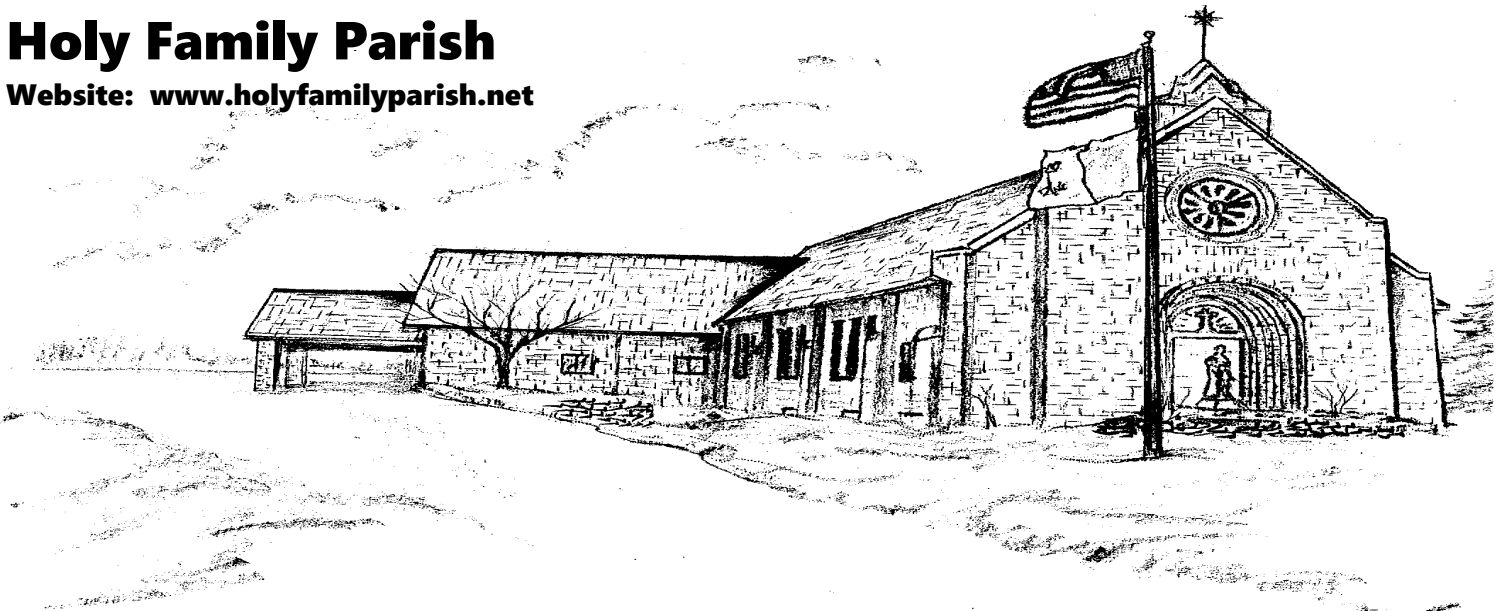


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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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Gerald Miron Piper Desy

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

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

A bad man's good example (Luke 16:1-13): This is a difficult parable to interpret. The reason is that apparently, the master who was upset with the steward finally appreciates his cleverness, though he cheated the master further. Of course, a parable is not to be taken literally, rather the moral lesson to be appreciated.

The steward was a dishonest man. He was a slave, but he was nonetheless in charge of the running of his master's estate. In Palestine there were many absentee landlords. The master may well have been one of these, and his business may well have been entrusted to his steward's hands. The steward had followed a career of embezzlement.

The debtors were also equally dishonest. No doubt what they owed was rent. Rent was often paid to a landlord, not in money, but in kind. It was often an agreed proportion of the produce of the part of the estate which had been rented. The steward knew that he had lost his job. He, therefore, had a brilliant idea. He falsified the entries in the books so that the debtors were debited with far less than they owed. This would have two effects. First, the debtors would be grateful to him; and second, and much more effective, he had involved the debtors in his own misdemeanors, and, if the worst came to the worst, he was now in a strong position to exercise a little judicious blackmail!

The master himself seemed to be very strange, for, instead of being shocked at the whole proceeding, he appreciated the shrewd brain behind it and actually praised the steward for what he had done. The difficulty of the parable is clearly seen from the fact that Luke attaches no fewer than four different lessons to it.

