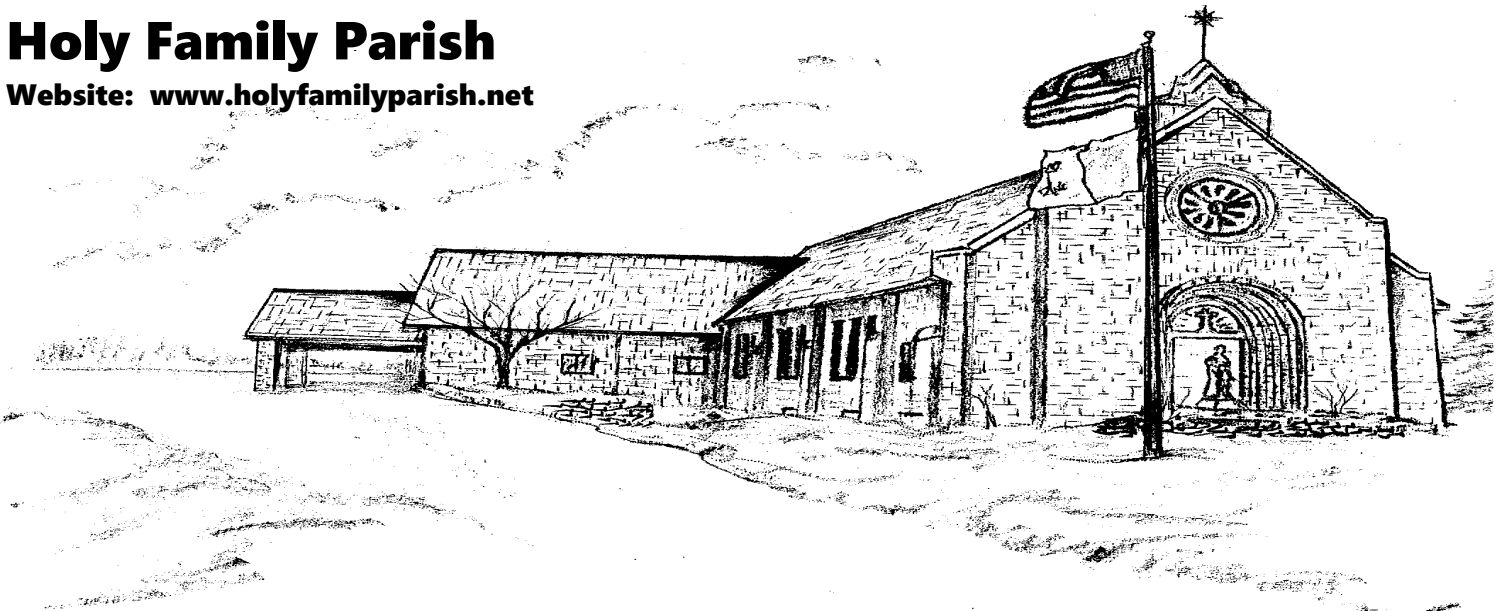


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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 18, 2026

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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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

Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell

Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr.,

Christina Theoret Zion, Patty Delveaux, Frank Chenier

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 SHEPHERD'S JOY (Luke 15:1-7)

There is no chapter of the New Testament so well-known and so dearly loved as the fifteenth chapter of Luke's gospel. It has been called "*the gospel in the gospel*," as if it contained the very distilled essence of the good news which Jesus came to tell.

These three parables arose out of definite situations. It was an offence to the scribes and Pharisees that Jesus associated with men and women who, by the orthodox, were labeled as sinners. The Pharisees gave to people who did not keep the law a general classification. They called them the People of the Land; and there was a complete barrier between the Pharisees and the People of the Land. To the scribes Pharisees who kept such apathy and hatred, Jesus told these parables to show how God is compassionate towards a repentant sinner and how God rejoices over the return of a sinner.

So Jesus told them the parable of the lost sheep and the shepherd's joy. The shepherd in Judaea had a hard and dangerous task. Pasture was scarce. The narrow central plateau was only a few miles wide, and then it plunged down to the wild cliffs and the terrible devastation of the desert. There were no restraining walls and the sheep would wander.

