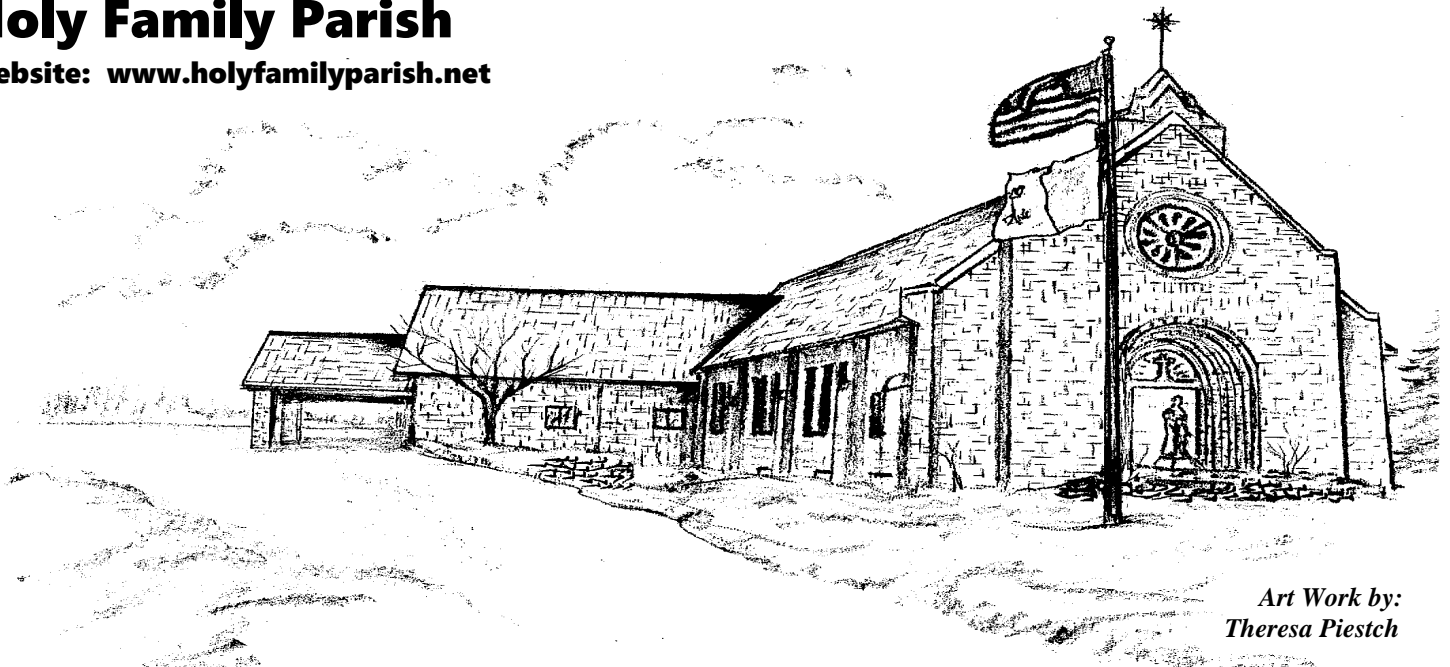


# Holy Family Parish

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## The Epiphany of the Lord – January 8, 2023

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### Pastoral Council Members

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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.....

*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 Life (Heaven) (Cont.)

**Heaven in Tradition:** When we turn to the constant Tradition of the Church, we find that the Fathers of the Church agree that the direct sight of God in Heaven is the reward awaiting those who die in God's favor. Indeed, there is little need to go beyond St. Ignatius of Antioch. In his letter to the Romans, he describes how his body has become irksome to him, for it hinders him from giving himself entirely to his Savior. He says, *"To die is to sink from the sight of this world and to rise again in God, to attain Christ, to be reborn to life, to enter into pure light."* Although some of the earlier writers seem to have thought that the direct sight of God would not be the lot of the just until after the General Resurrection, it is clear that the majority believed then just what the whole Church believes today. St. Augustine speaks for all when he says that Heaven consists before all else in the vision of God and in the full possession of the Truth, of Perfect Truth, known no longer in a concept or image, but in itself, through a direct and immediate vision.

It is the curiosity of everyone to know where the existence of Heaven is. Unfortunately, we don't have any clear information from any source at all. Jesus speaks a lot about Heaven and eternal life, but has not revealed to us the location of it. The Church has decreed nothing on this subject.

**The Happiness of Heaven:** People have all sorts of popular beliefs about the happiness in Heaven. Some consider it as the same material happiness we have on earth in its highest degree. If we compare the heavenly joy with the material happiness, we will be wrong. What we have seen and experienced in all our life is the earthly happiness and we cannot comprehend or imagine something different. Essentially the happiness of Heaven consists in seeing God immediately and directly, clearly and distinctly, face to face, as He is in Himself. This is known as the Beatific Vision. It far transcends all the powers of the created natures of men or Angels. We have already seen how, even during this life, the soul that is free from mortal sin possesses the seed of the vision of God, Sanctifying Grace, a new nature, elevating it to the divine order. Still, it is clear from Scripture that our sharing in the divine nature, our adopted sonship of God, cannot attain full perfection until our glorification after death.

