spring Fling" - April 29th

Don't forget to join us in the biggest fundraiser at Holy Name! Tickets are on sale for \$35 in the office for this year's "Rodeo Round Up". Each ticket includes a buffet dinner, drink ticket, and a great night of fellowship with friends and family. There will be games, silent and live auction items, a 50/50 drawing, and plenty of music. We will also draw the winning tickets for the public raffle where the top prize is a free year of tuition, and the winner of the "Crusader Cash Raffle" to win \$10,000! Tickets for both are available in the office. Other prizes and auction items include classroom projects, Billy Joel concert tickets, fishing trip with a National Cabela's Champion, GoPro camera, YMCA 6 month membership, and SO much more! We hope to see you there!

Donate your Elmer's Rewards Card points to Holy Family Church

When shopping at Elmer's County Market, present YOUR Elmers Reward card and then the Holy Family Donation Card (they are at the back of church) to the cashier and let them know how many of your Elmer's Reward Card points you would like to transfer to Holy Family. You can transfer your Elmer's Reward Card points in 500 point increments (Ex: 500, 1000, 1500, etc.).

The points you donate to Holy Family help us to earn FREE money that can be used towards the Harvest Dinner.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Apr. 23rd** - Truth doesn't hurt unless it ought to.
- Apr. 24th** - If Christ is the way, why waste time traveling some other way.
- Apr. 25th** - Don't feel bad about growing old. Some people never get the chance.
- Apr. 26th** - Believing Christ died, that's history. Believing Christ died for you, that's salvation.
- Apr. 27th** - It's bad to have an empty purse, but an empty head is a whole lot worse.
- Apr. 28th** - There are three answers to prayer: YES NO WAIT A WHILE.
- Apr. 29th** - Character is like the foundation to a house....it is below the surface.



Prayer chain being updated

If you are interested in praying for others in our parish and community who are in need of prayers, please consider being involved in our prayer chain. We are currently updating our phone list. We will also be adding an e-mail option so you can receive prayer requests either via e-mail or phone. The e-mail option would be good for those who may work during the day or for those who are not available to call others on the list. If you would like to be added to either our phone or e-mail prayer chain lists, please contact Pam at secretary@holyfamilyparish.net or 786-1209.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 640 CORNER

April 30, 2017 marks the date for our Old Timers banquet. Cocktails are from 5:00 to 6:00 with dinner at 6:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$12 a person. Reservations can be made by calling Bob Tourangeau at 786-6811.

Please note there has been a change to the **DAILY** Confession Schedule. Confessions will now be heard 30 minutes before



Tuesday evening Mass and 30 minutes before Friday morning Mass.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<p>Monday Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8</p> <p>Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21</p> <p>Friday Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20</p> <p>Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36</p> <p>Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Acts 2:14,22-23 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35</p>
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$4,349.00
Loose.....	482.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Mass Stipends.....	330.00
U.P. Catholic.....	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	20.00
Total.....	\$5,221.00

147 Parishioners contributed for April 16th

Please take note that the Holy Water has not disappeared. We have mounted HOLY WATER FONTS on the inside of the doors to the church.

*Join us this Sunday 23 April 2017
Divine Mercy Sunday*

2:00 to 3:00 Exposition of the Holy Eucharist with Individual Confession
3:00 P.M Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 PM Benediction & Ice Cream Social to follow

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FATIMA CELEBRATION

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. To help us plan for food and to provide everyone

with free Fatima information, please call 1-800-562-9745
Ext 139. Many blessings upon you and your family!