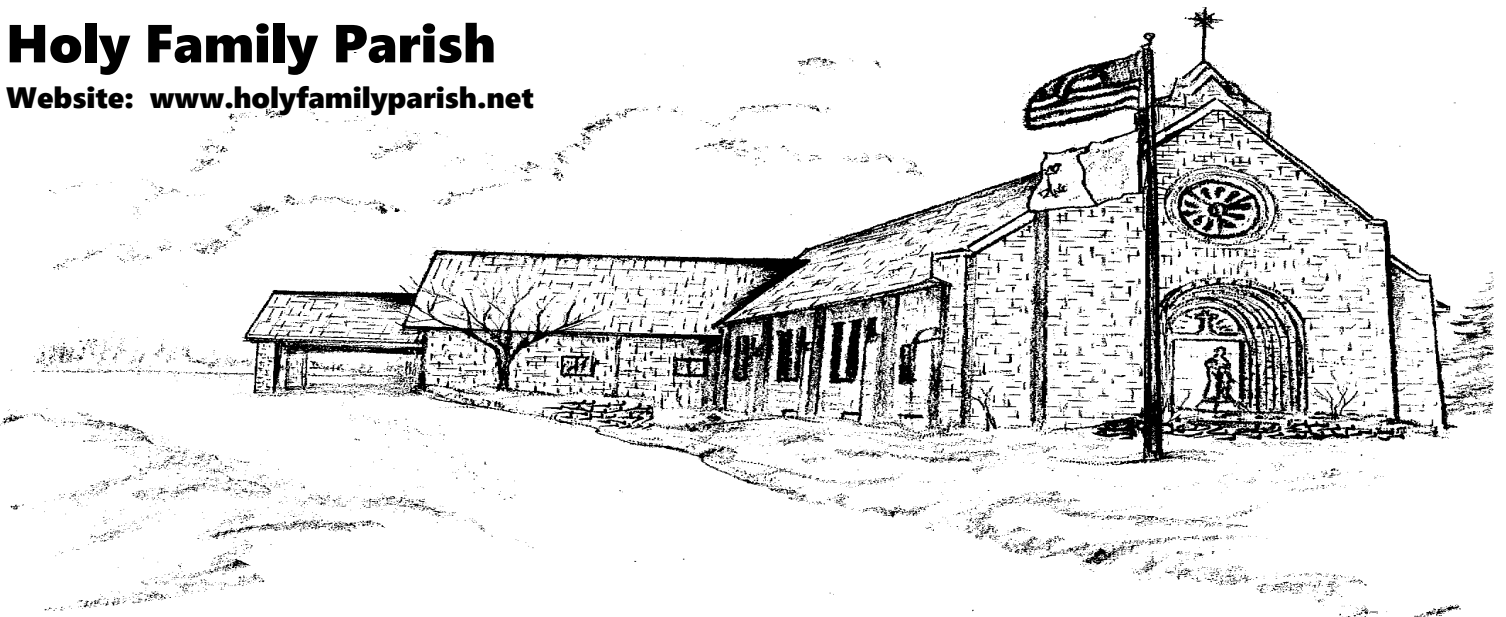


# Holy Family Parish

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 14, 2024

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary Harold Flagstad  
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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.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan, Jean Way  
Amanda, Jan Carter Mike Mosher, Penny Segerstrom  
Shelly Polaczyk, Doris Begalle, Mike & Lori*

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.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER

### The Mass (Cont.)

**Is the Mass Real Sacrifice (Cont.):** Last week we saw, that in Biblical language sacrifice has a special meaning. I repeat it here. Sacrifice is the **offering to God of some sanctified object**, made by a legitimate priest, who destroys or otherwise changes the object in acknowledgment of God's supreme dominion over man. The word sacrifice comes from the Latin words – **sacer means sacred and facere means to make**. Hence it means something made sacred or something consecrated and offered to God. In order to make something a sacrifice, there must be six distinguishing factors:

1. An external visible sign united to internal devotion. In the Old Testament these were lambs, goats, doves, bulls, oil, flour, bread, salt, wine and other things.
2. The Sacrifice must be offered to God alone.
3. It must be offered in acknowledgment that God is the highest authority, and in profession of our complete submission to Him.
4. It must be offered by a priest and presented by him to God for and in the name of the people.
5. The purification of the victim should take place through prescribed external ceremonies as a preparation before the offering.
6. The victim must be partially or totally destroyed.

