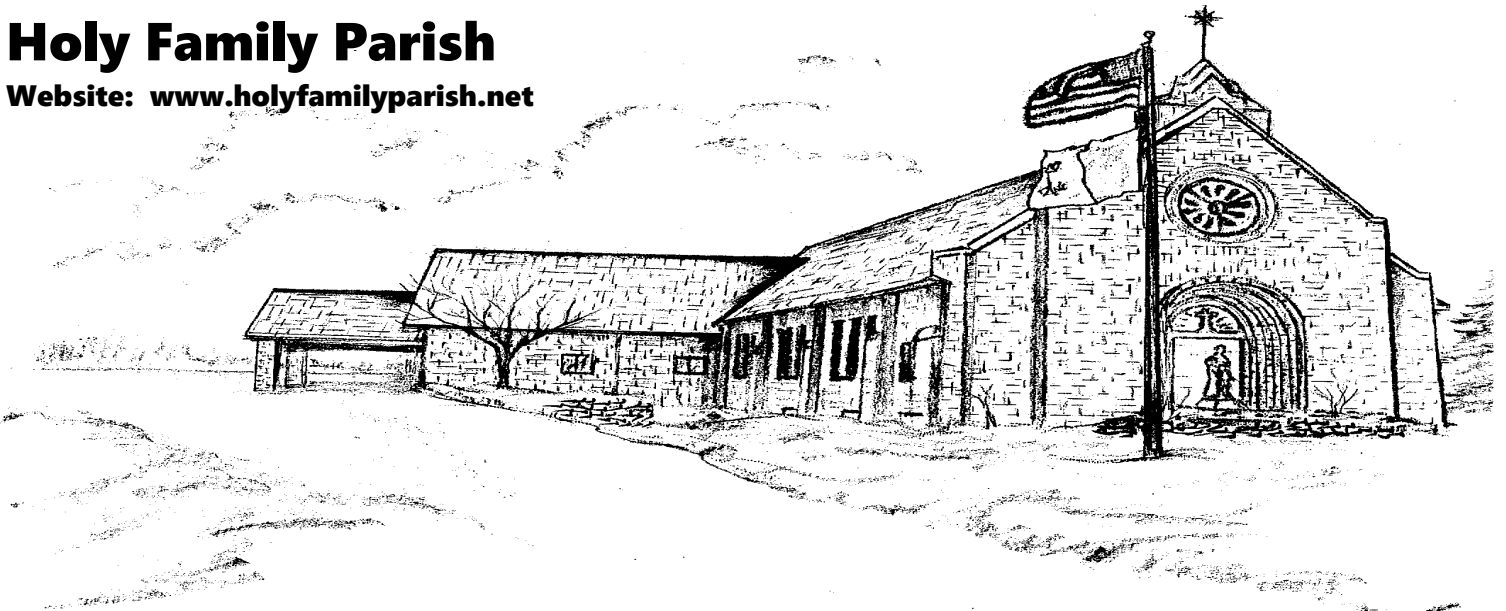


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Sacrament of Marriage

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

Luke 4:14-30 (Cont.): Rejection in his own

Native Place: Perhaps, after leaving his home town Nazareth, Jesus came there for a visit for the first time. Nazareth was not a mere village rather it was a town or city with twenty thousand inhabitants at that time. It stood in a little hollow in the hills on the lower slopes of Galilee near the plain of Jezreel. But climbing on the hill top one could see an amazing panorama for miles around where many historical events of Palestine took place.

Once again we see Jesus in the synagogue. No doubt in his younger days Jesus and his parents worshiped in one of the synagogues in Nazareth. Naturally, many inhabitants are very familiar with the face of Jesus and his trade as a carpenter. This time Jesus was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah to be read in the synagogue. So Jesus was chosen to be one of the seven Scripture readers. He read Isaiah chapter 61 where we find the Messianic prophecy and after reading the passage, it is said that Jesus sat down. But Jesus was about to begin. For the preacher or rabbi preached remain seated and Jesus too did the same.

In Jesus' reading and interpretation of this text in Isaiah, he is claiming, on Old Testament grounds, to be Israel's Messiah. This is based upon several areas of fulfillment. First, Jesus' life and ministry were marked by the power of the Holy Spirit. Luke has emphasized the fact that our Lord was empowered and led by the Spirit. The Spirit descended upon him at the Baptism. Second, the ministry of the Messiah, thus far was primarily that of proclamation, preaching. Note the emphasis in these verses given on the proclamation. Third, the ministry of Messiah which is described here is focused toward the poor, the distressed, the downtrodden and the captives; can be spiritually captives. Our Lord

understood that His role as Messiah was to fulfill this prophecy of Isaiah.

