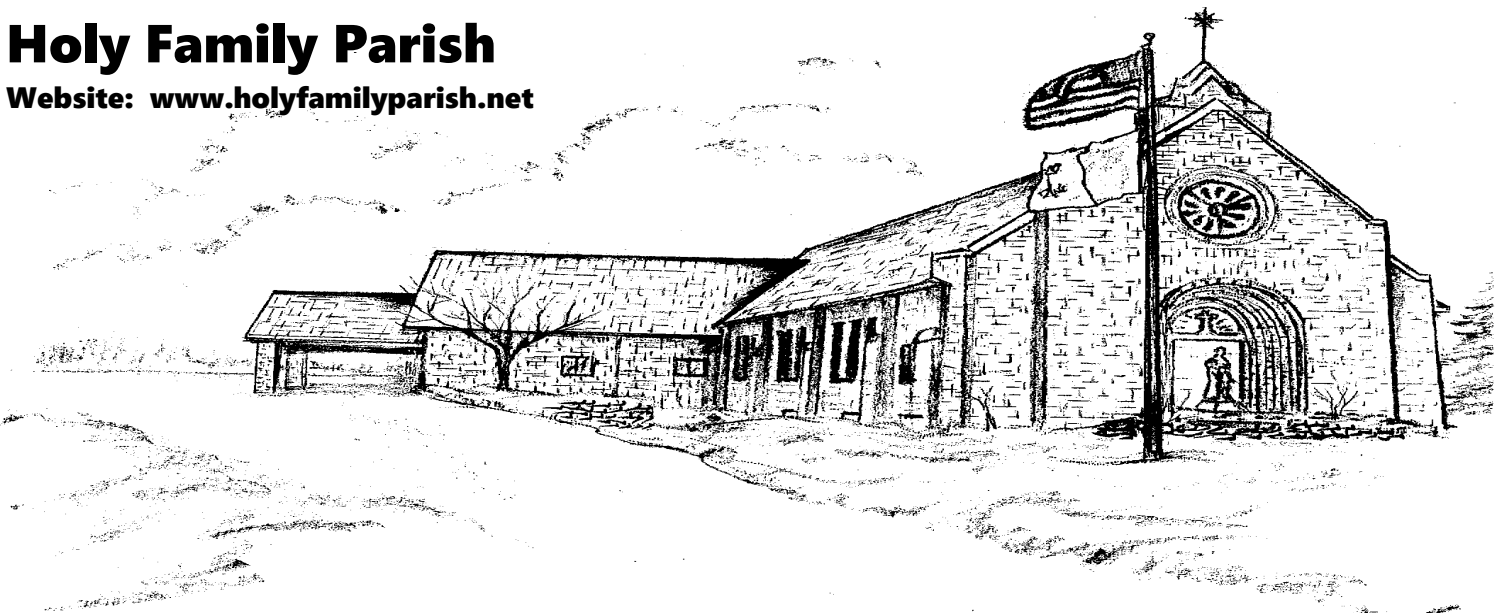


# Holy Family Parish

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 24, 2024

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

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### Faith Formation Coordinator

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary Harold Flagstadt  
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Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

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.....

*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

(Please, remember to read the verses before you go for their commentary, so that you may understand it better)

**3:17:** John elaborates on this theme of blessing on some and judgment on others through the image of grain threshing, which is the process of separating grain from the chaff. The person doing the threshing would typically use a tool called a **winnowing fan**, which looked like a cross between a rake, a shovel, and a fan. It was used to scoop up the grain and toss it in the air, and in the same motion, create a gust of wind to blow away the chaff, thereby allowing the grain to fall back down to the ground. The job was made easier if there was a light breeze to blow the chaff away.

The threshing was done on a **threshing floor** which was a level surface made of stone. This was where the mixture of grain and chaff was piled. As the grain was tossed into the air, the chaff blew off onto one side, and the cleaned grain was then raked off onto the other side. When all was separated, the **wheat** was gathered into the **barn**. This is symbolic of the ingathering that the Messiah would accomplish for Israel, bringing many people back into covenant faithfulness, and therefore, usefulness for God's plan on earth.

However, not all would be brought in. Some would continue in their rebellion. Their end will be like that of the **chaff** which is burned **with unquenchable fire**. As with the other references to *fire* in the context, this refers to physical, temporal discipline from God (cf. 3:9; cf. 12:49). In short when the Messiah comes, he will divide the nation into wheat and chaff. The wheat will be gathered into the storehouse where it will be used to feed and bless the nations; the chaff will be burned up until no trace of it is left. The former receive the Spirit and the latter only fire (3:16).

**3:18:** Such was John's typical message when **he preached to the people**. His message was exactly in line with that of other Hebrew Prophets: the nation of Israel must turn from their disobedience and return to faithfulness to God.

