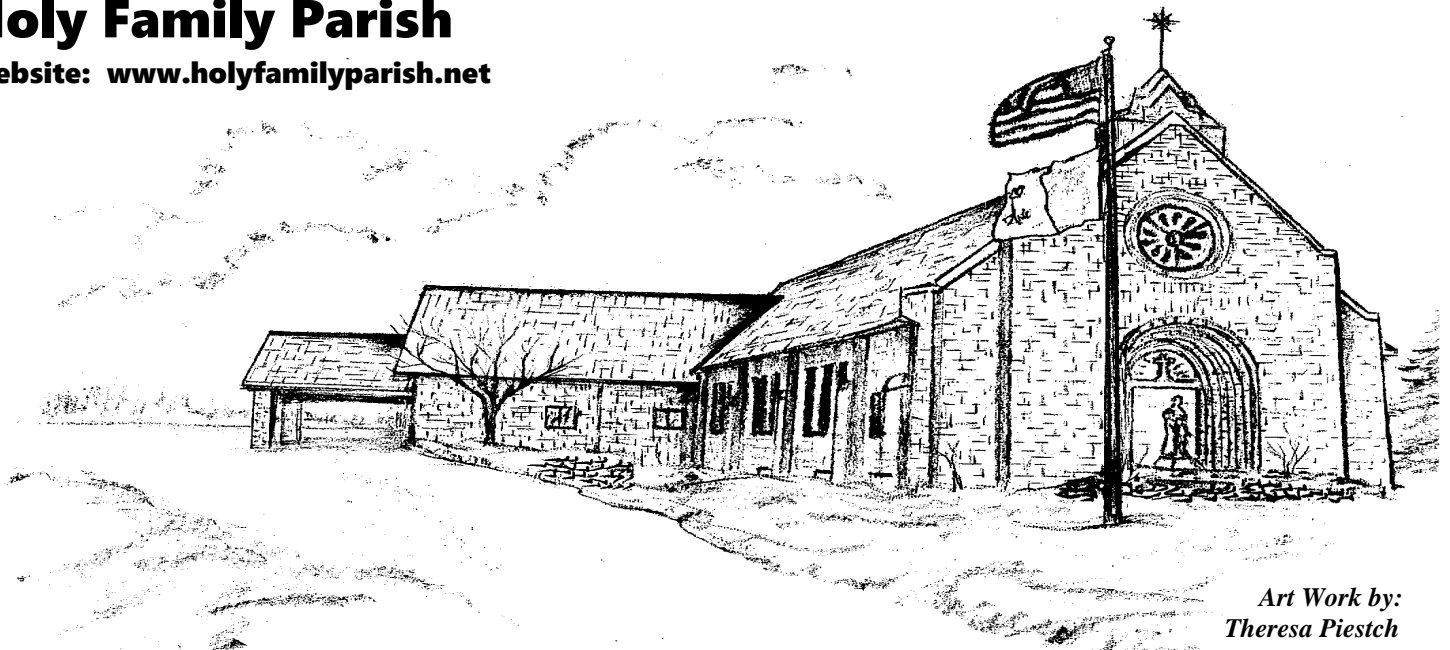


# Holy Family Parish

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## Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022

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Pam Marenger – President	Diane Danhoff
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Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee	
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee	

### 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

## Sacramental

**Sign of the Cross (cont.):** Last week we started with the Sacramental of the Sign of the Cross. Let us continue with same and other Sacramental. The Sign of the Cross dates from apostolic times. In the second century, Tertullian wrote of it as follows: *“In all our travels and movements, in all our comings in and going out, in putting on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, in lighting our candles, in lying down, in sitting, whatever employment occupies us, we mark our foreheads with the Sign of the Cross.”* Today the Sign of the Cross is used continuously in our worship – over 50 times in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 14 times in administering Baptism, regularly in the Divine Office, and as a symbol of blessing. The picture of the Cross appears in many objects we use for Divine Worship such as the altars, altar linen, corporal and purificators, books etc. Above all on the Church Structure of a Catholic Church we see the Cross. Many of us begin the day with the Sign of the Cross and conclude the day with the same. **The saints have called the Sign of the Cross a reminder of the price of our redemption, for Christ redeemed us on the Cross.**

