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Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2025

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Iary 12, 2025 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

4:41: Jesus not only healed the sick, but **demons also came out of many.** As they were cast out by Jesus, many tried to proclaim who He was, **saying**, **"You are the Christ, the Son of God!"** This is very similar to what the demon in 4:34 said. The demons were intent on proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah. They were not necessarily proclaiming Him to be God, but simply the Anointed One of God.

Instead of proclaiming Jesus as "the Son of God" the demons were trying to reinforce the popular opinion that the Jewish Messiah would be a ruling and reigning King who would go to war against Caesar and the Roman Empire, liberating the Jewish people once and for all. As seen in Luke 4:1-13, the devil wanted Jesus to become a kingly, ruling Messiah, and do so through short cuts that circumvented the plan and purposes of God. The testimony of demons would certainly spread this false conception of the Messiah and make the task and purposes of Jesus even more difficult. Proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God when Caesar had claimed this title for himself would be seen to be an act of war and treason against Caesar. And so Jesus rebuked the demons, and did not allow them to speak.

4:42-44: It appears that Jesus spent most of the night healing the sick and casting out demons, for the text says that when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. The deserted *place* is similar to the wilderness of 4:1 where Jesus was led by the Spirit to face the temptations of the devil. Jesus withdrew to the deserted place to pray. But the crowd didn't leave him alone and sought him out. But Jesus left the crowd and proceeded to other towns to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God. Jesus understood that He did not come for a select group of people in a select geographical area. This is the first time Jesus has mentioned the kingdom of God. It refers not to some future reign of God, but to the in breaking of God's rule and dominion over all the earth in the present time.

What will this Kingdom look like? He has already described it in His preaching (cf. Luke 4:18-19) and in His actions of healing the sick and casting out demons (cf. Luke 11:20). Much of the rest of the ministry of Jesus is spent explaining what this Kingdom looks like, how it is arriving, how it will expand, and what His followers can do to continue the growth of the Kingdom.

So Jesus went out from Capernaum and continued to teach about the Kingdom of God **in the synagogues of Galilee.** Jesus continued to go to the Jewish people when they gathered in the synagogues to proclaim from the Scriptures what the Kingdom truly was, how it would look, and how He had come to inaugurate the Kingdom of God.

Luke 5:1-11: The call of the first batch of disciples.

The call of the first disciples is described in Matthew and Mark too, though slightly in a different way. It is unclear if this event is parallel to or follows after the similar events in Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 1:16-20. Many believe the events are parallel, but as there are enough differences between those accounts and this passage in Luke to lead one to believe the events are different. The Scripture scholars vary in their opinion about this difference. Luke speaks about a miraculous catch of fish before Jesus called them. We see another miraculous catch of fish in John 21 which is the post resurrection event.

5:1: The end of chapter four indicated that Jesus intended to teach the Scriptures all over the region of Galilee. On one such day, **the multitudes** had gathered to hear Jesus teach **the Word of God.** Jesus not only taught the Scriptures in the synagogue on the Sabbath, but whenever and wherever the opportunity presented itself. On this occasion, He taught on the shore of **the Lake of Gennesaret**, also known as the Sea of Galilee or Lake of Tiberius. The lake is about eight miles wide and fourteen miles long and was a popular place for fishing.

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 13 th	Saint Hillary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church8:00 A.MMass – For all of our Special Intentions1:00 P.MSt. Vincent de Paul meets in church hall
Tues.	Jan. 14 th	8:00 A.M Mass – Ken Fassbender
Wed.	Jan. 15 th	8:00 A.M Mass – Walter & Mary Ann Marcella Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Jan. 16 th	8:00 A.M Mass – For the Intentions of Deacon Chuck Turner & Family 7:00 P.M Smear League
Fri.	Jan. 17 th	Saint Anthony, Abbot8:00 A.MMass – Mary ThomasParish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 18 th	3:00 P.MConfessions heard until 3:45 PM4:00 P.MMass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Jan. 19 th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 A.M Mass – Roger Tourangeau, Sr. 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

43 envelopes returned for Jan. 1st

Adult Offering	\$1,070.00
Loose	85.00
Total	\$1,155.00

78 envelopes returned for Sunday, Jan. 5th

Adults	\$6,542.00
Loose	203.00
General Maintenance	250.00
Fuel	335.00
Total	\$7,330.00
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,509.61
Over	\$2,820.39

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 4th 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. Bring a rolling pin and pie plate.

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 \$32,295 from 97 pledges. Still short \$10,367.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars.....Feb. 2nd is the Venison Supper and February 22nd is PASTY WEEKEND! More info in next week's bulletin

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".
- Jan. 18th Tomorrow is not promised us, so let us take today and make the most of it.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased".

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

If you would like a copy of your 2024 contributions, please sign up at the back of church. We will be mailing them the last week of January.

Monday Tuesday Heb 1:1-6 Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:14-20

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

Friday Heb 4:1-5,11 Mk 2:1-12

Mk 1:21-28

Thursday Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

Saturday Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday 1 Cor 12:4-11 Is 62:1-5 Jn 2:1-11

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

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS