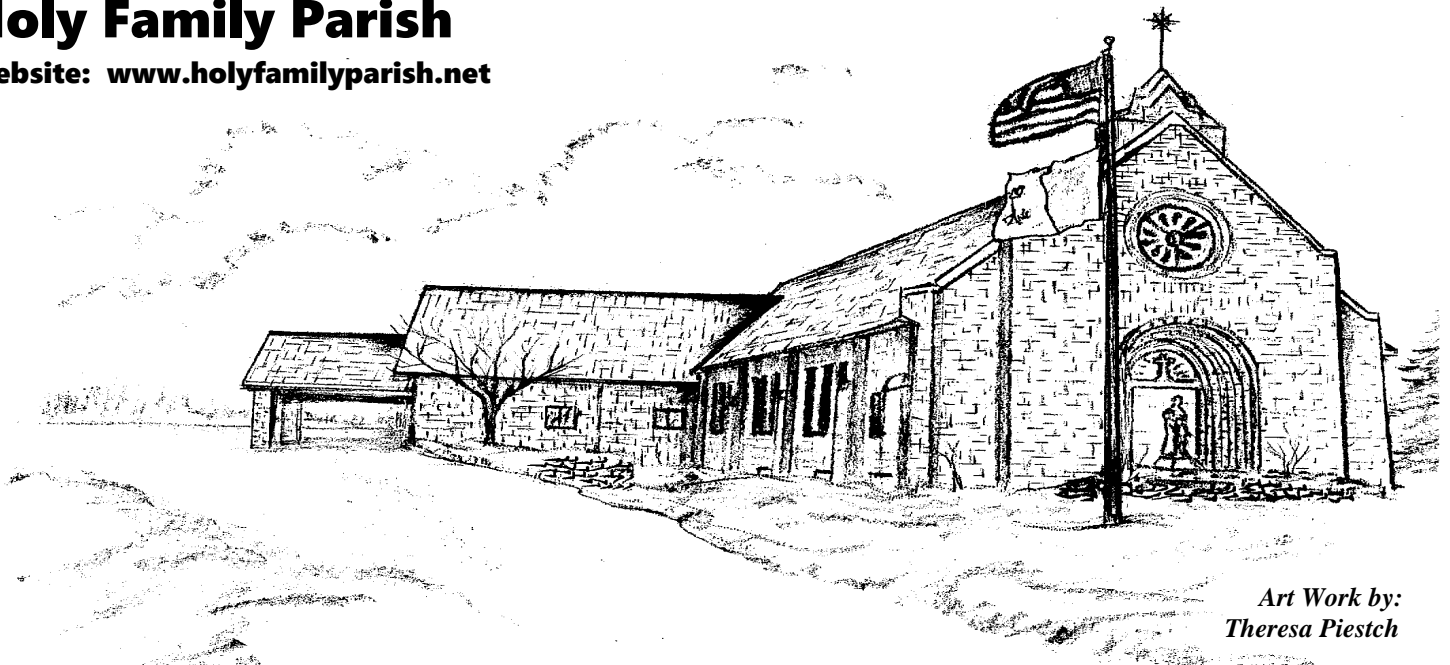


Holy Family Parish

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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.)

Devotion to the Souls in Purgatory: The practice of devotion to the “Holy Souls” in Purgatory is as old as the Church itself, in the sense that it means assisting them with our prayers and good works. Already we have examined the constant Tradition of the Church in this respect; we have seen that prayer for the dead goes back even to the pre-Christian era. But, even apart from this, it is clearly reasonable to do all in our power to help these suffering members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

In the first place helping the Holy Souls promotes the honor and glory of God. He “longs” for them to come to Him; they were made for Him, and it is their destiny to live with Him in infinite bliss forever. Yet, because He is Justice, God cannot release them from their pains; full atonement must be made. Hence, when we offer our Masses, prayer, indulgences and other good works, help these suffering souls to attain a speedy entry into the presence of God.

Secondly, prayer for the suffering dead is one of the greatest of spiritual works of mercy. If helping people in their bodily needs is blessed by Christ as act of charity, how much more pleasing to Him will be the spiritual helping of souls who cannot help themselves? They are still separated from God, yet they long for Him most intensely, without being able to do anything for their own relief. Of course, one day the souls in Purgatory will be released from there and reach God. But the Church teaches that our constant prayer will speed up their release.

Can the souls in Purgatory pray for us? Should we pray to them?

