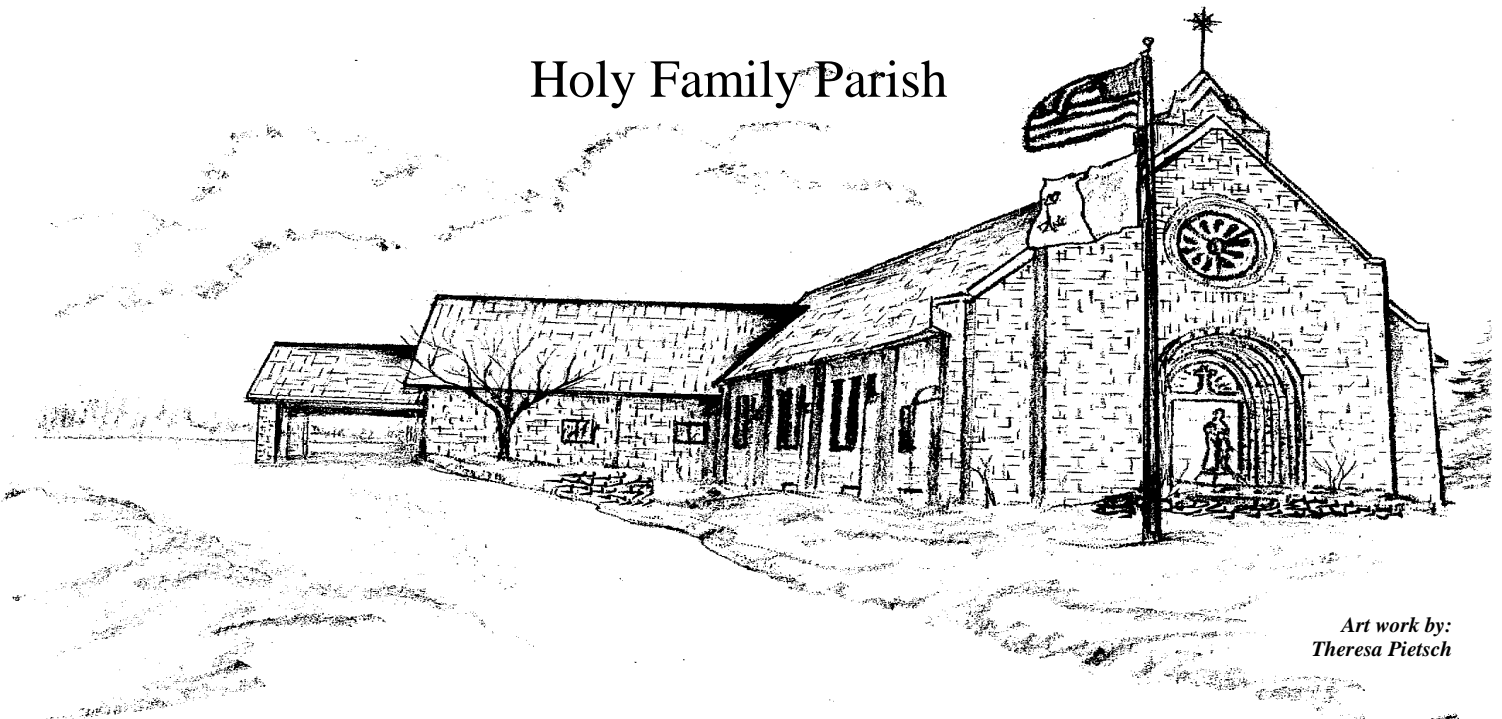


# Holy Family Parish



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## The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2016

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### Pastoral Council Members

Brian Smith – President Barb Tardiff

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Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy

Audrey Herioux Bob Spring

### 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 Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday.....6:00 P.M.....Mary Hubert

Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Norman Beauchamp

Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....Lori Clark

Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Rex & Shane McGinn

Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Tom Srock

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

10:00 A.M.....Marvin Nelson

*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. 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 PM – Lori Tourangeau

Sun. at 8:00 AM – Bob Berbohm

10:00 AM – Tom Desy

**MASS SERVERS: Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Trent & Alesha Marenger

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Lucas Hughes

10:00 AM – Simon Chouinard & Gregory Chenier

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Jay Belcher

Sun. at 8:00 AM – Beverly Plimpton

10:00 AM – Piper Desy

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Adolph Lippens, Eugene Marenger, Richard Newhouse, Stephen Janchenko

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Ron Germain, Joe Menard, Dale Richer, Bob Marcella

10:00 AM – Galen VanDrese, Bill Plouff, Alfred Gareau, Roger Chenier

**VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Doris Newhouse

Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Donna Richer

Sun. at 10:00 AM – Janice Plouff



## The Pastor's Mind's Eye

Dear Parish Family,

I want to share with a great reflection on Christmas written by a Cistercian Monk from the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. I hope you can appreciate it, even though it is 1400 years old. It is good to be a Church with such a great history and longevity.

“Before this day the human person had no secure grounds for rejoicing except insofar as he realized or believed this day would come. But today you are told: *Be not afraid*, but love. Be not sad but rejoice. Look, here is an angel from heaven, proclaiming a great joy to you. Rejoice then for yourselves and rejoice also for others, because this joy is not only for you but for all people. *Behold*, he says, *I announce to a great joy for all people*. O what a joy, how great, how sweet, how desirable!”

