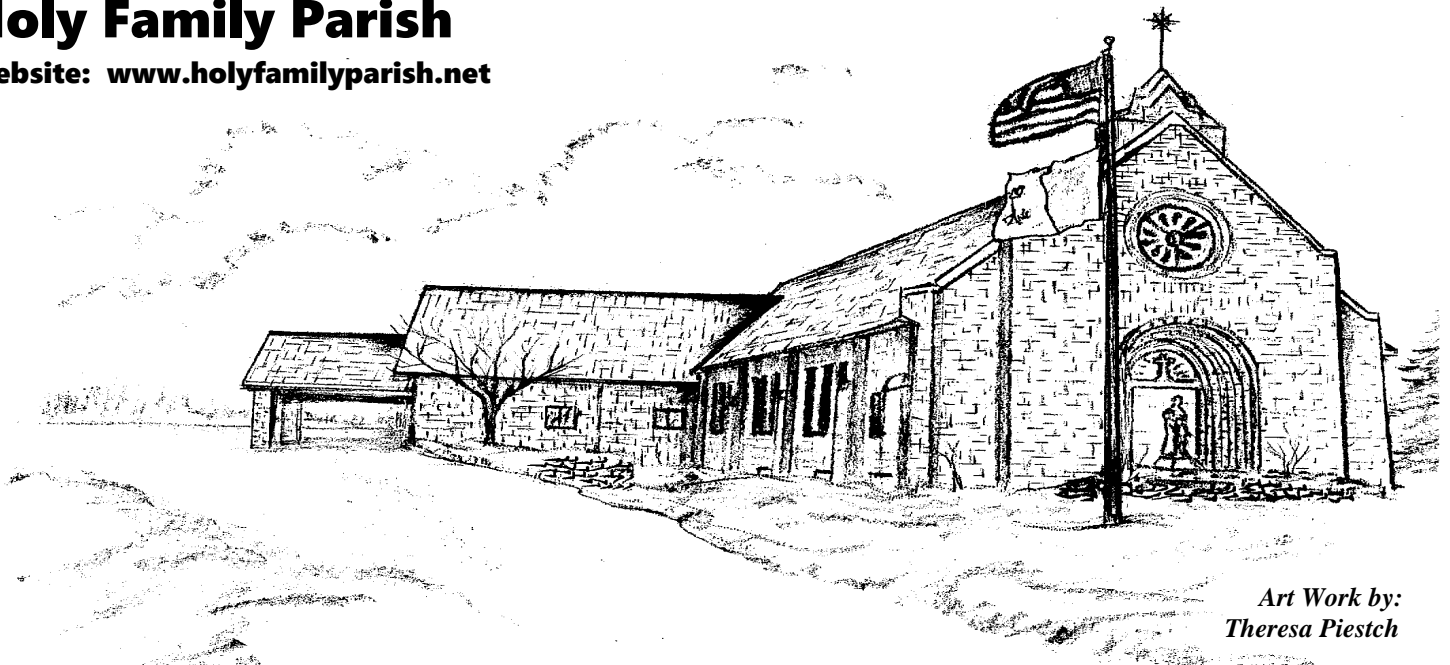


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

Torvinen Family, Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Betty Lou, Joan Shelly Polaczyk, Jan Carter, Becky, Jean Way Roger Tourangeau, Amanda, Duane, Dan Chouinard

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

Eternal Punishment (Hell) Cont.

The word 'Hell' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon 'helan' meaning 'to hide.' The meaning does not show any connection to the reality of Hell. Many early writings show that the idea of 'Hell' came into existence in the Church even in the second century itself. The Catholic Faith is stated in the ancient Athanasian Creed: "*They that have done what is good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.*" A Synod was held at Constantinople in 543 and its decrees, confirmed by Pope Vigilius, condemned all those who deny the eternity of Hell. Ten years later, this condemnation was renewed by the 5th General Council held at Constantinople. **St. Justin, who lived in the first half of the second century, went so far as to teach that if Hell does not exist, 'either there is no God, or if there is, He does not concern Himself with men, and virtue and vice have no meaning.'**

There will always be many things about Hell which the human mind cannot fully understand. The judgments of God are inscrutable, His ways undiscoverable. Yet we can at least understand that all is one in God. He is Justice and He is Mercy. The two attributes cannot be at variance with one another. Each finds its infinite perfection in Him. God, because He is Goodness Itself, rewards the good and punishes the evil. St. Thomas Aquinas therefore says "*Hell glorifies the justice and goodness of God. He made men free to love Him; He does everything possible to win their love; throughout life He pursues them with His graces; and He only condemns them when they knowingly and willfully turn against Him and die as His enemies. Can we honestly blame Him for that? To maintain that He is always bound to forgive His creatures, no matter how wickedly they turn against Him. As it is, those who go to Hell only do so because they choose to go there. They put themselves in Hell. They have never asked for mercy, and they never will. They are fixed in evil forever.*"

