

Holy Family Parish

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 29, 2024

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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.....

*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 (4: 31-36 Cont.)

4:31-34: In the initial stage of his public ministry, we see Jesus preaching in the synagogues on every Sabbath. He is already in Capernaum at Sabbath worship. They were really amazed and astonished by his wisdom and the words of authority. The man (under the influence of the demon) said, “*Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?*” Up to this point in the Synagogue meeting, Jesus hadn’t done anything but preach, and yet this demon presumed that he would be a target of Jesus. So he tries to take an advanced bail and wants to be left alone. He is afraid of what Jesus might do to him. He speaks of himself using the plural *us*. The man is not possessed by multiple demons (as in the case of Legion in Luke 8:30). While, it is possible that the demon is referring to himself and all other demons who will be destroyed by Jesus eventually. It seems more likely that the demon is referring to himself and to the man he possesses. He is issuing a challenge to Jesus, saying in effect that the only way Jesus can get to the demon is by destroying the man as well. Jesus has come to help humanity, not harm it, and so the demon advises Jesus to *Let us be alone*. The implication is that if Jesus does not leave them alone, the demon will hurt, harm, and even destroy the man. So there is a tone of threat in his voice.

The man with the unclean demon goes on to ask, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” The demon clearly understands that the goals of Jesus and of Satan are at odds. Light has nothing to do with darkness. The two are so at odds, the demon asks Jesus, “**Did You come to destroy us?**” It may be that Jesus had been teaching how He came to destroy the devil’s work (cf. 1 John 3:8). Certainly, in light of what Jesus taught in Luke 4:18-19, part of the task of Jesus was to deliver those who were in bondage to Satan. This demon knows that its destruction will come through Jesus, and seems to think that now is the time (cf. Matt 8:29).

The demon then says, “**I know who You are—the Holy One of God!**” There was a belief in those days among street magicians and those who tried to practice sorcery that you could gain power

over a person by naming them. So this demon, by naming Jesus as *the Holy One of God*, is trying to gain power over Jesus. The term *Holy One* most often refers to God, but here, the term (Greek. *hagios*) might be better translated as *Holy Man* and therefore refers not to Jesus as divine, but Jesus as a prophet. Either way, whatever the demon understood about Jesus, it is unlikely that the Jewish audience would have understood the title as a reference to the deity of Jesus. Most of the audience probably understood the title as a way of referring to Jesus as an anointed king, a holy messenger from God (Dan 4:13, 23; 8:13), or the promised Messiah.

4:35. Jesus refused to allow the demon to speak, and rebuked the demon, saying, “**Be quiet, and come out of him!**” The phrase *be quiet* comes from the Greek word *phimōthēti*, and is used of muzzling an animal. Jesus effectively muzzles this demon, forcing it to be silent against his will. There are various theories as to why Jesus wanted the demon to cease speaking, but the general consensus seems to be that Jesus did not want to be declared as the Holy One, the Messiah, by a demon. There were no theatrics or magical incantations and rites which were familiar among other exorcists. Jesus simply commands the demon to be quiet and come out. And **the demon**, after he threw the man in the **midst** of the crowd, **came out of him and did not hurt him**. The implication seems to be that in coming out of the man, the demon tries to hurt him, but failed even in this. Though the demon had threatened to hurt the man, it was unable to do anything other than throw him down in the midst of the crowd. Jesus is in complete control—even over the disruptive and destructive intentions of demons.

4:36. The crowd was **amazed** at what they say, and said, “**What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.**” Similar statements are made here as were said about the authority of Jesus’ teaching (cf. 4:32).

(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 30 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Dec. 31 st	<i>New Year's Eve</i> 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Phil Dubord ----- Parish Office closed
Wed.	Jan. 1 st	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation</i> 9:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish ----- Parish Office closed
Thurs.	Jan. 2 nd	<i>Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke (15 th Anniv.) 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's Club meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Jan. 3 rd	<i>Holy Name of Jesus - First Friday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp 6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 P.M. ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 4 th	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i> 8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Sebastian 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Judith Gereau
Sun.	Jan. 5 th	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – For a Special Intention

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

88 envelopes returned for Sunday, Dec. 22nd

Adult Offering.....	\$3,268.00
Loose.....	153.00
General Maintenance.....	160.00
Fuel.....	<u>110.00</u>
Total.....	\$3,691.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	818.61

Christmas flowers.....	60.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	125.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	170.00
Mass Stipends.....	200.00
Donation.....	100.00
Word Among Us.....	40.00

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH.....We will be having a Baking Class on Tuesday, February 4th starting at 12:30 pm. We will learn how to make homemade pie crust! If you plan to attend please sign up at the back of church or call the parish office at 786-1209 as space will be limited.

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Jan. 4th** - Make the mistakes of yesterday your lessons for today.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting families in providing food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

St. Thomas Breakfast
1820 9th Ave. North, Escanaba
Sunday, January 5th
9:00am-12:30pm

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice
\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,
Ages 5 and under are FREE!
Please join us!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Friday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Jn 1:29-34

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

Saturday

1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42

Sunday

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

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. It's a retreat; it's a pilgrimage; it's a fun-filled, religious ride. 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.