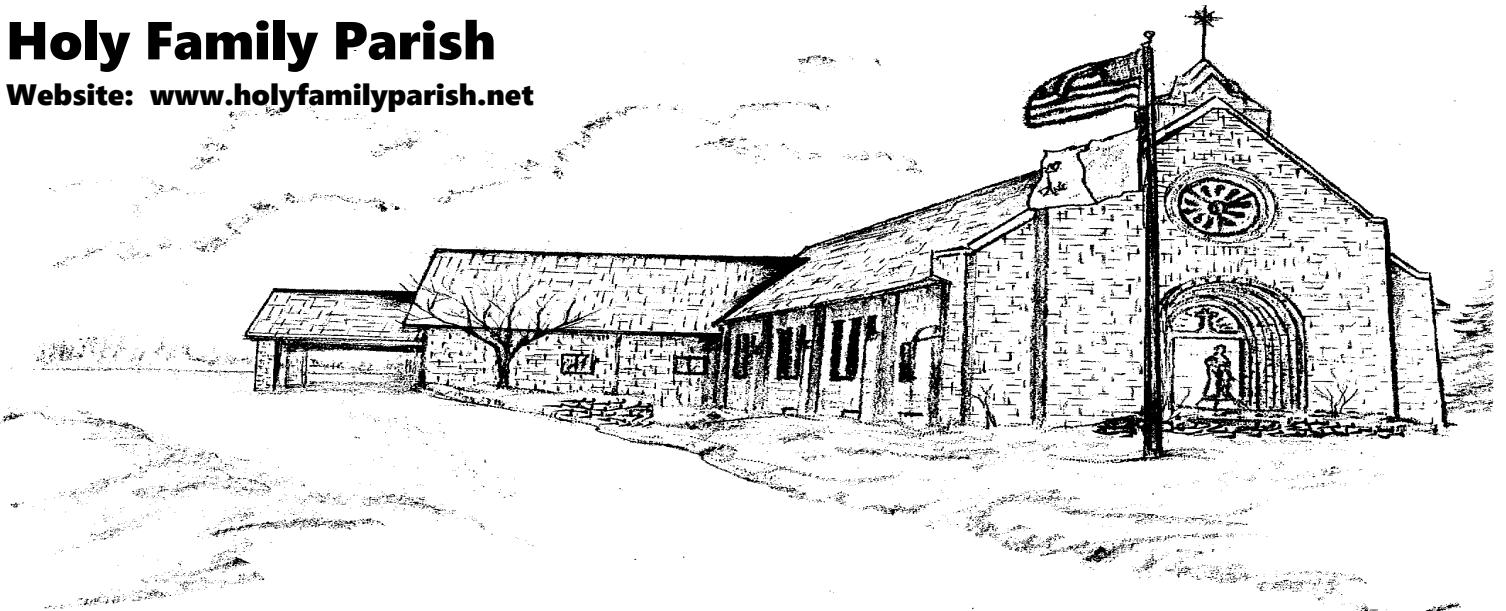


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The Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

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.....

**Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk
Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret, Julie Bishop
Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell
Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme Steve Belongie, Sr.,
Christina Theoret Zion, Patty Delveaux**

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

THE NECESSITY OF HUMILITY (Luke 14:7-11).

(Before you read the interpretation please take your gospel and read the respective passages)

Jesus chose a homely illustration to point an eternal truth. If a quite undistinguished guest arrived early at a feast and annexed the top place, and if a more distinguished person then arrived, and the man who had usurped the first place was told to step down, a most embarrassing situation resulted. If, on the other hand, a man deliberately slipped into the bottom place, and was then asked to occupy a more distinguished place, his humility gained him all the more honor.

How can we retain our humility?

(i) We can retain it by realizing the facts. However much we know, we still know very little compared with the sum total of knowledge. However much we have achieved, we still have achieved very little in the end. However important we may believe ourselves to be, when death removes us or when we retire from our position, life and work will go on just the same.

(ii) We can retain it by comparison with the perfect. It is when we see or hear the expert that we realize how poor our own performance is. Many a man has decided to burn his clubs after a day at golf's Open Championship. Many a man has decided never to appear in public again after hearing a master musician perform. Many a preacher has been humbled almost to despair when he has heard a real saint of God speak. And if we set our lives beside the life of the Lord of all good life, if we see our unworthiness in comparison with the radiance of his stainless purity, pride will die and self-satisfaction will be shriveled up.

DISINTERESTED CHARITY (Luke 14:12-14):

Here is a searching passage, because it demands

that we should examine the motives behind all our generosity.