Apparently, many were amazed by his preaching. But they were also filled with prejudice. Because he was the son of carpenter Joseph who worked among them and they knew well, how much a carpenter can grow. Discerning their attitude, Jesus responded, "All of you will say to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' The things we heard you did in Capernaum do also here in your own home [area]." Continuing, Jesus told them "that no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Calling attention to ancient history, he said, "There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was shut for three years and six months (as great famine came to be over all the land), and to none of them was Elijah sent but to a widowed woman of Zarephath of Sidon. And there were many lepers in Israel [during the time] of Elisha the prophet, and none of them were cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." (Luke 4:23-27).

Jesus' words forced those assembled in the synagogue to look at their unbelief in him against the backdrop of their ancient history. Their ancestors had not honored the prophets, with resultant loss to themselves. Yet, non-Israelites (the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian) had been richly blessed through them. Instead of accepting the lesson of ancient history and coming to see their error in the way they looked upon Jesus and their wanting to see signs, those in the synagogue became filled with rage. Angered that they had been likened to faithless Israelites in the days of Elijah and Elisha, they seized Jesus and led him away to the edge of the hill on which the Nazareth was built. Their intent was to throw him down from the elevated location. He, however, got free, passed through the midst of the group, and went on his way. (Luke 4:28-30)

(We will continue).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 23 rd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Dec. 24 th	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 8:00 P.M. - Mass – For the dec. members of the Neuens & Hughes Families ----- Parish Office closed
Wed.	Dec. 25 th	<i>Christmas Day</i> 9:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe Nolde ----- Parish Office closed
Thurs.	Dec. 26 th	<i>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League ----- Parish Office Closed
Fri.	Dec. 27 th	<i>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Dec. 28 th	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	Dec. 29 th	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Doris Begalle 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

73 envelopes returned for Sunday, Dec. 15th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,995.00
Loose.....	252.20
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Total.....	\$3,297.20

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	1,212.41

Christmas flowers.....	25.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	10.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	200.00
U.P. Catholic Services 56 appeal.....	100.00
Funeral Luncheon Reimbursement.....	99.16
Votive Lights.....	115.00

JANUARY 1ST – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Our Mass schedule will be Dec. 31st at 4:00 PM and on January 1st we will have an 9:00 AM Mass.

The family of ***Judith Gereau*** sends sincere thanks to all who brought food and to those who served it at her funeral luncheon. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. ***David, Laurie, Michael and family***

Immediately following the 10:00 am Mass today, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. There will be a light lunch following. If you could spare an hour or two to help that would be great. The more hands the lighter the load. Thanking you in advance.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 22nd** - Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. H.W. Mabie
- Dec. 23rd** - Not what we give, But what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare. J. R. Cowell.
- Dec. 24th** - Christmas is the delight of loving and being loved in return, not for gifts tied with bows, but for gifts of the Spirit offered with an open heart every day of the year. Pearl Buck.
- Dec. 25th** - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11
- Dec. 26th** - It's a little too much to save, And a little too much to dump. There's nothing to do but eat it, That makes the housewife plump.
- Dec. 27th** - The greatest thing in life is to be needed.
- Dec. 28th** - You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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 \$31,240 from 94 pledges. Still short \$11,422.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
Mal 3:1-4,23-24
Lk 1:57-66 | Tuesday
2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-
12,14a,16
Lk 1:67-79 |
| Wednesday
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 | Thursday
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22 |
| Friday
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a,2-8 | Saturday
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13-18 |
| Sunday
Sir 3:2-6,12-14 | Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52 |

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. 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

Are You a Woman?

If you answered yes, then you are invited to investigate what it truly means to live as an authentic Catholic Christian woman. Starting Sunday, Jan. 5, women will gather at 6:45pm at Holy Name High School: A Chesterton Academy to use Endow's study on Pope St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. We will meet for 8 consecutive Sunday evenings and welcome any woman who has completed high school through later adult years with the hope we will have fruitful intergenerational conversation and fellowship. The cost is \$40 and participants must purchase the study guide ahead of time. For details and to register, email or call/text Nancy Vande Hey at nvandehey72@gmail.com, 920-257-1736.