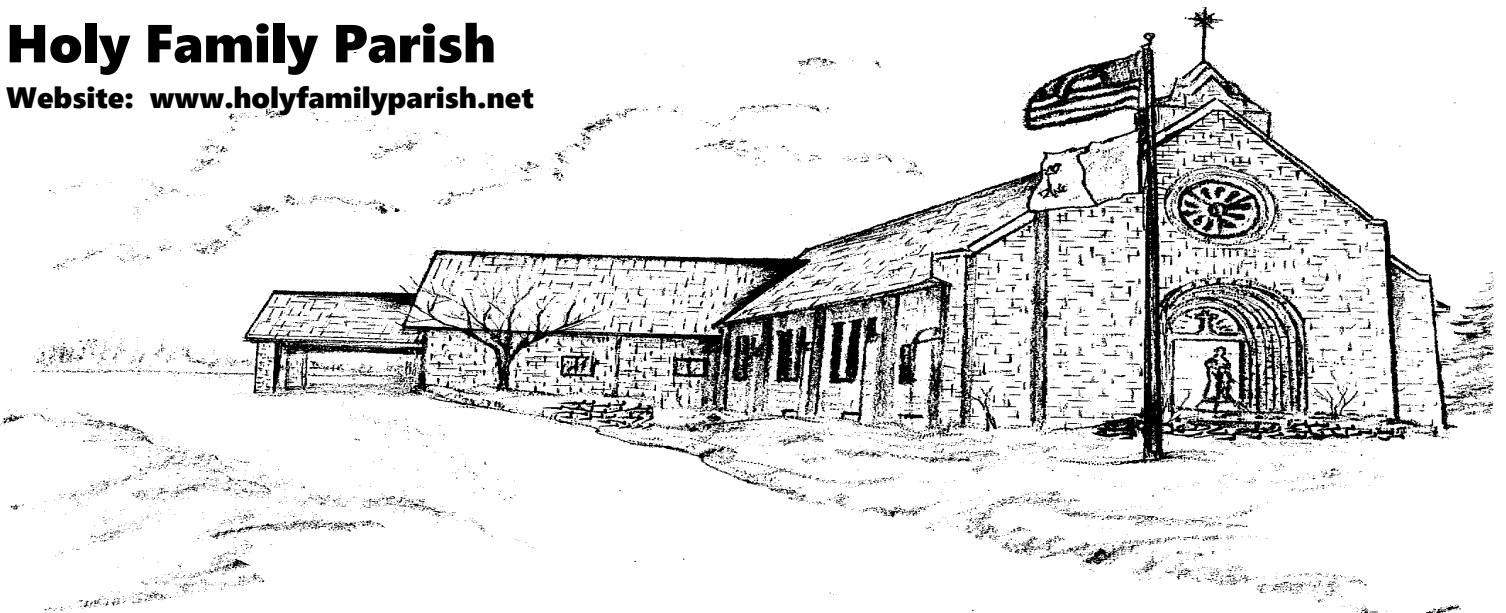


# Holy Family Parish

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## Epiphany of the Lord – January 5, 2025

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary Harold Flagstadt  
Kevin Dubord Tina Cryderman  
Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### 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 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

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 at point of death, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament. Contact Fr. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Mike Gasperich, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk  
Clifford Marcella, Brenda Chouinard, John King  
Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson, Sue Boudreau*

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

# THE BIBLE STUDY

## The Gospel of Luke

### Luke 4: 38-44

In fulfillment of Luke 4:18-19, Jesus continues to carry out His ministry through preaching the gospel and performing miracles.

**4:38:** After preaching in **the synagogue** and casting out the demon (4:33-35), Jesus **entered Simon's house**. This is the first time Simon—who later becomes known as Peter—is mentioned in the book of Luke, and he has not yet officially become a disciple of Jesus (cf. Luke 5:1-11). Simon is probably one of those who regularly attended the Capernaum synagogue, and they went there for the Sabbath afternoon meal. But when they arrived, they learned that **Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a high fever** or what is known as the “burning fever.” It seems Simon and his wife—**made a request** to Jesus to see if he would heal her. They did not demand something of Jesus, or expect magical rites and ceremonies, but made a simple request to him.

**4:39:** In response to their request, Jesus **stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her**. No ceremony or rite was required. Jesus simply ordered

the fever to depart, and it did. The terminology here is nearly identical to the immediately preceding event when Jesus rebuked the demon (4:35). Some have argued that this indicates that this fever was caused by a demon. Later, Jesus rebukes the wind and waves (8:24), and so some see similar demonic influence there. But such understandings read too much into the text, and give too much credit and power to the devil. It is better to understand these texts as ways of revealing that Jesus has come to reverse all that is wrong with the world, whether it is demonic oppression, disease and sickness, or destructive storms. Anyhow Simon's mother-in-law became well enough to serve Jesus.