The primary object of the Beatific Vision is God Himself, as He is. By direct intuition the Blessed see the essence of God and therefore all His perfections and all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. Created ideas and images will give way to this Great Reality, which contains the knowledge of all else within it.

The secondary object of the Beatific Vision includes everything the Blessed have a reasonable interest in knowing. Thus those in Heaven understand all the mysteries they believed on earth; they see each other and rejoice in the company of dear ones separated from them by death. They know, too, the honor paid to them by those still on earth.

It is rather impossible for us to understand the changelessness of the happiness in Heaven. It is a final state which will be unaltered for eternity. During life on earth we associate happiness with change, going from one event to the other. But our happiness in Heaven will be perfect, though it won't jump from one action to another.

**Purgatory:** Among all other Christian Denominations, only Catholic Church believes and teaches about the existence of Purgatory. **Purgatory is believed to be a place where souls suffer for a temporary period for their venial sins before they attain eternal life.** It is logical to believe that no one can enter Heaven with the stain of sin in the soul. The soul which loves God perfectly till the moment of death goes straight to Heaven. The soul which does not love Him at all goes straight to Hell. Both Heaven and Hell will endure for all eternity. But it is obvious that between these two states, perfect love and no love at all, there can be many intermediate conditions. Love can exist with a certain admixture of self under one form or another. So Purgatory is a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God's grace, are not entirely free from venial sins, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgression.

(Will be continued).

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass - Joseph Vanderberg 12:00 Noon- Funeral Mass for Joseph Nolde 5:00 P.M. - St. Vincent de Paul Society
Wed.	Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bob Hites Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7; grades 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs.	Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Fr. Frank Lenz’s Intentions 7:30 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Ken Fassbender ----- <b>Parish Office closed</b>
Sat.	Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Ann Marcella 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

92 envelopes returned for Sunday, January 1, 2023

Adult Offering.....	\$3,875.00
Loose.....	110.00
General Maintenance.....	135.00
Fuel.....	150.00
Votive Lights.....	163.00
Mass Stipends.....	380.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,813.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,980.50**  
**Overage..... \$ 832.50**

St. Vincent DePaul donations.....	\$ 53.00
The Word Among Us.....	20.00
Flowers.....	10.00
Funeral Lunch Reimbursement.....	118.95

***We will be having a light lunch and taking down the Christmas decorations after the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have a spare hour or two it would be greatly appreciated!***

**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 15<sup>th</sup>.***

**Warm up with Breakfast at St. Thomas Church!**

This Sunday, January 8th, 9am - 12:30pm Eggs, Pancakes Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice will be served. \$9.00 ages 13 & up \$6.00 ages 6-12; 5 and under are FREE!

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** - When you're tired and worn at the close of the day And things don't seem to be going your way, When even your patience has come to an end, Try taking time out and confide in a friend.

**Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** - You cannot lift your children to a higher level than that on which you live yourself.

**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** - The Church is a workshop, not a rest home.

**Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Time flies, suns rise and shadows fall. Let time go by. Love is forever.

**Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** - True wisdom lies in gathering precious moments out of each day.

**Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** - Only in a world of love can we unfold and bloom.

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Be sure if God sends you on stony paths. He will provide you with strong shoes.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Envelope so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### **BREAKFAST IS BACK!**

Join us on **Sunday, January 22nd** from 9 am—12:30 pm in the St. Joseph parish hall for **The best breakfast in town!** We'll be serving up pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, sausages, corned beef hash, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee.  
13 yrs to Adults—\$10.00 Children 6-12—\$7.00  
Children 5 & under are FREE!  
Special Family rate—\$30

There will be a special collection next weekend, Jan. 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Please use the special envelope in your packets.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Is 42:1-4,6-7  
Mt 3:13-17

### **Wednesday**

Heb 2:14-18  
Mk 1:29-39

### **Friday**

Heb 4:1-5,11  
Mk 2:1-12

### **Tuesday**

Heb 2:5-12  
Mk 1:21-28

### **Thursday**

Heb 3:7-14  
Mk 1:40-45

### **Saturday**

Heb 4:12-16  
Mk 2:13-17

### **Sunday**

Is 49:3,5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

### **U.P. CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

We still have 93 outstanding cards

**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. 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](mailto:imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org). Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2023.

### **ST. THOMAS PASTY SALE**

**JANUARY 18TH & 19TH**

2:00 - 5:00 PM in the St. Thomas Parish Hall  
\$6.00 each plain or with rutabaga.  
Pre-orders aren't necessary.

### **2022 Contribution Reports**

If you would like a copy of your contributions for 2022 please sign up at the back of church. We will mail them out the last week of January.