We are all curious to know where Hell exists. Unfortunately Jesus has not revealed anything to us and the Church Fathers too are silent about the 'where' of Hell. St. John Chrysostom says, "**We must not ask where Hell is; but how we to avoid it.**"

Eternal Life (Heaven)

Catholic Teaching: Like the word 'Hell', 'Heaven' is of Anglo-Saxon derivation, meaning 'the abode of the Godhead.' In Scripture it is used in many senses; to denote the region of the clouds and of the stars, the dwelling of God, the abode of the Angels and the souls of the just. Thus Heaven has come to signify both the happiness and the abode of the just in the next life. It is of Catholic Faith, defined by Pope Benedict XII in 1336 that the souls of the just who die without any stain of sin or debt of punishment due to sin, see God immediately face to face. In the Old Testament this truth is gradually and progressively unfolded, but in the New Testament it is explicitly and clearly taught in very many places by Jesus himself.

Heaven in Scripture: In the first three Gospels, called the Synoptic Gospels, our Lord speaks of a future eternal kingdom which the just shall possess and in which they shall see God. For instance, in the Sermon on the Mount, he says, "**Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**" (Matt 5:3-12).

St. Paul is equally explicit: "*For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly habitation...*" (2Cor 5:1-2).

In the Book of Revelation' St. John dedicates two chapters to the description of Heaven. "*Night will be no more; nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever*" (Rev 22:5). In the very beginning of John's gospel Jesus speaks very clearly about the eternal life which is Heavenly life. Please refer John 3:16-19.

(Will be continued).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 2 nd	<i>Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of Church</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our Special Intentions 12:00 Noon- Funeral Mass for Clayton VanDrese
Tues.	Jan. 3 rd	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - Amy Chenier Kositzke (13 th Anniv) 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets
Wed.	Jan. 4 th	<i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Poor Souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7; grades 8 & 9 th & parents too
Thurs.	Jan. 5 th	<i>Saint John Neumann, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Fr. John Longbuco’s Intentions 7:30 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Jan. 6 th	<i>Saint Andre Bessette, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Loretta Robitaillie 6:30 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:30 ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 7 th	<i>Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – Fr. Sebastian’s Intentions 3:00 P.M. - Confessions 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Lela & Kent Dubord
Sun.	Jan. 8 th	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Vernon Ford 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish 11:00 AM - Light Lunch and taking down the Christmas Decorations

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

66 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Dec. 25th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,597.00
Loose.....	241.00
Total.....	\$2,838.00
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,980.50
Short Fall.....	\$1,142.50
St. Vincent DePaul donations.....	\$ 558.00
Donations.....	50.00
Kneeler/Cushion Project.....	20.00

I sincerely thank all of you who have sent me Christmas greetings and gifts. I appreciate your love and good will. Wish you a very happy New Year! May the good Lord bless us with good health, peace, joy, and prosperity!

*With Regards,
Fr. Sebastian*



SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Jan. 5th - Ulcers are what you get from mountain climbing over molehills.

Jan. 6th - Blessed are they who are pleasant to live with.

Jan. 7th - You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to set on.
-Old Proverb

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.

Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

Fr. Sebastian would like to have an **APPRECIATION DINNER** for all of our parishioners to say **THANK YOU** for your support of Holy Family.

It will be a **Chicken & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, January 21, 2023, in the church hall. Social starting at 5:00 PM with dinner served at 5:30 PM. We invite all to come. We would like to have a count so if you plan to attend (which we hope you will) please sign up at the back of church. We will take reservations through January 15th.**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Tuesday
1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Jn 1:29-34

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

Thursday
1 Jn 3:11-21
Jn 1:43-51

Friday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Mk 1:7-11

Saturday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 2:1-11

Sunday

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

U.P. CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We still have 93 outstanding cards

Please drop off your pledge card at the parish or mail it to the parish at 4011 County 416-20th Road. We need 100% participation to make our goal. Thanking you in advance

Our goal for this year is \$39,676

To date we have 110 returned cards with pledges of \$32,180. **Leaving a balance of \$7,496. There are still A LOT of OUTSTANDING PLEDGE CARDS. Please return as soon as possible.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund. The scholarships aid graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a college or vocational education at an accredited degree granting institution. Consideration is based on academic achievement. Applicants **must complete** the on-line application found at <https://dioceseofmarquette.org/awards-scholarships> and either mail an **Official Transcript and ACT/SAT scores** (via postal mail) to: Bessette Scholarship Fund, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855 or email transcripts to Irene McCauley at imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2023.