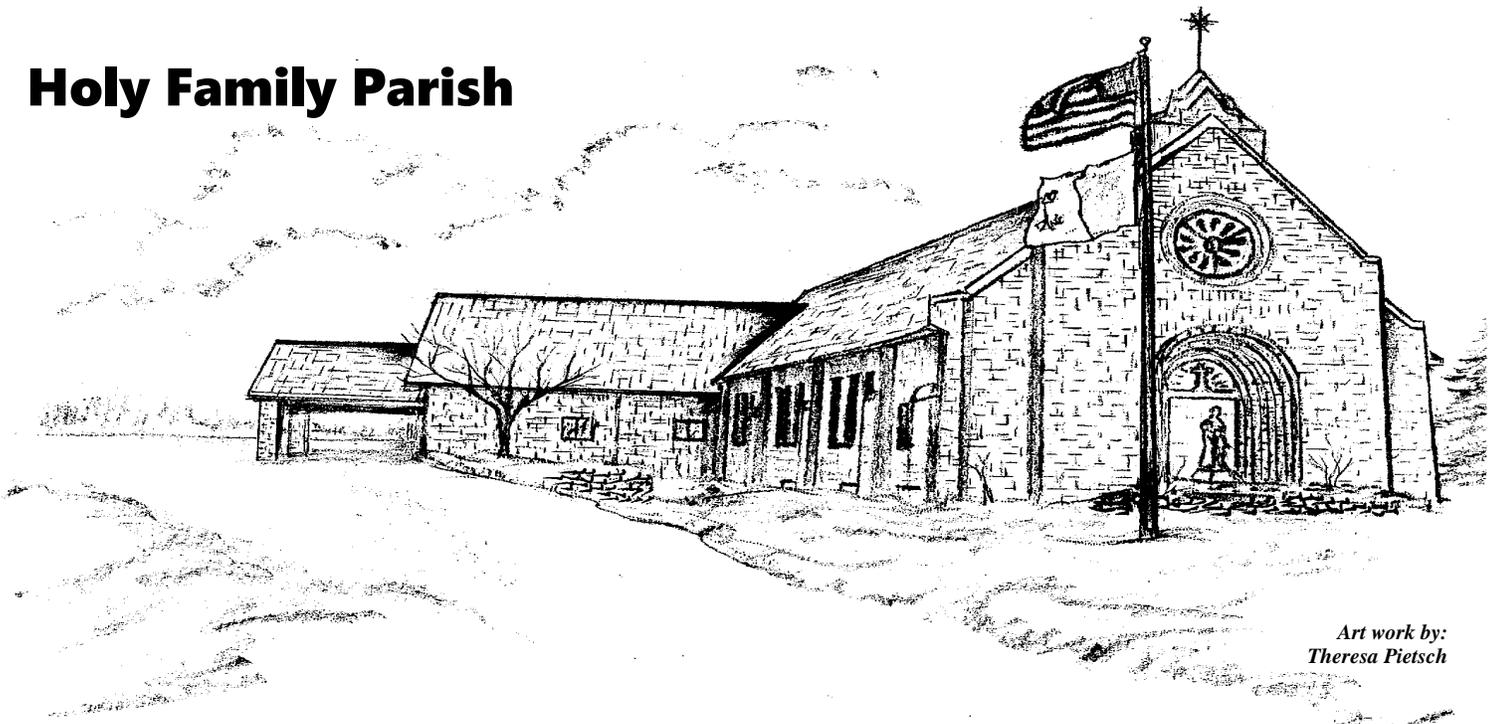


Holy Family Parish



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Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 2019

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.

7:15 am - 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm
before daily Mass or by appointment

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. 9th thru Dec. 15th

Monday.....8:00 A.M.....Bob Sauers
Tuesday.....**6:00 P.M.**.....Larry Beauchamp
Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Oliver Chenier
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Tom Judson
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Gerald L. Nelson 23rd Anniv.
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Tom & Dorothy Srock
10:00 A.M.....For the People of our 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.

HEAVY SNOWFALL — BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

When the Gladstone Schools are closed because of heavy snowfall or blizzard conditions, all church activities (Mass being the only exception) for the day and evening are cancelled.

READERS: Dec. 14th – 15th

Sat. at 4:00 PM – Diane Danhoff

Sun. at 8:00 AM – Bob Berbohm

10:00 AM – Tom Desy

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 14th – 15th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – David Kelloniemi & Wanda Chenier

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Bob Berbohm & Larry LaPalm

10:00 AM – Tyler & Eric Smith

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION: Dec. 14th – 15th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Harold Flagstadt

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Clint Miles

10:00 AM – Piper Desy

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 14th – 15th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Don Smith & Art Caron

Sun. at 8:00 AM – Ron Germain & Dale Richer

10:00 AM – Harold Young & Alfred Gareau

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Cardinal Newman added a postscript to the published edition of four Advent sermons on the Fathers of the Church and their understanding of the Antichrist and his coming at the end of time. The sermons were preached in 1835 and at the end of the sermons he included a quotation from Bishop Horsley which had been published in the late spring of 1834. I was struck by its timeliness and the ring of truth in it:

