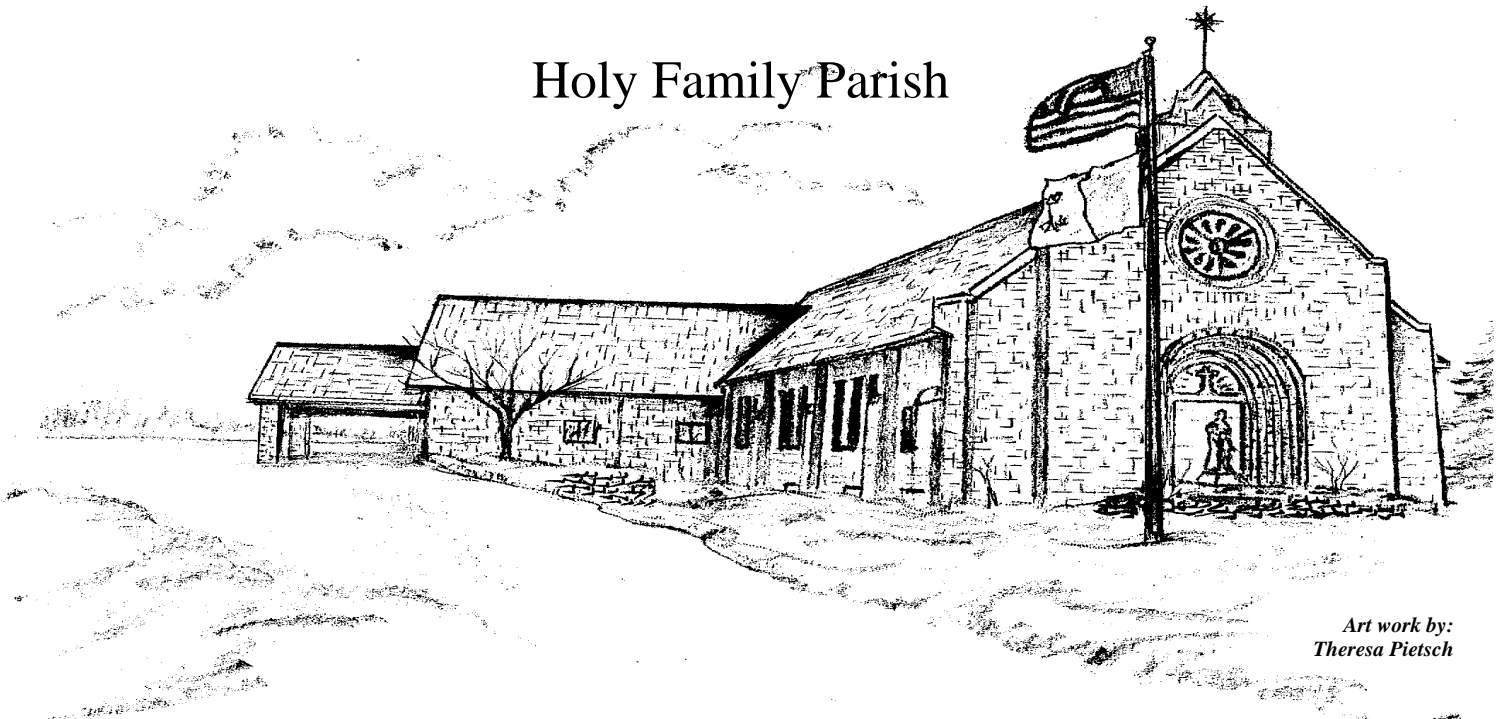


Holy Family Parish



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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 Nov. 29th thru Dec. 4th

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

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

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Stella Wiecech

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Janet Ostrander

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....John & Stella Wiecech

Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Robert Plimpton

10:00 A.M.....For the People of the 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: Dec. 3rd – 4th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Rosemary Beauchamp
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Bob Berbohm
10:00 AM – Lori Tourangeau

MASS SERVERS: Dec. 3rd – 4th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Trent & Emily Marenger
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – The Rivard Family
10:00 AM – Simon Chouinard

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 3rd – 4th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Anne DeShambo
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Marvin Chouinard
10:00 AM - Bob Tourangeau

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 3rd – 4th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Eugene Marenger, Don Smith, Richard Newhouse, Stephen Janchenko
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – John King, Bob Marcella, Don Anderson, Jim Chenier
10:00 AM – Neil VanDrese, Brian Smith, Harold Young, Roger Chenier

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 3rd – 4th

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

The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye

Visit the Imprisoned

Part 3

Finally, we can expand this work of mercy to embrace those who are imprisoned by the circumstances of life. The elderly shut-ins in our parishes, the residents of homes for the aged, and those who are trapped in addictions of various kinds are incarcerated in different ways. Their isolation is less dramatic than if they were literally in prison, but for that very reason they are deserving of our care. And, because they live in our neighborhoods and may be members of our own family, we have easy access to them.

We read in the Acts of the Apostles that once when Paul and Silas were in prison they were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them (Acts 16:25). May our hymns of praise to the God who sets us free reach the ears of our sisters and brothers in prison!

