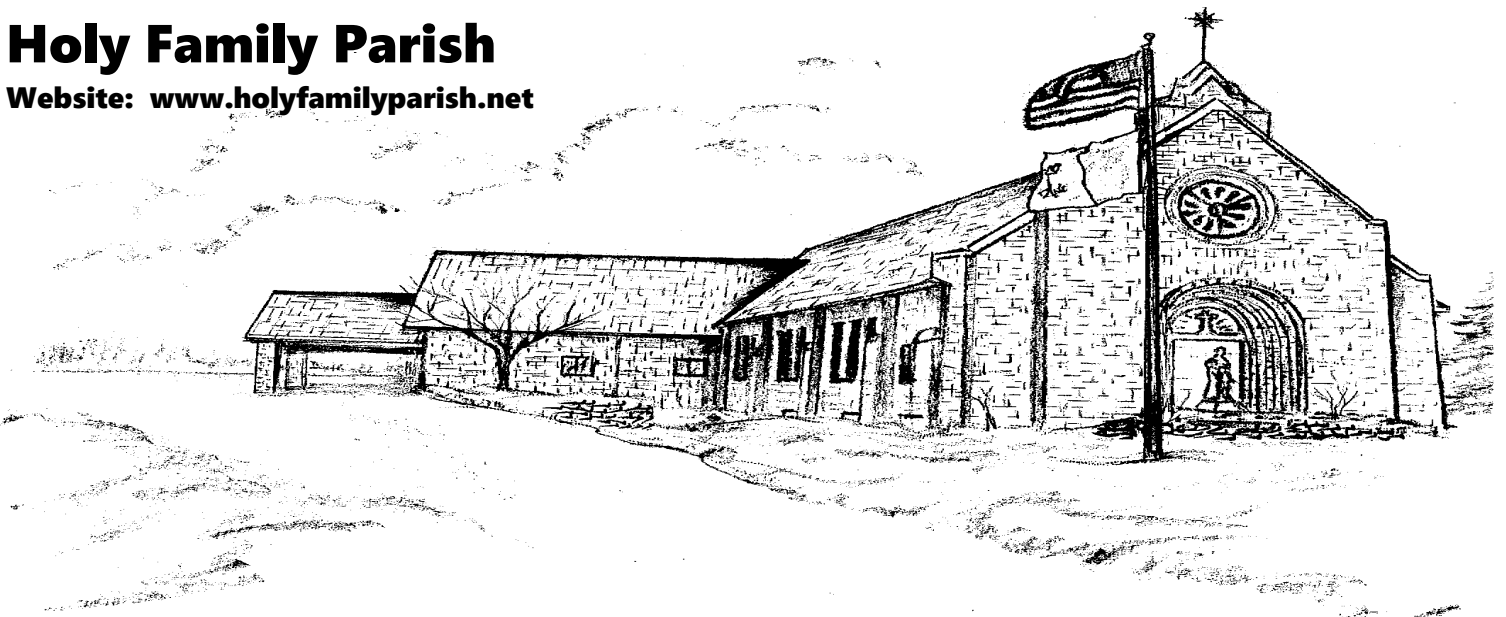


# Holy Family Parish

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 31, 2023

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
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### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### 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.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan*

*Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Jean Way*

*Amanda, Mike Mosher, Shelly Polaczyk, Doris Begalle*

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.

# CATECHETICAL CORNER

## THE MASS

For us, the Catholics, no body need to instruct us on the importance of the Eucharist and Eucharistic Celebration. Once the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Celebration (The Mass) are taken away from the Church, nothing much is left in the Catholic Church. Catholic Church is the only denomination which holds the daily Mass and the preservation of the Eucharist for the sick and the shut-ins. So it is better we to understand the Mass and its prayers and rubrics fully so that we may be able to participate in the Mass fully. Long ago I have explained the meaning of the Mass, it is better that we refresh our learning. So this week on I am repeating the structure of the Mass step by step. In order to begin our study we need to start with the origin or the History of Mass. No doubt, the celebration of the Mass started in the first century itself, exactly speaking during the time of the Apostles. This is the only Celebration which goes back to the life time of the Apostles. If we take any other Celebrations like, Christmas and Easter, we know that they began in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, long after the death of the Apostles.

**History:** In the Catholic Church very often you hear the terms, **Eucharist, Eucharistic Celebration, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Holy Sacrifice, Holy Mass and Holy Communion.** Very often our Protestant brethren get a little confused over the meaning of all these terms. If we go back to the history of the early Church we hear the terms, **Breaking of the Bread, the Lord's Supper, Sacrament of the Altar and the Memorial of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.** We Catholics know that all these terms are centered on one great mystery 'The Eucharist and its celebration. Preferably, the best term for the Mass is **Holy Sacrifice or Eucharistic Celebration.** But popularly it is known as **The Mass** where the Eucharist is the center of it. All Catholics know what the Eucharist is. The literal meaning of the word Eucharist is **thanksgiving** which comes from the Greek word *Eucharistia*. Eucharist is nothing but the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. The term **Eucharistia** is given for the very fact that at the last Supper Jesus took the bread and cup of wine in hands and **thanked and praised the Heavenly Father** and then blessed them and gave to his disciples saying, **"This is my Body and this is my Blood."** According to the synoptic gospels, (the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke) Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper or the last Passover meal he celebrated with his disciples. And according to Luke's gospel Jesus commanded the disciples **"Do it memory of me."** So the disciples continued the celebration after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Thanks to the detailed account of John on the Eucharistic discourse of Jesus (John 6: 25-35, 48-58), we Catholics are well aware of the importance of the Body and Blood of Jesus in our spiritual journey. As I explained you the Sacrament of the Eucharist, I have gone through the Eucharistic discourse of Jesus in great details and I am not repeating the same in this episode.