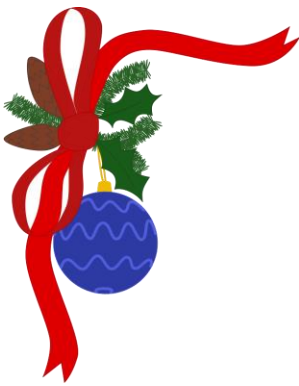
“Until now you were sad because you were dead, but now rejoice because life has come to you that you may live. You were sad because blindness had plunged into darkness, but now rejoice, because today a *light has arisen in the darkness for the upright of heart*. (Psalm 112:4) You were sad because you were weighed down by the accumulation of your sins but now rejoice because *today the savior has been born who will save his people from their sins*.”

This is the JOY which the angel proclaims. ***The Savior has been born today.***

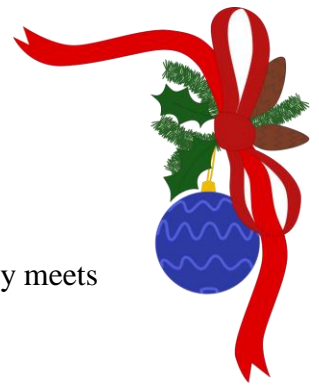
It is my prayer for you that with Jesus among us  
you celebrate Christmas with family  
surrounded by love and  
as Christmas bells are ringing

Pray for Peace.

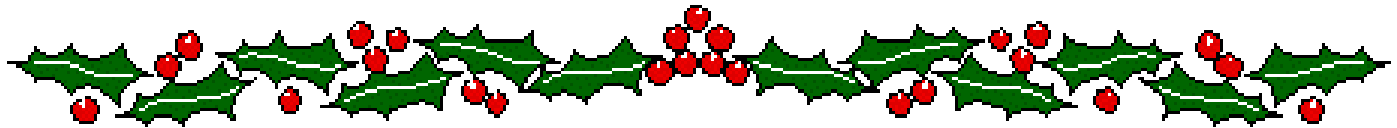




**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**



Mon.	Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	-----	Parish Offices closed
Tues.	Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Confessions Mass St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 PM -	Senior Citizens meet
Sat.	Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 PM -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM Mass
Sun.	Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM -	Mass Mass



**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:

- Pat DeMenter, Larry Chouinard, Tom Neuens
- Carol Katch, Pat Hughes, Betty Lou Tourangeau
- Andrea Plouff, Donald Pellegrini, Joyce VanDrese
- Duane & Nancy Marenger, James Paquin
- Laurie Gascon, Denise Seymour, A Special Intention
- Paula Pare, Tina Kelloniemi, Raymond Beauchamp
- Cecila Terrien, 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
- Jean Way, Lynn Johnson, Matt Smith
- 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 Polakcyc
- Kathy LaCosse, Payten LaMarch
- Brenda Chouinard, Kay Edington, Elvira Skrupski
- Peggy Verbrigghe, Darlene Kelloniemi, Bill Whitney

**Parish Faith & Family News**

We wish you a Christmas filled with the wonder of the birth of Christ, the warmth of the Holy Spirit, and the love of family and friends.

The New Year is just around the corner. Both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will be attending class on Wednesday night starting with January 4, 2017.

On Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Confirmation students will be attending class after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Our Reconciliation Retreat is Wednesday, January 11, 2017, starting at 5:00p.m. We will feed you supper. January 14, is the day of Reconciliation starting at 10:30 a.m.

Also coming up in January, the 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass, we will have a sledding party as our family group gathering. Watch the bulletin for more information on this.

2017 Church Calendars are available at the back of church for families to take.



***Ready for Quite Time?***

Mark Your Calendars...Our annual parish retreat will take place Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This year we will be sharing with Negaunee, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie, and St. Ignace. We will start to take reservations after the first of the year.

**SPIRIT LIFTERS**

Holy Family Parish Office Closed  
Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

**Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** - It's a little too much to save, And a little too much to dump. There's nothing to do but eat it, That makes the housewife plump.

**Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>** - The greatest thing in life is to be needed.

**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** - You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.

**Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Beware of the high cost of low living.

**Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** - It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** - And as the Old Year slips away, He kindly with him takes The pages we have blurred and marred With failures and mistakes. The blighted hopes and needless bears are gone beyond recall. And ours once more the fair, clean page the New Year brings to all.

**St. Vincent de Paul's Corner Notes**

Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

**Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."**

If you know of anyone in need, please call either Rosemary at 786-9442 or Karen at 786-9082.

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

*Wishing your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

*From Fr. John and Holy Family Parish Staff*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**Monday**  
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59  
Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday**  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a,2-8

**Wednesday**  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday**  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35

**Friday**  
Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or  
Col 3:12-21  
Mt 2:13-15,19-23

**Saturday**  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18

**Sunday**  
Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Adults.....	\$3,283.00
Loose.....	198.10
Fuel.....	40.00
Retirement Fund.....	80.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	100.00
Seminary fund.....	20.00
Christmas flowers.....	55.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	7.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,783.10</b>

**128 families contributed for Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Holy Family Parish on 1/24/2017. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers).**

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*