The Church of God on earth will be greatly reduced, as we may well imagine, in its apparent numbers, in the times of Antichrist, by the open desertion of the powers of the world. This desertion will begin in a professed indifference to any particular form of Christianity, under the pretence of universal toleration; which toleration will proceed from no true spirit of charity and forbearance, but from a design to undermine Christianity, by multiplying and encouraging sectaries. The pretended toleration will go far beyond a just toleration, even as it regards the different sects of Christians. For governments will pretend an indifference to all, and will give a protection in preference to none. All establishments will be laid aside. From the toleration of the most pestilent heresies, they will proceed to the toleration of Mahometanism, Atheism, and at last to a positive persecution of the truth of Christianity.

Why this in Advent, and indeed just before Christmas? The poverty and helplessness that were embraced by Jesus Christ at Christmas in the mystery of the Incarnation provide the hope that Bishop Horsley might seem to be forgetting. I go back once again to Mother Teresa and her wise admonition that *faithfulness* is required of us not necessarily *success*. So let us be faithful to Christ in season and out of season, every Sunday, every day.

Be watchful, in small ways, Satan will come to steal the joy in our hearts in these days of Advent and the Twelve Days of Christmas. Be faithful to and mindful of Christ, the true source of all our joy.

Oremus pro invicem.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 9 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. -	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass
Tues.	Dec. 10 th	4:30 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent DePaul Society meets Confessions until 5:45 PM Mass
Wed.	Dec. 11 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass CCD Classes grades 1-7 10 th & 11 th grade classes (Confirmation)
Thurs.	Dec. 12 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M. -	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Fr. Matt Hall Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 13 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - -----	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass Parish officed closed
Sat.	Dec. 14 th	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM Mass
Sun.	Dec. 15 th	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 AM -	Mass Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

For more information about the Holy Family Conference contact Cindy Hurthibise at 384-6927.

U.P. CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL....We are sooooo close. There are still 40 cards out with a balance of \$3,109 short!!!! If you have not done so yet, please return your pledge card.



The Meijer "Simply Give" Holiday program is underway through January 4th and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry has been chosen as the recipient. You can help support your local food pantry by purchasing a \$10 Simply Give card at the Meijer checkout lanes. No other purchase is necessary and your \$10 donation will be passed on to the Pantry in the form of special gift cards to be used only for food and baby products; items that otherwise would have to be purchased using Pantry funds. To make an even greater impact; **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH IS DOUBLE MATCH DAYS!** If you purchase your donation card on that day, your \$10 donation will be **DOUBLE-MATCHED** by Meijer for a total donation of \$30! God Bless and thank you for helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society help Neighbors in Need in our area.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 9th**- Belief in God is acceptance of the basic principles that the universe makes sense, that there is behind it an ultimate purpose.
- Dec. 10th** - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33
- Dec. 11th** - When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.
- Dec. 12th** - Every speaker has a mouth, An arrangement rather neat. Sometimes it's filled with wisdom, Sometimes it's filled with feet.
- Dec. 13th** - God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.
- Dec. 14th** - Help me never to judge another until I have walked a day in his steps.

Knights of Columbus Council #640

Just a reminder that if you made reservations the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party it is this Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the KC Hall. Cocktails from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Menu includes ham and meatballs and all the trimmings.

Brother Knights, plan on attending your monthly meeting this Monday, December 9, 2019. Officers meeting is at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony/St. Thomas Annual Dinner & Bazaar will be this Sunday, December 8th serving from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ham, Pigs in a Blanket, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, gravy, and all the trimmings. \$10 for adults (16+) \$5 for ages 6-15 and 5 and under free with an adult.

St. Anthony Meat Pie Sale – Dec. 12th & 13th
10 inch pie for \$13.50 each. Pies *MUST* be preordered. Call or text Debbie 399-4259 Pick-up is at St. Thomas, 1:00-4:00 PM.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
Gn 3:9-15,20
Eph 1:3-6,11-12
Lk 1:26-38 | Tuesday
Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14 |
| Wednesday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 11:28-30 | Thursday
Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38 |
| Friday
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19 | Saturday
Sir 48:1-4,9-11
Mt 17:9a,10-13 |
| Sunday
Is 35:1-6a,10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11 | |

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

No report because of the snowstorm



Ladies Altar Society News

Moyeam Tea, also called "Heaven Tea" by the people who discovered it 600 years ago, lives up to its name. Qing Yun

Moyeam produces 30% of its body weight of the flavonol Myricetin, one of the most powerful natural anti-inflammatories known. Many who drink it feel the effect of reduced inflammation within minutes to hours. This can translate to a dramatic increase in your quality of life.

Order from pureamitea.com and use discount code "AMEN" at check-out. YOUR Altar Society gets 10% of the total sale and YOU get 10% off!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



On Sunday December 22nd we will have a light lunch and then decorate the church for the Christmas Season immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass. If you could spare an hour or so that would be great. The more hands the easier the job!