**4:40:** Near the end of the Sabbath day, as **the sun was setting**, Jesus went out from Simon's house to heal all who **were sick with various diseases**. There are no complaints about Jesus healing on the Sabbath, though this will become an issue later as the religious leaders look to find some fault with Jesus. On this Sabbath, He didn't heal just a select few, but **laid His hands on every one of them and healed them**.

### **GREAT APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE!**

By the Grace of God, we celebrated a beautiful Christmas in all its aspects. The three Masses were well attended and many family members travelled from far and joined their dear ones. No doubt, Christmas is also a great opportunity for a good family reunion. We priests are a bit relieved after a hectic season. The local priests joined their families and spent couple days with the parents and siblings. As the African and Indian priests don't have any relatives in the country to join a Christmas celebration, we gathered together in small groups, for a little enjoyment and relaxation.

Many of our members have sent greeting cards and monetary gifts to me. Your kind gesture is greatly appreciated. I went through each card with gratitude and love. These cards and gifts are the reflection of your love and appreciation towards me. As per my policy, the monetary gifts will be strictly used in the education of some poor children in my state in India. But the Lord will reward you for your generosity. Practically, it is very hard for me to send a personal acknowledgment to all. So kindly accept my appreciation and thanks which I send you through this simple note.

With Love

Fr. Sebastian

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Andre Bessette, Religious</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Phil Dubord
Wed.	Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Holy Souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Roger Tourangeau, Sr. (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joyce Viau ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Rudy Wencil
Sun.	Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Baptism of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**69 envelopes returned for Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Offering.....	\$2,750.00
Loose.....	<u>502.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,252.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$4,509.61</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>1,257.61</b>

**66 envelopes returned for Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,114.00
Loose.....	126.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	<u>20.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,280.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$4,509.61</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>\$2,229.61</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	460.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	160.00

*We are taking down the Christmas decorations this Sunday, with pizza to follow. If you could spare an hour or two that would be great! More hands, easier the work load.*

Adult Faith Formation will resume on Wednesday, January 15th, 6:00pm, Holy Name Grade School- A Catholic Bible Study.

**ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH.....**We will be having a Baking Class on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30 pm. We will learn how to make homemade pie crust! If you plan to attend please sign up at the back of church or call the parish office at 786-1209 as space will be limited.

**U.P. Catholic Services Appeal**  
**Our goal this year is 42,662.03. We need the participation of everyone to meet this goal.**  
**To date we have received \$31,240 from 94 pledges. Still short \$11,422.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.**

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** - Ulcers are what you get from mountain climbing over molehills.

**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Blessed are they who are pleasant to live with.

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** - You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to set on.  
-Old Proverb

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** - When you're tired and worn at the close of the day And things don't seem to be going your way, When even your patience has come to an end, Try taking time out and confide in a friend.

**Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** - You cannot lift your children to a higher level than that on which you live yourself.

**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** - The Church is a workshop, not a rest home.

**Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Time flies, suns rise and shadows fall. Let time go by. Love is forever.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

*St. Thomas Breakfast  
1820 9th Ave. North, Escanaba*

*Sunday, January 5th  
9:00am-12:30pm*

**Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,  
Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice  
\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,  
Ages 5 and under are FREE!**

*Please join us!*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

1 Jn 3:22—4:6  
Mt 4:12-17,23-25

### **Wednesday**

1 Jn 4:11-18  
Mk 6:45-52

### **Friday**

1 Jn 5:5-13  
Lk 5:12-16

### **Tuesday**

1 Jn 4:7-10  
Mk 6:34-44

### **Thursday**

1 Jn 4:19—5:4  
Lk 4:14-22a

### **Saturday**

1 Jn 5:14-21  
Jn 3:22-30

### **Sunday**

Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

The Diocese of Marquette presents a "Rolling" Retreat/Pilgrimage to Catholic Shrines of the Midwest from April 29 to May 1, 2025. Join Spiritual Director Fr. Corey Litzner and travel hosts Dcn. Steve & Jackie Gretzinger on an amazing motorcoach journey to visit Catholic Shrines in Wisconsin and upper Illinois. It's a retreat; it's a pilgrimage; it's a fun-filled, religious ride. Pilgrimage starts/ends at Holy Spirit Church in Menominee. \$995.00 pp dbl occupancy Includes round-trip motorcoach travel, 2 nights lodging, 3 meals, entrance fees. Deposit due Feb. 1st. See The U.P. Catholic newspaper for more details. For full itinerary and/or reservations, contact: Megan at Peter's Way Pilgrimages 516-605-1551 x 18 / [megan@petersway.com](mailto:megan@petersway.com)

### **JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

On Dec. 29, 2024, the Diocese of Marquette entered the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Universal Church (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord). The following churches will be designated as pilgrimage churches for the Diocese of Marquette:

- St. Peter Cathedral
- St. Paul, Calumet
- Our Lady of Peace, Ironwood
- St. Mary Queen of Peace, Kingsford
- Holy Spirit, Menominee
- All Saints, Gladstone
- St. Mary, Sault Ste. Marie

To learn more about Jubilee 2025, please visit the following sites:

The Vatican à <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

The USCCB à <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>