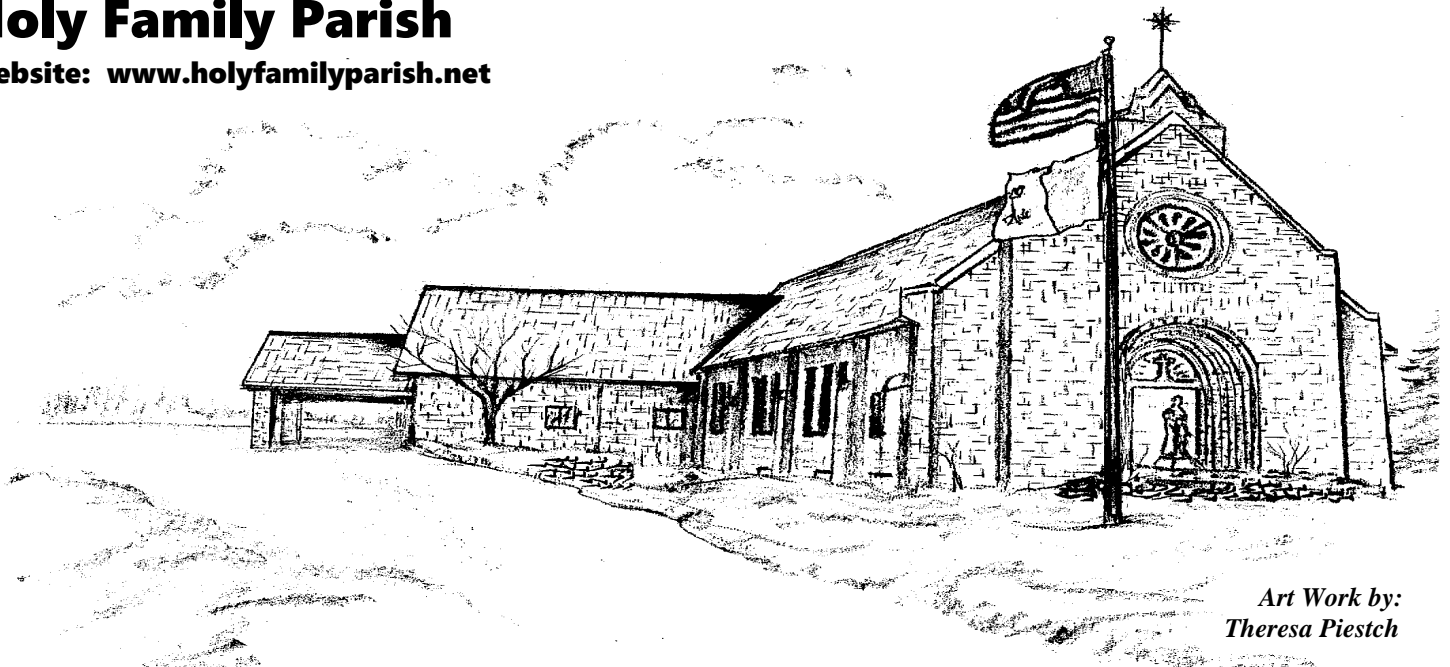


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

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

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

Purgatory (Cont.)

Purgatory - A Catholic Teaching: Several Councils of the Church defined the doctrine of Purgatory, e.g. The Second Council of Lyons, 1274, and Florence, 1439, and their teaching is summarized in this clear statement of the Council of Trent: “*Whereas the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, has from the Sacred Scriptures and the ancient tradition of the Fathers taught in Councils and very recently in this General Council that there is a Purgatory, and that the souls therein detained are helped by the suffrages (Intercessory prayers) of the Faithful, but principally by the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar (Holy Mass).*”

We find two great truths in this statement: the first, that Purgatory exists; secondly, the souls detained there can be helped by our prayers, especially offering the Holy Mass and participating at the Holy Mass.

The definition of Purgatory given above refers to **satisfaction and venial sin**. The whole penitential system of the Church is clear evidence of the traditional belief in the necessary of self-denial to atone for sins forgiven and also evidence for the conviction that, unless atonement is made during this life, it will have to be made after death. When the tradition of the Church is examined, it is found that all the earliest writers in both East and West mention the custom of praying for the dead. Tertullian, at the beginning of the third century, alludes anniversary Masses in two different passages. He says, “*We make oblations for the dead, as for their birthdays.*” He continues in another passage, “*The faithful widow prays for her husband’s soul, and begs for him in the interim repose, and participation in the first resurrection, and she makes offerings for him on the anniversary of his death.*”

St. Cyprian, St. Clement of Alexandria and Origen are all perfectly clear in this matter and they believed that the departed Faithful were in a condition in which they could be helped by their brethren still on earth. In fact, the practice of praying for the dead soon passed into the official liturgy of the Church, and it is as clear in the fourth century as it is today in our time.