The shepherd was personally responsible for the sheep. If a sheep was lost the shepherd must at least bring home the fleece to show how it had died. These shepherds were experts at tracking and could follow the straying sheep's footprints for miles across the hills. There was not a shepherd for whom it was not all in the day's work to risk his life for his sheep.

Many of the flocks were communal flocks, belonging, not to individuals, but to villages. There would be two or three shepherds in charge. Those whose flocks were safe would arrive home on time and bring news that one shepherd was still out on

the mountain side searching for a sheep which was lost. The whole village would be upon the watch, and when, in the distance, they saw the shepherd striding home with the lost sheep across his shoulders, there would rise from the whole community a shout of joy and of thanksgiving. That is the picture Jesus drew of God; that, said Jesus, is what God is like. God is as glad when a lost sinner is found as a shepherd is when a strayed sheep is brought home. As a great saint said, "God, too, knows the joy of finding things that have gone lost."

There is a wondrous thought here. It is the truly tremendous truth that God is kinder than men. The orthodox would write off the tax-collectors and the sinners as beyond the pale and as deserving of nothing but destruction; not so God. Men may give up hope of a sinner; not so God. God loves the folk who never stray away; but in his heart there is the joy of joys when a lost one is found and comes home. It is a thousand times easier to come back to God than to come home to the bleak criticism of men.

THE COIN A WOMAN LOST AND FOUND (Luke 15:8-10)

It would not be difficult to lose a coin in a Palestinian peasant's house and it might take a long search to find it. The houses were very dark, for they were lit by one little circular window not much more than about eighteen inches across. The floor was beaten earth covered with dried reeds and rushes; and to look for a coin on a floor like that was very much like looking for a needle in a haystack. The woman swept the floor in the hope that she might see the coin glint or hear it tinkle as it moved. God is so eager to go after a lost sinner and he will continue the search till he finds the sinner.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Jan. 20 th	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joyce Nosacek
Wed.	Jan. 21 st	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Barbara Chouinard Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Jan. 22 nd	8:00 A.M. - Mass –Charolette Poquette 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's smear league
Fri.	Jan. 23 rd	<i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Roger Tourangeau, Sr. ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 24 th	<i>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Jan. 25 th	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Elizabeth Becker 10:00 AM - Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

56 envelopes returned for January 11, 2026

Adults.....	\$3,442.00
Loose.....	195.84
General Maintenance.....	75.00
Fuel.....	75.00
Total.....	\$3,787.84

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Short.....	\$ 806.39

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	90.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	2,175.00
Votive Lights.....	200.00
Diocesan Collection.....	115.00

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

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

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 106 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$39,882.00 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$4,639.15 to achieve. If you misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office. Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

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

VENISON SUPPER....Will be on Sunday, Feb. 1st. starting at 4:00 PM and serving until 6:00 PM. If anyone would like to donate venison, please call Bob Tourangeau at 786-6811. More details in next weeks bulletin.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

Jan. 19th - 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. 20th - Children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example.

Jan. 21st - Take time to love; it is what makes you Godlike.

Jan. 22nd - Let me give so much time to the improvement of myself that I shall have not time to criticize others.

Jan. 23rd - I asked of life: "What have you to offer me?" And the answer came: "What have you got to give?"

Jan. 24th - To attain the highest good of true man and womanhood, simply do your honest best - God with joy will do the rest.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus are conducting a program where they are sharing the Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Marquette. The Icon will be at Holy Family Parish January 19th thru January 25th at which time it will be moved to the next parish in the Diocese. You will also find prayer cards for anyone to take and pray the Sacred Heart Prayer at home. In addition, there are Sacred Heart Holy Hour booklets for your use in the church should you decide to spend some time with Jesus and learn more about the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Program facilitated by the Knights of Columbus. Please enjoy this beautiful piece of art and the love of Jesus that it represents for all of us.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
Is 8:23—9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Mt 4:12-23

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.