(i) A man may give from a sense of duty. He dropped a penny in the plate and meekly raised his eyes, glad the week's rent was duly paid for mansions in the skies. We may give to God and to man much in the same way as we pay our income tax--as the satisfaction of a grim duty which we cannot escape.

(ii) A man may give purely from motives of self-interest. Consciously or unconsciously he may regard his giving as an investment. He may regard each gift as an entry on the credit side of his account in the ledger of God. Such giving, so far from being generosity, is rationalized selfishness.

(iii) A man may give in order to feel superior. Such giving can be a cruel thing. It can hurt the recipient much more than a blunt refusal. When a man gives like that he stands on his little eminence and looks down. He may even with the gift throw in a short and smug lecture. It would be better not to give at all than to give merely to gratify one's own vanity and one's own desire for power. The Rabbis had a saying that the best kind of giving was when the giver did not know to whom he was giving, and when the receiver did not know from whom he was receiving.

(iv) A man may give because he cannot help it. That is the only real way to give. The law of the kingdom is this--that if a man gives to gain reward he will receive no reward; but if a man gives with no thought of reward his reward is certain. The only real giving is that which is the uncontrollable outflow of love. Once Dr. Johnson, the English author, cynically described gratitude as "a lively sense of favors to come." The same definition could equally apply to certain forms of giving. God gave because he so loved the world--and so must we.

A generous heart which is above self-interest and ulterior motives will be acceptable to God.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 12 th	8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	Jan. 13 th	<i>Saint Hiliary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Randy Schroeder
Wed.	Jan. 14 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all the souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Jan. 15 th	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. -	Mass –Mary Ann Marcella Holy Family Men's smear league
Fri.	Jan. 16 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – For the special intentions of Brenda Moilanen Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 17 th	<i>Saint Anthony, Abbot</i>	
		3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – David LaMarche
Sun.	Jan. 18 th	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass –Phil & Lela Dubord
		10:00 AM -	Mass –For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

39 envelopes returned for January 4, 2026

Adults.....	\$ 889.00
Loose.....	102.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	5.00
Total.....	\$ 996.00

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 15.00

65 envelopes returned for January 4, 2026

Adults.....	\$4,334.00
Loose.....	159.00
General Maintenance.....	210.00
Fuel.....	280.00
Total.....	\$4,983.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense **\$4,594.23**
Over..... **\$ 388.77**

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 30.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal..... 830.00

Mark your calendar....We will be undecorating the church this Sunday, Jan. 11th. We will also have a pizza lunch. The more hands the faster and lighter the load for everyone! Thanking you in advance.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish will have a breakfast on Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 9:00 am to 12:30 PM

St. Thomas Breakfast

1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba
Sunday, February 1st 9:00am-12:30pm
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast,
Coffee & Juice \$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,
Ages 5 and under are FREE!
Please join us!

Mark Your Calendars.....The next date for our PASTY MAKING in Friday, Feb. 20th and Saturday, Feb. 21st~

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

Jan. 12th - True wisdom lies in gathering precious moments out of each day.

Jan. 13th - Only in a world of love can we unfold and bloom.

Jan. 14th - Be sure if God sends you on stony paths. He will provide you with strong shoes.

Jan. 15th - If you find life empty - try putting something into it.

Jan. 16th - To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

Jan. 17th - DOUBT sees the obstacles; FAITH sees the way. DOUBT sees the darkest night; FAITH sees the day. DOUBT dreads to take a step; FAITH soars on high. DOUBT questions, "Who Believes?" FAITH answers, "I".

St. Vincent de Paul 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.

We are getting closer to our UPSCA Goal **Have you made your pledge yet???**

Holy Family Parish has a parish goal of \$44,521.15. We have received 104 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$38,072 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$6,449.15 to achieve. If you misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office. Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8
Mk 1:14-20

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20
Mk 1:29-39

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Is 49:32,5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

NOMINATE A CATHOLIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Developed in the spirit of Legacy of Faith to preserve and foster the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula, the Catholic Service Award annually recognizes lifetime dedication and service to the Church. Learn more about the prestigious award and nominate someone that you feel deserves this honor and recognition at upcatholicfoundation.o. **Nominations due annually by May 1.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund. The scholarships aid graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a college or vocational education at an accredited degree-granting institution. Consideration is based on academic achievement. Applicants **must complete** the online application found at <https://dioceseofmarquette.org/awards-scholarships> and either mail an **Official Transcript and ACT/SAT scores** (via postal mail) to Bessette Scholarship Fund, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855 or email transcripts to Irene McCauley at imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2026.

There is a signup sheet at the back of church if you would like a copy of your 2025 Contributions