In one of the famous passages in his *Confessions*, St. Augustine writes this of his mother, St. Monica: “*Lay this body anywhere, she says; let not the care of it in any way disturb you. Only this I ask of you that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you are.*”

Purgatory in Scripture: There are many instances in the Old Testament of God forgiving sins, yet demanding that reparation be made by those who have offended Him. Thus, although God forgave our first Parents their sin of disobedience, God still punished them with a little bit suffering. God said to Adam and Eve, “By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; for you are dirt and to dirt you shall return (Gen 3:19). Again when Moses and Aaron doubted God’s Promise, God forgave their sins, but He kept them away from the Promised Land as punishment (Num. 20:12). It is said in 2 Maccabees 12:43-46, that Judas Maccabeus, the Commander of the Israelites’ force made a collection among his soldiers for those have fallen dead and he collected two thousand silver drachamas. He then sent them to Jerusalem Temple for an expiatory sacrifice for the dead. In verse 46 we read, “*Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.*”

It is obvious that the prayers of the living can help the dead implies belief in a place of temporary punishment after death. The damned are beyond help; the Blessed do not need it. So when the great Judas sends an offering that prayers might be said for the dead, he may definitely be said to have believed in Purgatory. Paul in 1Corinthians 3: 10-15 speaks about building up of our life on the foundation who is Jesus Christ. He says: “If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire (itself) will test the quality of each one’s work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; ***the person will be saved, but only through fire.*** The traditional interpretation of these words sees in them a reference to Purgatory, but it is not quite so obvious as one might be led to believe. The Apostle says that the failure in the work will not be rewarded with eternal punishment rather the failed ones will also be saved through fire, means through purification. The fire does not mean that it is literally the material fire what we see in our earthly life. **(Will be continued).**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 16 th	8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Jan. 17 th	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - John Verbrigghe
Wed.	Jan. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Poor Souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7; (Parents Mtg. – Gr. 2 – Sacraments)
Thurs.	Jan. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bill Smith 7:30 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Jan. 20 th	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Jan. 21 st	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 5:00 P.M. - Appreciation Meal in the Fr. Matt Hall
Sun.	Jan. 22 nd	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Sherrie, Rick, & Marilee LaMarche 10:00 AM - Mass – Amy VanDrese

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

88 envelopes returned for Sunday, January 8, 2023

Adult Offering.....	\$4,661.00
Loose.....	174.00
General Maintenance.....	60.00
Fuel.....	105.00
Total.....	\$5,000.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,980.50
Overage.....	\$1,019.50

St. Vincent DePaul donations..... \$ 30.00

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.

***Happy Anniversary
Deacon Bob***

***3 years Diaconate on January 10, 2023
You are a blessing to Holy Family!***

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 Sat., Jan. 21, 2023, in the church hall. Social starting at 5:00 PM with dinner served at 5:30 PM. We would like to have a count so if you plan to attend please sign up at the back of church. *We will take reservations through January 15th.*



Mark your calendars! The Venison Supper will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Set up will be on Sat. Jan 28th. Asking for a donation of \$9 for adults; ages 6-12 \$5.00, and 5 & under free. Ladies: please don't forget the bars. The meal is not complete unless we have your delicious bars. ~ Thank You! TAKE OUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE by calling 906-789-0307.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Jan. 15th - If you find life empty - try putting something into it.

Jan. 16th - To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

Jan. 17th - DOUBT sees the obstacles; FAITH sees the way. DOUBT sees the darkest night; FAITH sees the day. DOUBT dreads to take a step; FAITH soars on high. DOUBT questions, "Who Believes?" FAITH answers, "I".

Jan. 18th - Tomorrow is not promised us, so let us take today and make the most of it.

Jan. 19th - If you meet one too tired to smile, leave one of yours; Nobody needs a smile, as much as those who have none to give.

Jan. 20th - Children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example.

Jan. 21st - Take time to love; it is what makes you Godlike.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering. 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.

13 yrs to Adults—\$10.00 Children 6-12—\$7.00

Children 5 & under are FREE!

Special Family rate—\$30

The Diocese will be sending out tax receipts to anyone who made a onetime donation of \$250 or more by the end of January. If you do not receive one and need one, you may contact Wendy Negri at wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3,15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Heb 9:2-3,11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

Is 8:23—9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23

U.P. CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We still have 90 outstanding cards

Our goal for this year is \$39,676

To date we have 110 returned cards with pledges of \$33,030. Leaving a balance of \$6,646. *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. 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.

Thank you to everyone who came to help take down the decorations! Much appreciated!

*Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Joseph Nolde.
May he rest in peace*