Parish Faith & Family News

Were you able to unscramble the words in the bulletin last weekend? They were John The Baptist, Angel Gabriel, Mary, and Bethlehem. Look for more at the end of this article.

The season of Advent invites us to grow more like Jesus. The Gospels call us to bring compassion and peace to the people we meet each day. No one knows when Jesus will come again, but the Church urges us to make each Sunday of Advent the “now” day, the day we live the same way we would live the day of Jesus’ final coming.

This week on Wednesday, November 30th, we are having our Family Group Gathering. There will be skits, crafts, and snacks. Come join us at 6:15pm.

Next Sunday, December 4, there is class for our Confirmation students. The class is after the 10:00 am Mass.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	Nov. 29 th	5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	NO Confessions NO Mass St. Vincent de Paul Society
Wed.	Nov. 30 th	6:15 P.M. -	Group Gathering for CCD Classes
Thurs.	Dec. 1 st	7:30 P.M. -	Holy Family Men's Club Meeting & Smear
Sat.	Dec. 3 rd	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 4 th	----- 11:00 AM -	Coffee Social after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses First of the Month Food Drive Confirmation 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:

Larry Chouinard, Annie Hirn, Betty Lou Tourangeau
 Carol Katch, Cecila Terrien, Pat Hughes
 Clarence Roberts, Tom Neuens, Joyce VanDrese
 Andrea Plouff, Donald Pellegrini, Edward Blahnik
 Duane & Nancy Marenger, Dustin Berube James Paquin
 Laurie Gascon, Denise Seymour, A Special Intention
 Paula Pare, Tina Kelloniemi, Raymond Beauchamp
 Carol Lancour, Jim Willford, Jim Vandermission
 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
 Jean Way, Lynn Johnson, Matt Smith, Justin Bjork
 Tabitha Brunette, Traci Frappier, Shirley Frazer
 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, Joanne Lohfink, Payten LaMarch
 Brenda Chouinard, Kay Edington, Elvira Skrupski
 Peggy Verbrigghe, Darlene Kelloniemi, Bill Whitney

Church Dinner

St. Anthony & St. Thomas will hold their annual dinner bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 4th from 11 am to 2:30 pm. They will serve Ham, meatballs, cabbage rolls, and all the trimmings. Dinner is \$10 from ages 18 and up; ages 6-17 \$5; 5 and under are free.



Ladies of the Parish Christmas Party

Come One, Come All...Ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 5th which starts at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:00 PM. The cost for the night is \$6 for a catered meal, and if you want to participate there is a \$10 gift exchange. We also collect toys for the baskets. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event! ***If you plan to attend, please sign up at the back of Church by Dec. 3rd.***

Also start thinking of items you can donate to raffle off to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets. Why not consider making something. The raffle will be held on Dec. 5th, the night of the Ladies Christmas Party.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights are inviting all children ages 5 through 14 to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The contest will be judged and cash prizes awarded to the top winners. Contest ends December 9, 2016. Entry form and contest rules may be obtained by contacting Dan Robitaille at 384-6962, or Tom Desy at 789-7491.

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER!!

Little by Little..... We are inching our way to reaching our goal of \$44,130. To date we have \$38,255.00 leaving us a balance of \$5,875.00 with 40 cards outstanding. It's never too late to send in your card. THANK YOU to all who have pledged or donated!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Nov. 27th - Thank God for dirty dishes, they have a tale to tell; While others may go hungry We've eaten very well. With home, health, and happiness I shouldn't want to fuss, By the stack of evidence God's been very good to us.

Nov. 28th - "...Be thankful unto Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

Nov. 29th - I used to censure everyone, I was a Pharisee; Until, quite unexpectedly, I got a glimpse of me.

Nov. 30th - God doesn't do for us what He has given us power to do for ourselves.

Dec. 1st - Prayer is not an attitude attained, but an attitude maintained.

Dec. 2nd - What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, Yet what can I give Him; give my heart.

Dec. 3rd - You cannot possess a richer treasure than that of the loyalty of a friend.

St. Vincent de Paul's Corner Notes

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord. If you know of anyone in need, please call either Rosemary at 786-9442 or Karen at 786-9082.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society are taking names for the Christmas Baskets. If you know of someone in need please call Betty Lou Tourangeau at 786-7216. Everything is kept confidential. Names will be taken to Dec. 1st.

St. Vincent is seeking volunteers to help in the Escanaba warehouse. Please call 789-1281 if you can help.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 4:2-6
Mt 8:5-11

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Friday

Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Thursday

Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21,24-27

Saturday

Is 30:19-21,23-26
Mt 9:35—10:5a,6-8

Sunday

Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,221.00
Loose.....	271.81
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	45.00
Campaign for Human Dev.....	220.00
Military Collection.....	75.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	32.00
Total.....	\$3,874.81

117 families contributed for Sunday, Nov. 20th



Change for Life

Thank you for your generosity in the recent Change for Life fundraiser for Pregnancy Services. Holy Family Church was able to raise over \$1,500! Your contributions help women and families in our area who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy, as well as those with young children.

Please feel free to stop by our center at 1801 Ludington Street, to see how your spare change donation is changing and saving lives. May God bless you richly for your generosity! Pregnancy Services of Delta County