If we go through the early history of the Church we know that long before the celebrations of Christmas and Easter in the Church, the only celebration the Apostles and the early Christian communities had was the Eucharistic celebration. But at that time they have never called it Eucharistic celebration rather it is known as the **"Breaking of Bread"** described in the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2: 42 which says, **"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."** As the early Christians were mostly Jewish converts they found the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and covenant in the person and mission of Jesus. So the Christian Eucharistic celebration had deep roots in the Hebrew Passover, the ritual meal commemorating the original Passover in Egypt. Christian communities believed that within the setting of a Jewish Passover meal, the Lord instituted the Eucharistic Sacrificial meal of the New Covenant.

**(We will Continue next week).**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God – Not a Holy Day</i></b> <b>9:00 A.M. - Mass</b> – For all of our special intentions ----- Parish Office closed
Tues.	Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><i>St. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe Nolde ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.</i> ) 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meeting
Wed.	Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – A special Intention Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes
Thurs.	Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i></b> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Glenn King <b>7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Meeting &amp; Smear League</b>
Fri.	Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>First Friday - Saint John Neumann, Bishop</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp <b>6:30 P.M. - First Friday - Adoration until 7:30 P.M.</b> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – Fr. Sebastian’s Intentions</b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Ileen Hughes
Sun.	Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Dwaine & Joy Berbohm 11:00 AM - Light Lunch and undecorating the church

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**83 envelopes returned for Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Offering.....	\$3,190.00
Loose.....	97.00
Fuel.....	250.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,537.00</b>
<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$4,389.42</b>
<b>Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$1,199.42</b>

**65 envelopes returned for December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Adults Offering.....	\$2,195.00
Loose.....	300.00
Votive Lights.....	228.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,723.00</b>
<b>Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$1,666.42</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 265.00

**January 1, 2024 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation  
but the Mass will be at 9:00 AM**

**To date we have received \$33,480 in U.P. Catholic Services Appeal pledges. We are short of \$7,526.97 in reaching our goal of \$41,006.97. There are still 55 outstanding pledge cards.**

**WOMEN OF THE PARISH**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday January 2, 2024 for the NEXT Holy Family Parish Women's Altar Society meeting at 6:30 pm in the church basement. We will be having Mark Surrell as a guest speaker. We hope you all can join us.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** - 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. 1<sup>st</sup>** - God bless thy year - the rough, the smooth, the bright, the dear - GOD BLESS THY YEAR!

**Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - This year is the one in which you promised to do so much last year.

**Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Be careful that in getting on the bandwagon you're not missing the boat.

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Make the mistakes of yesterday your lessons for today.

**Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** - Ulcers are what you get from mountain climbing over molehills.

**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Blessed are they who are pleasant to live with.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families in providing food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills.

Thanks!

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

**Next Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a light lunch after the 10:00 AM Mass and then undecorate the church. The more hands the easier the work. Thanking you in advance!**

*Happy New Year!*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

**Wednesday**  
1 Jn 2:29—3:6  
Jn 1:29-34

**Friday**  
1 Jn 3:11-21  
Jn 1:43-51

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

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

**Saturday**  
1 Jn 5:5-13  
Mk 1:7-11

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

### **Director of Sacred Music for All Saints Parish**

The Director of Sacred Music will be our main organist and choir director, responsible for all aspects of the parish sacred music program, including planning and providing music for weekend Masses, holy days, funerals, weddings, some weekday Masses, and other liturgical events. The ideal candidate should be proficient in choral conducting, organ and piano, Catholic liturgy, and available for a full-time position with benefits. Please contact All Saints Catholic Church at 906-428-3199, or visit us anytime at our website, [allsaintsgladstone.org](http://allsaintsgladstone.org), for a full job description. Accepting resumes until January 2, 2024.

### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE BISHOP BARAGA ASSOCIATION!**

We are bringing Lifetime Memberships back for a Membership Blitz until Dec. 31, 2023. Annual Members may purchase a Lifetime membership for \$50 (Domestic) and \$100 (International). Your membership may be purchased online at [www.bishopbaraga.org/store](http://www.bishopbaraga.org/store).

Already a Lifetime member? You can gift an annual membership to friends and family and there are NO LIMITS to the number of memberships you can gift! Please send contact information (name, mailing address, phone/email) to [lmckeen@bishopbaraga.org](mailto:lmckeen@bishopbaraga.org).