The Old Testament has full of references to sacrifices as prescribed by God Himself. The most important of these was the Jewish Pasch, a sacrifice in memory of the deliverance of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt. If we examine the world religions we know that every one of them has had a system of sacrifice; therefore, sacrifice is an essential feature of man's relation with his Creator. Naturally enough, if Christianity is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant, there should be some sort of sacrifice in the New Covenant too. Indeed the New Covenant is founded on the Sacrifice of the Cross, from which it receives its life and meaning. In the New Covenant Jesus Christ himself was the victim and he made the supreme sacrifice on the cross. Before he died on the cross he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and gave his Body and Blood to his disciples as their food and drink. And also he commanded his disciples to continue the celebration of his Body and Blood in remembrance of him; **“Do it in memory of me.”**

As we have already seen, the only celebration the disciples had was the Eucharist which they considered to be the repetition of the Sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Catholic Church, from the very beginning of the century believed that the Holy Eucharist is not only a Sacrament, but also One Sacrifice of the New Law, and as a Sacrifice, we call it the Holy Mass. But the natural question arises in us is that, how is Holy Mass related to the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary? There is no doubt that Christ was the victim on the Cross. He too is the victim of the Mass. In the Mass Christ is offered to the Heavenly Father under the species of bread and wine in a manner in which no bloodshed takes place, as he did on the cross. We have already seen the six factors which make an act a real sacrifice. In the Mass the Victim is Jesus himself, in the visible form of bread and wine. The oblation takes place at the time of the Consecration. Jesus offers himself through his priest and the faithful. By that he gives honor and praise to the Heavenly Father. The Sacrifice of Christ is manifested in the Mass today by the separate Consecration which symbolizes the actual separation of his body and Blood, or the death. At the Last Supper Jesus gave his apostles his Body and Blood separately which is the symbol of sacrifice. **(We will continue next week).**

### **Great Appreciation & Thanks!**

My Sisters and Brothers,

Our busy schedule of Christmas and New Year Celebrations has come to a close. Many of you have sent cards and gifts to me, which I consider as the token of your love and appreciation. I went through each card and the blessing words, many of you have written. I sincerely thank you for your kind gesture, which matters a lot for me. With your gifts, I could add a little joy to the lives of a few poor children. Definitely, you will have the reward from the Lord. With Love & thanks,

Fr. Sebastian

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. -	Mass – Betty Lou Tourangeau St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>St. Anthony Abbot</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
		6:30 P.M. -	CCD Classes grades & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade parents meeting
Thurs.	Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Victoria Kudwa ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.</i> ) Smear League
Fri.	Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Don Anderson Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i></b>	
		3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Carl & Blanche Johnson & Family
Sun.	Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>Third Sunday in Ordinary time</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the People of our Parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Rob Leisner

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**80 envelopes returned for Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Offering.....	\$3,868.00
Loose.....	82.00
General Maintenance.....	245.00
Mass Stipends.....	450.00
Fuel.....	195.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,840.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42**

**Over..... \$ 450.58**

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 58.00

**To date we have received \$33,945 in U.P. Catholic Services Appeal pledges. We are short of \$7,061.97 in reaching our goal of \$41,006.97. There are still 53 outstanding pledge cards.**

If you would like a contribution statement from 2023 please sign the sheet at the back of church. I will mail them out at the end of January.

**Meal Train Ministry Begins!**

With the help of our active parish, we'd like to start providing meals to new parents, as well as others in need! If you are currently pregnant, recovering from serious illness, or anticipating a major surgery, please let us know so we can provide the service.

Meghan (LaMarche) and Josh Barron are expecting their third child at the end of the month. Both Meghan and Josh have been a part of our parish since they were children. Please consider blessing them with a meal as their family adjusts to their newest addition. To sign up for a meal, find their information on our website (Heading -> Parish Ministries, then Meal Train Ministry) or contact Heidi at 906-399-5461.

***Happy 4th Ordination Anniversary to Deacon Bob Berbohm. Deacon Bob was ordained on January 10, 2020. Congratulations!!!***

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

**Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** - If you find life empty - try putting something into it.

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

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** - 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. 18<sup>th</sup>** - Tomorrow is not promised us, so let us take today and make the most of it.

**Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** - If you meet one too tired to smile, leave one of yours; Nobody needs a smile, as much as those who have none to give.

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Holy Family library feature of the month is videos. Now that winter is finally here, it's a great time to sit down with family and watch some great videos. There are many to choose from in the library. Featured on the table outside the library are some classic movies, and there is also a collection of children's videos on the bottom shelf of the table, as well as inside the library. To borrow a video, just sign the card inside the video and place it in the box on the desk in the library.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
1 Sm 15:16-23  
Mk 2:18-22

**Wednesday**  
1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51  
Mk 3:1-6

**Friday**  
1 Sm 24:3-21  
Mk 3:13-19

**Tuesday**  
1 Sm 16:1-13  
Mk 2:23-28

**Thursday**  
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7  
Mk 3:7-12

**Saturday**  
2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,  
23-27  
Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday**  
Jon 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31  
Mk 1:14-20



The **Venison Supper** will be held Sunday, Jan. 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Asking for a donation of \$10 for adults; ages 6-12 \$5.00, and 5 & under free. Ladies: please don't forget the bars. The meal is not complete unless we have your delicious bars. ~ Thank You! TAKE OUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE by calling 906-630-9597 starting at noon with pickup starting at 4:00 PM.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 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](mailto:imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org). Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2024.