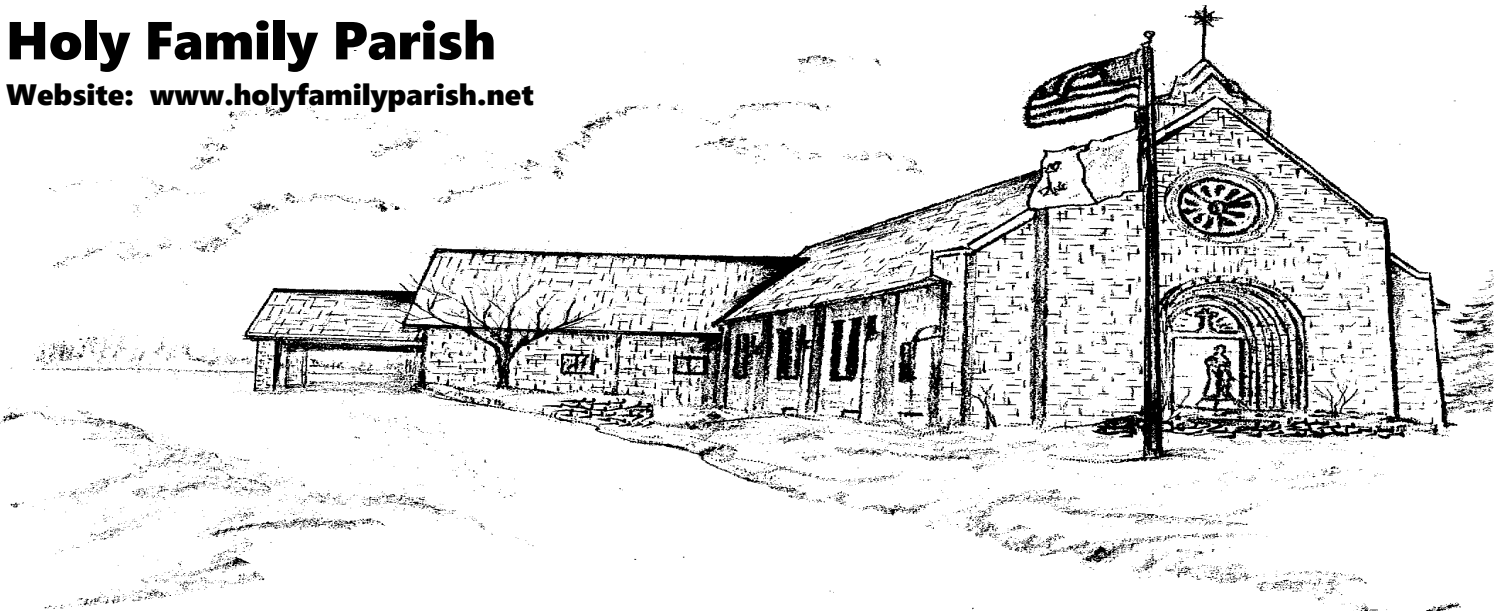


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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 28, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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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, Julie Bishop
Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell
Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme Steve Belongie, Sr.,
Christina Theoret Zion, Patty Delveaux*

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 RISK OF BEING SHUT OUT ([Luke 13:22-30](#))

When this questioner asked his question it would certainly be on the assumption that the kingdom of God was for the Jews and that gentiles would all be shut out. Jesus' answer must have come as a shock to him.

(i) He declared that entry to the kingdom can never be automatic but is the result and the reward of a struggle. "Keep on striving to enter," he said. The word for striving is the word from which the English word agony is derived. The struggle to enter in must be so intense that it can be described as an agony of soul and spirit.

We run a certain danger. It is easy to think that, once we have made a commitment of ourselves to Jesus Christ, we have reached the end of the road and can, as it were, sit back as if we had achieved our goal. There is no such finality in the Christian life. A man must ever be going forward or necessarily he goes backward.

The Christian way is like a climb up a mountain pathway towards a peak which will never be reached in this world. It was said of two gallant climbers who died on Mount Everest, "When last seen they were going strong for the top." It was inscribed on the grave of an Alpine guide who had died on the mountain-side, "He died climbing." For the Christian, life is ever an upward and an onward way.

(ii) The defense of these people was, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." There are those who think that just because they are members of a Christian civilization all is well. They differentiate between themselves and the heathen in their ignorance and blindness. But the man who lives in a Christian civilization is not necessarily a Christian. He may be enjoying all its benefits; he certainly is living on the Christian capital which others before him have built up; but that is no reason for sitting back content that all is well. Rather it challenges us, "What did you do to initiate all this? What have you done to preserve and develop it?" We cannot live on borrowed goodness.