(i) In Luke 16:8 the lesson is that the sons of this world are wiser in their generation than the sons of light. That means that, if only the Christian was as eager and ingenious in his attempt to attain

goodness as the man of the world is in his attempt to attain money and comfort, he would be a much better man. If only men would give as much attention to the things which concern their souls as they do to the things which concern their business, they would be much better men. Over and over again a man will expend twenty times the amount of time and money and effort on his pleasure, his hobby, his garden, his sport as he does on his church. Our Christianity will begin to be real and effective only when we spend as much time and effort on it as we do on our worldly activities.

(ii) **In Luke 16:9:** the lesson is that material possessions should be used to cement the friendships wherein the real and permanent value of life lies. That could be done in two ways.

(a) It could be done as it affects eternity. The Rabbis had a saying, "The rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come." St. Ambrose, commenting on the rich fool who built bigger barns to store his goods, said, "The bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the barns which last forever." It was a Jewish belief that charity given to poor people would stand to a man's credit in the world to come. A man's true wealth would consist not in what he kept, but in what he gave away.

(b) It could be done as it affects this world. A man can use his wealth selfishly or he can use it to make life easier, not only for himself, but for his friends and his fellow-men. How many a scholar is forever grateful to a rich man who gave or left money to found bursaries and scholarships which made a university career possible! How many a man is grateful to a better-off friend who saw him through some time of need in the most practical way! Possessions are not in themselves a sin, but they are a great responsibility, and the man who uses them to help his friends has gone far to discharge that responsibility.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 2 nd	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Feb. 3 rd	<i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – JoAnn Fassbender (13 th Anniv.) 11:00 AM - Ladies Altar Society
Wed.	Feb. 4 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Helen Ness (5 th Anniv.) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Feb. 5 th	<i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Fassbender 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's Meeting & smear league
Fri.	Feb. 6 th	<i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the special intentions of Frank Chenier ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 7 th	8:00 AM - First Saturday – Mass – For the intentions of Fr. Sebastian 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke
Sun.	Feb. 8 th	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Helen Clouser 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

55 envelopes returned for January 25, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,159.00
Loose.....	263.25
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Total.....	\$2,472.25

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Short.....	\$2,121.98

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	510.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	150.00
Mass money.....	10.00
Diocesan Collection.....	40.00

Mark Your Calendars.....The next date for our PASTY MAKING is Friday, Feb. 20th and Saturday, Feb. 21st~ Signup sheets are at the back of church for donations, pasty orders and workers.

ATTENTION LADIES

We will have our monthly meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 11:00 AM. Our guest speaker will be Father Sebastian. Theoret's Corner is in charge of the snacks. Hope to see you there!!!!



The **Venison Supper** will be held THIS Sunday, Feb. 1st 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.

***With deepest sympathy we offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of
Patty Delveaux
May she rest in peace.***

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Feb. 1st - He who has no money is poor, but he who has nothing but money is the poorest of all.

Feb. 2nd - Hold to a true friend with both hands.

Feb. 3rd - A good thing to remember And a better thing to do, Is to work with the construction gang and not the wrecking crew.

Feb. 4th - The only sharp-edged tool that gets sharper with use is the tongue.

Feb. 5th - To overlook the little things in life is to miss the biggest part of life itself.

Feb. 6th - "Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers and are famous preservers of youthful looks."

Feb. 7th - The person who is always finding fault, seldom finds anything else.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Married couples are invited to connect with each other and with the Lord Saturday, Feb. 28th beginning at 9:00 am Central Time at Immaculate Conception Parish in Iron Mountain. The retreat will feature brief presentations, discussion, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, a fun activity, Mass, a catered dinner, and an evening game competition. A block of hotel rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Express and Comfort Inn. There will be a Friday evening social for those who can come the night before. Register at yoopercatholic.org/couples or call 906-379-3860.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2,9-17
Mk 6:1-6

Friday

Sir 47:2-11
Mk 6:14-29

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10,14b
24-25a,30—19:3
Mk 5:21-43

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12
Mk 6:7-13

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

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.

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

To date we have \$40,422.00 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$4,099.15 to achieve. If you misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office.

St. Anne Parish in Escanaba will be serving **breakfast on Sunday Feb. 9th** from 9:30 to Noon including Pancakes, sausage, egg bake, fruit cfup, cinnamon rolls, coffee & juice.

Women's Ministry is now at St. Anthony's every other Monday at 5:00 PM. Feb. 9th & 23rd. All women are welcome.