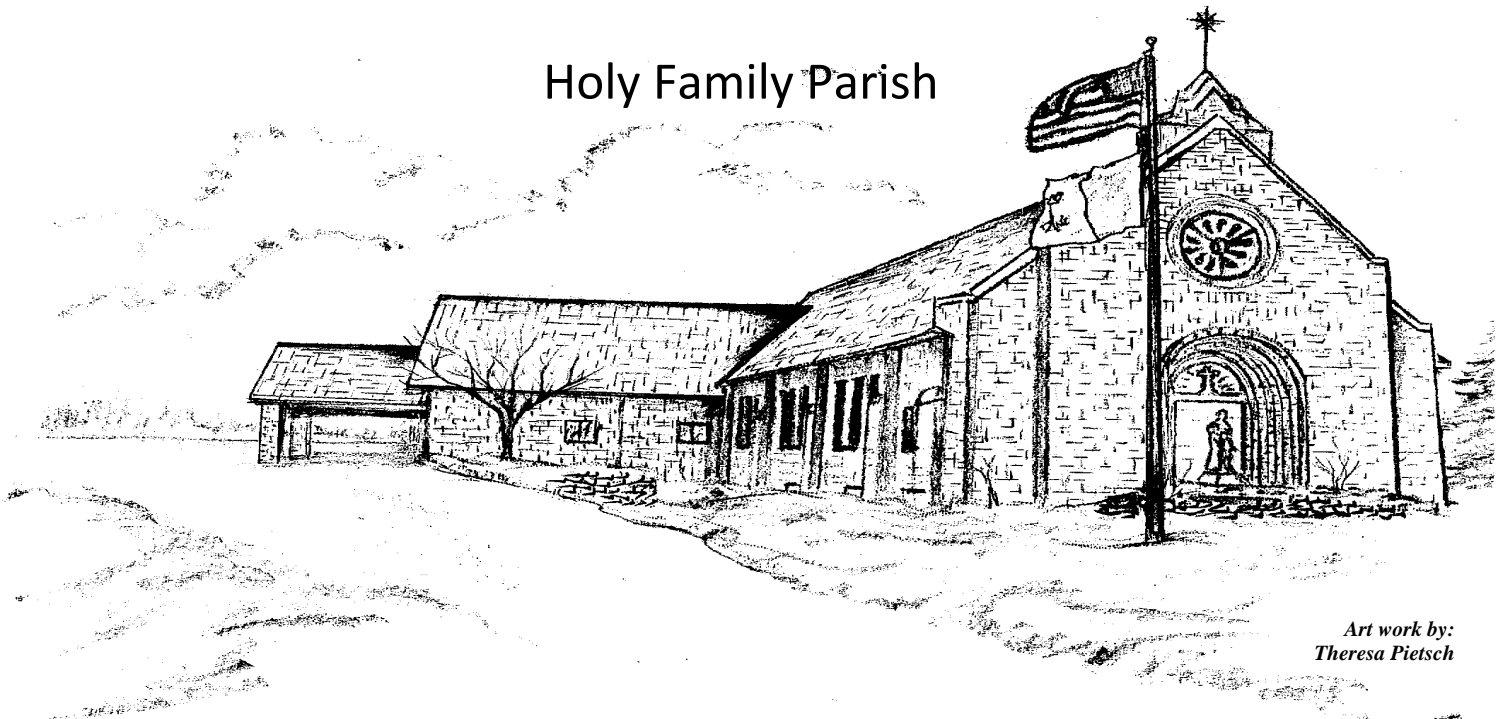


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REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

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 Dec. 18th thru Dec. 24th

Monday.....8:00 A.M.....*NO MASS*

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

Wednesday...8:00 A.M.....No Mass

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....No Mass

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....No Mass

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Jack Gascon

Sunday.....9:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish

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

8:00 P.M.....Amy Chenier Kositzke

Monday.....9:00 A.M.....For the Intentions of Fr. Francis

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Servers

READERS: Dec. 23rd -24th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. –Diane Danhoff
Sun. at 9:00 A.M. – Bob Berbohm

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 23rd – 24th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – The Smith Boys
Sun. at 9:00 A.M. – Christian Flagstad

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 23rd – 24th

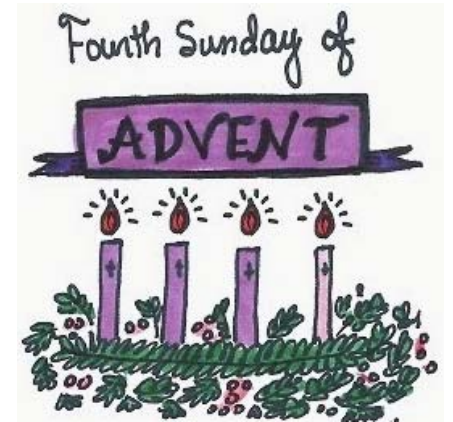
Sat. at 4:00 PM – Debbie Nolde
Sun. at 9:00 AM – Diane LaMarche