(iii) There will be surprises in the kingdom of God. Those who are very prominent in this world may have to be very humble in the next; those whom no one notices here may be the princes of the world to come. There is a story of a woman who had been used to every luxury and to all respect. She died, and when she arrived in heaven, an angel was sent to conduct her to her house. They passed many a lovely mansion and the woman thought that each one, as they came to it, must be the one allotted to her. When they had passed through the main streets they came to the outskirts where the houses were much smaller; and on the very fringe they came to a house which was little more than a hut. "That is your house," said the conducting angel. "What," said the woman, "that! I cannot live in that." "I am sorry," said the angel, "but that is all we could build for you with the materials you sent up."

SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Very sincerely I appreciate and thank all of you who have sent to me Christmas Greetings and Gifts. Your Kind gesture is the visible sign of your love and appreciation for me. I enjoyed them well. I am sure we had a great Christmas and also this is my last Christmas with you. Next year I will celebrate with you in spirit and prayers. I also use this opportunity to **WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! GOD GRANT US PEACE, JOY AND GOOD HEALTH!**

Fr. Sebastian

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

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| Mon. | Dec. 29 th | 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass |
| Tues. | Dec. 30 th | 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass |
| Wed. | Dec. 31 st | 4:00 P.M. - New Year's Eve Mass – Lynn Spalla |
| Thurs. | Jan. 1 st | <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> 9:00 A.M. - New Year's Day Mass – For the People of our Parish ----- Parish Office closed |
| Fri. | Jan. 2 nd | <i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke (16 th Anniv.) ----- Parish Office closed |
| Sat. | Jan. 3 rd | 8:00 A.M. - <i>First Saturday Mass – For Fr. Sebastian's Intentions</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Tom Flagstadt |
| Sun. | Jan. 4 th | <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish |

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

73 envelopes returned for Sunday, Dec. 14th

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| Adults..... | \$3,097.00 |
| Loose..... | 309.00 |
| General Maintenance..... | 70.00 |
| Fuel..... | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total..... | \$3,526.00 |

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,068.23

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| St. Vincent DePaul Society..... | 25.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | 55.00 |
| U.P. Catholic Services Appeal..... | 450.00 |
| Mass Stipends..... | 190.00 |
| Pasty Money..... | 835.00 |

There will be no First Friday Adoration in the month of January and February. We will still have the First Saturday Mass.

New Meal Train

Brittany (Menard) & Allen Botwright

Please consider providing a meal for the Botwright Family as they adjust to becoming new parents in January! We hope to provide two meals per week for a total of 4 weeks. You can see available dates and sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/2wrmz5> or by contacting Heidi (399-5461).

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation

December 31st at 4:00 PM
January 1, 2026 is at 9:00 AM

*Congratulation to Sam & Katherine (Menard)
 Ballard on the baptism of their daughter, Elowyn
 Rose, who was baptized on Sunday December 21st*

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 28th - You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.

Dec. 29th - Beware of the high cost of low living.

Dec. 30th - It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.

Dec. 31st - And as the Old Year slips away, He kindly with him takes The pages we have blurred and marred With failures and mistakes. The blighted hopes and needless bears are gone beyond recall. And ours once more the fair, clean page the New Year brings to all.

Jan. 1st - God bless thy year - the rough, the smooth, the bright, the dear - GOD BLESS THY YEAR!

Jan. 2nd - This year is the one in which you promised to do so much last year.

Jan. 3rd - Be careful that in getting on the bandwagon you're not missing the boat.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters.

In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting Families in providing money for food, gifts, and for utility and rent bills.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Save the Date

Join Holy Name School for their Drama Production: Letters from the Titanic on January 8, 9, and 10th. Purchase your tickets in advance and save. Please call the school office or go to holynamercrusaders.com for details.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Friday

1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Jn 1:29-34

Sunday

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Sirvientes de Cristo is seeking faith-filled volunteers for a mission trip to Honduras on June 15 to July 1, 2026. Projects include organizing a medical clinic and a religious program for children. For more information, please contact Laura Hallfrisch at (906) 389-7253 or Julie Bishop at (906) 280-1315.

March for Life 2026

Join Fr. Ryan Ford and pilgrims from the U.P. on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington D.C. **Wednesday, January 21st – Sunday, January 25th, 2026.** Pilgrimage includes lodging, sightseeing, rally and march on the National Mall, and attendance at the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life. Registration is due with \$50 deposit by January 1st. Visit yoopercatholic.org/march for more information.

The annual (UPCSA) is underway

Holy Family Parish has a parish goal of \$44,521.15. We have received 97 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$34,267 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$9,764.15 to achieve. If you misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office. Thank you to all who have contributed so far!