There are two views among the theologians regarding the above questions. Some are of opinion that the souls in Purgatory are capable of praying for us, though they are not able to pray for their release. But others say that the souls are unable to hear our prayers and pray for us. Those who are in Purgatory though they are above us on account of their impeccability, yet they are below us as to the pains which they suffer: and in this respect they are not in a condition to pray, but rather in a condition that requires us to pray for them. St. Thomas Aquinas holds this latter view. But St. Alphonsus Liguori, a Doctor of the Church, wrote the following in one of his many books: *“The souls in Purgatory, being beloved by God and confirmed in grace, have absolutely no impediment to prevent them from praying for us. Still, the Church does not invoke them or implore their intercession, because ordinarily they have no knowledge of our prayers. But we may piously believe that God makes our prayers known to them.”* St. Robert Bellarmine says *“The reason alleged by St. Thomas is not at all convincing, and holds that in virtue of their greater love of God and their union with Him, their prayers may have great intercessory power, for they are really superior to us in love of God, and in intimacy of union with Him.”* But the Church has not given us any doctrinal teaching on this issue. Of course, once the souls reach heaven they are counted among saints and have the intercessory power.

Limbo

The Old Teaching of the Church: Many of you remember that from your childhood on you have been taught that all the unbaptized children who die go to a place which is called Limbo, a place where there is no suffering or pain, but at the same time they are away from the presence of God. When we think about the innocent children who die due to various reasons, even by violence and abortion, we feel sad about their fate. These days we don't hear much about this issue from any corner. But I know, many are curious about the current stand of the Church on this traditional teaching of the Church which ran through centuries.

The Church's *International Theological Commission* finally issued its long-awaited report on the status of embryos, fetuses and newborns who die without having been baptized. The 41 page document is titled: *"The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized."* It says that the study was made in part because of *"the pressing pastoral needs" caused by the increase in the numbers of abortions and the growing number of children who die before being baptized.* Pope Benedict XVI has approved the report. The Rev. Luis Ladaria, a Jesuit who is the secretary-general of the Commission said *"We can say we have many reasons to hope that there is salvation for these babies."* The report itself stated that there were: *"... serious theological and liturgical grounds for hope that unbaptized infants who die will be saved and brought into eternal happiness [with God in Heaven]."*

(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Jan. 30 th	8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Jan. 31 st	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - Marion Sodergren
Wed.	Feb. 1 st	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Jose Maramattam Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7 & 8 & 9 th
Thurs.	Feb. 2 nd	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe & Elaine Gareau 7:30 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 3 rd	<i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Joanne Fassbender (10 th Anniv.) 6:30 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 4 th	8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – Fr. Sebastian’s Intentions 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Lela & Kent Dubord
Sun.	Feb. 5 th	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jeff Lancour 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

69 envelopes returned for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Adult Offering.....	\$2,437.00
Loose.....	164.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$2,601.00
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,980.50
Shortage.....	\$1,379.50



The **Venison Supper** will be held TODAY Sunday, Jan. 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. 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.

St. Vincent DePaul donations.....	\$	30.00
Mission Collection.....		30.00
Donation for kneelers.....		300.00

We are still in need of a COORDINATOR for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress taking place at the Superior Dome in Marquette on June 9th & 10. You will be given all the material to help promote this event celebrating our faith and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. Please contact the parish office at 786-1209.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Jan. 29th - Humility is a strange thing - when you think you've gained it, you've lost it.

Jan. 30th - Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who are not.

Jan. 31st - A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner.

Feb. 1st - He who has no money is poor, but he who has nothing but money is the poorest of all.

Feb. 2nd - Hold to a true friend with both hands.

Feb. 3rd - A good thing to remember And a better thing to do, Is to work with the construction gang and not the wrecking crew.

Feb. 4th - The only sharp-edged tool that gets sharper with use is the tongue.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Director of Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation

The Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation program is looking for a Part-time Director, mid-August through mid-May; 3 days/week; 15-19 hours/week.

Please apply in person to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba.

Applications are due by February 16th.

A special thank you goes out to all who helped make Joseph Nolde's funeral so perfect. Fr. Sebastian, Aunt Cindy LaMarche, people who made phone calls to organize it all, our kitchen crew, people who donated food & drinks, also to the anonymous people who donated gifts of money. God Bless you all & thank you for making it so perfect.

From the Joseph Nolde Family

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7,11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

Friday

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17,20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

U.P. CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We still have 87 outstanding cards

Our goal for this year is \$39,676

To date we have 114 returned cards with pledges of \$33,430. Leaving a balance of \$6,246. *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.

PASTY MAKING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 24th AND FEBRUARY 25th. Please mark your calendars! The sheets are at the back of church for donations and for workers. Please stop to see where you can helpout at!