**3:19:** This message of exhortation was not for the people only, but also for **Herod the tetrarch**. This *Herod* was one of the sons of Herod the Great, and he ruled mainly from Jerusalem. Like his father, he claimed to be the King of the Jews, and was politically, religiously, and morally corrupt. As Luke records, at one point Herod took **Herodias, his Brother Philip's wife** as his own wife. Aside from stealing his brother's wife, Herodias was also Herod's niece. Such an action was detestable (Lev 18:16; 20:21), and so John **rebuked** Herod for this, as well as **for all the evils which Herod had done**. John, as a Prophet of God, longed to see justice restored on the earth, the wicked to be destroyed, and the Kingdom of God inaugurated. As many prophets had done before, John dared even to speak against the corrupt leaders and rulers of Israel, and condemn them for their immoral actions.

**3:20:** In light of the message John preached, about blessing to the faithful, and the fire of judgment to the rebellious, when John preached against Herod, the people probably expected Herod to either repent of his sin or receive divine discipline. However, neither of them happened. Instead, **above all** the other evils which Herod had done, the greatest evil of all was that **he shut John up in prison**. Josephus records that Herod imprisoned John because he feared John might start a rebellion. Whatever the reason, Luke does note here what happened to John in prison, but maintains the suspense. Theophilus, Luke's first reader and a high-ranking public official in the Roman Empire, certainly knew of Herod's reputation, and also knew that most likely, John would die in prison. But if the Messiah was coming, and when He arrives He will overthrow wicked rulers, then maybe John would be delivered, Herod would be cast down as the King of the Jews, the Messiah would be set upon the throne, and the Kingdom would be restored. This incident begins a contest of power between the Rulers of the World and the Agents of God's Kingdom. Perhaps, John too expected such a vindication from the Messiah who would come out as a deliverer.

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Tues.	Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Bishop and Living members of the presbyterate of Marquette Diocese
Wed.	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – All Souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help ----- Parish Office closed
Thurs.	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving 7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Intentions of Daniel Kudwa ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Andrew, Apostle</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Jack & Rita Gascon
Sun.	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>First Sunday of Advent</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**76 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Offering.....	\$3,475.00
Loose.....	188.00
General Maintenance.....	85.00
Fuel.....	60.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,808.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$4,509.61</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>701.61</b>

The Word Among Us.....	280.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	44.00
Funeral Lunch reimbursement.....	81.71
UPCSA Donations.....	\$1,745.00

*There is a Little Blue book for Advent at the back of church for anyone who would like to take one.*

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, thus the Solemnity is transferred to Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> which will be a Holy Day of Obligation.

***CALLING ALL LADIES....The Ladies of the Parish Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5:30 PM. There will be a catered dinner at a cost of \$15.00. Also if you would like to participate there will be a gift exchange of \$15, 50/50, Raffle with proceeds going to St. Vincent dePaul, and bingo. If you plan to attend please sign up at the back of church by November 24<sup>th</sup>.***

We will be having a **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** on Thursday at 8:00 AM. All who come are encouraged to bring canned goods for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** - If you can think of nothing for which to give thanks, you have a poor memory.
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>** - Lord show me the way I can somehow repay the blessings you've given me today.
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** - So once in every year we throng Upon a day apart, To praise the Lord with feast and song In thankfulness of heart.
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** - Thank God for dirty dishes, they have a tale to tell; While others may go hungry We've eaten very well. With home, health, and happiness I shouldn't want to fuss, By the stack of evidence God's been very good to us.
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** - "...Be thankful unto Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."
- Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** - I used to censure everyone, I was a Pharisee; Until, quite unexpectedly, I got a glimpse of me.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to families by providing food, money for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

**THE ANGEL TREE IS UP...**The St. Vincent de Paul Society asks that when you take a tag from the tree, **please return the gift unwrapped** with the tag attached to the gift. Thank you for helping brighten children's Christmas. They need to be returned by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Rv 14:1-3,4b-5  
Lk 21:1-4

### **Wednesday**

Rv 15:1-4  
Lk 21:12-19

### **Friday**

Rv 20:1-4,11—21:2  
Lk 21:29-33

### **Tuesday**

Rv 14:14-19  
Lk 21:5-11

### **Thursday**

Sir 50:22-24  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Lk 17:11-19

### **Saturday**

Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

### **Sunday**

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2  
Lk 21:25-28,34-36

### St. Anthony/St. Thomas Annual Dinner Bazaar 2024

It will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, with doors opening at 11:00 AM. They will be serving Baked Ham, Pigs in a blanket, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot veggies, coleslaw, serving from 11:00 am to 2:00 PM

The NEW subscription for **THE WORD AMONG US** will start January of 2025. If you would like to have a subscription through the church please contact the parish office by the end of November. The price is \$20 per subscription.

Holy Name Elementary School is in need of a full time custodian. If you have a passion for cleaning and want to work in a mission aligned environment, please submit a resume to [employment@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:employment@holynamecrusaders.com). For more information please call the school at 906 786 7550.

### **U.P. Catholic Services Appeal**

**Our goal this year is 42,662.03. We need the participation of everyone to meet this goal.**

**Thanking you in advance for helping our parish meet our goal.**

**To date we have received \$26,840 from 85 pledges. Still short \$15,821.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.**