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 23rd – 24th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Brian Smith & Stephen Janchenko
Sun. at 9:00 A.M. – Don Anderson and Bob Marcella

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 23rd – 24th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Linda Deksnis Sun. at 9:00 A.M. – Karen Berbohm



Christmas Mass Servers

Readers: Dec. 24th & 25th

Sun. at 5:00 PM – Jodi Gardner
Sun. at 8:00 PM – Tom Desy
Mon. at 9:00 AM – Audrey Herioux

Mass Servers: Dec. 24th – 25th

Sun. at 5:00 PM – The Smith Boys and Eli Gardner
Sun. at 8:00 PM - Trent, Emily and Alesha Marenger
Mon. at 9:00 AM – Simon Chouinard



Ministers of Communion: Dec. 24th & 25th

Sun. at 5:00 PM – Beverly Plimpton
Sun. at 8:00 PM – Gerald Miron
9:00 AM –Dan Chouinard

Ministers of Hospitality: Dec. 24th & 25th

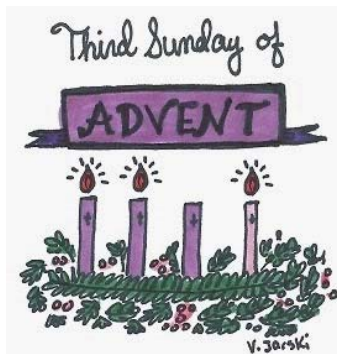
Sun. at 5:00 PM – Brian Smith & Kevin Dubord
Sun. at 8:00 PM – Dale Richer & Alfred Gareau
Mon. at 9:00 AM – Bob Marcella & Ron Germain

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Wed.	Dec. 20 th	5:30 P.M. -	C.C.D Group Gathering
Thurs.	Dec. 21 st	7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Sat.	Dec. 23 rd	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 P.M.
Sun.	Dec. 24 th	9:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M. -	Mass Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass
Mon.	Dec. 25 th	9:00 A.M. -	Christmas Day Mass

The Third Week of Advent we light the 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)



Have a Blessed Week!

Parish Faith & Family News

Our Family Group Gathering is this Wednesday, December 20th, from 5:30-6:00 p.m.-eat, and go until 7:00 p.m. We will feed you supper. There will be crafts and door prizes.

At the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass, our 3rd graders will be Mary, Joseph, and shepherd.

Our next class time for grades 1-8 will be January 3, 2018, and confirmation class will be January 7, 2018, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

January 13, 2018, we will have a sledding party after the 4:00 p.m. We will start with supper and then sledding after that. Hope you can make it. Hope there is snow! If you have a real Christmas tree, we would like to have it for our sledding party bonfire. It can be dropped off here at church when you take it down.

January 14, 2018 is our retreat for our Confirmation students. It will be held at St. Thomas Church in Escanaba. More information will follow.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- 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.

Attention Engaged Couples

We have scheduled a Pre-Cana Day for all engaged couples of the area on Saturday, March 3, 2018 beginning at 8:45 am with coffee and rolls in the Parish Hall and concluding with 4:30 pm Mass at St. Anne's. Lunch will be provided. The day will include different topics relevant to marriage. There will be a blessing of your engagement during the 4:30 Mass. Attendance at a Pre-Cana seminar is a requirement before marriage. The fee to attend is \$30.00 per couple. A registration form can be picked up at St. Anne's parish office or mailed out by calling 786-1421. Call Deacon Terry and Hildie Saunders at 280-8782 with any questions.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <p>Monday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25</p> <p>Wednesday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38</p> <p>Friday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56</p> | <p>Tuesday
Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a
Lk 1:5-25</p> <p>Thursday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45</p> <p>Saturday
Mal 3:1-4,23-24
Lk 1:57-66</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday
2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38</p> |
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,397.00
Loose.....	244.14
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	12.00
Seminary Fund.....	800.00
Immaculate Conception.....	740.29
Flowers.....	18.50
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	225.00
Total.....	\$5,441.93

131 Parishioners contributed for Dec. 10th

If you were wondering the question: Does going to Mass on Christmas Eve count for the Sunday Obligation? The answer is "NO". Here's the official expectation of the Church: "When consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations." That comes from the U.S. Catholic Bishops' committee on Diving Worship, backed with an opinion rendered by the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Clergy and the Holy Father.

So Catholics are expected to attend Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent (which this year is Dec. 24th with the option of the anticipatory "vigil Mass" on Dec. 23rd) and on Christmas (which is Dec. 25th with an optional "vigil Mass" on Dec. 24th).