**Holy Water:** Like the Sign of the Cross, the Catholics are very familiar with the Holy Water. When they enter the Church any time, first they go to the Holy Water bowl and dip the finger and make a Sign of the Cross. The Holy Water is ordinary water till the priest blesses it in the name of the Church. In the Old Catholic custom the Holy Water to be sprinkled over the people before each Sunday Mass. In the modern time, only during the Easter Season of 8 weeks the Holy Water is sprinkled before Sunday Mass. The Catholics also are allowed to take the Holy Water home from the tank kept in the church, provided it will be preserved in a place of respect and used for good purpose. Also the use of the Holy Water reminds us of our own Baptism in which we are baptized. The priest uses the Holy Water on different occasions such as, in the blessing of the religious articles, at the funeral, at the committal service in the cemetery and he can use it even when he blesses the people or individuals. The devout use of Holy Water undoubtedly brings us many blessings from God. It is especially powerful as a safeguard against temptation and a relief of the poor souls in purgatory when it is sprinkled on the ground when the priest prays for the souls. The great St. Teresa of Avila tells us the following, *“I have often found by experience that there is nothing from which the devils fly more quickly and return not again than from Holy Water.”*

**Genuflection:** This sign is also strictly Catholic. After taking Holy Water from the font near the door of the Church, Catholics choose their place, but before entering the pew, they normally genuflect toward the altar. In case of knee problem or other health concerns, better not to venture to genuflect, rather give a deep bow toward the altar and get into the pew. It is a sign of profound reverence and adoration to the Holy Eucharist present in the Tabernacle, normally placed behind the altar. During the personal prayer, it is a good practice that we keep kneeling (if possible) and also at particular time we keep kneeling down during the Mass. This custom goes back to the very earliest stage of Christianity. The early Church inherited this practice from Jesus himself. We read in the gospel of **Luke 22: 41, “And he (Jesus) was withdrawn away from them a stone’s cast; and kneeling down, he prayed.”** In the Acts of the Apostles we see the apostles kneeling down and praying. Genuflecting, like all the other outward acts of religion, is a Sacramental with the power to help sanctify us and bring us nearer to God.

**Statues:** One of the features of the most Catholic churches is the presence of statues or images of Our Lord, his holy Mother and the Saints. Often Catholics are criticized by the Protestants for the presence of these statues in the churches and mistakenly they believe that Catholics are idol worshippers. Of course, Catholics are not foolish so as to worship and pray to images or statues. Their real attitude is explained in the following quotation from the official decrees of the Council of Trent which says: *“The images of Christ and the Virgin Mother of God and of the other Saints, are to be kept, especially in churches, and due honor and veneration are to be given them; not that any divinity or virtue is believed to be in them, on account of which they are to be worshiped, or that anything is to be asked of them, or that trust is to be reposed in images, as was done of old by Gentiles, who placed their hope in idols.”*

**(To be continued next week).**

### **THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i><b>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</b></i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - Vernon Ford 5:30 P.M. - Start of Ladies Christmas Party
Wed.	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i><b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b></i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Matt Gaudette Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes
Thurs.	Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i><b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary–Holy Day of Obligation</b></i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke 6:30 P.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish 7:30 P.M. - Smear League ----- <b>Parish office closed</b>
Fri.	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i><b>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</b></i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Walter Marcella ----- <b>Parish Office closed</b>
Sat.	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 P.M. 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Jean Lancour
Sun.	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

87 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>

Adult Offering.....	\$3,845.00
Loose.....	211.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	15.00
Mass Stipends.....	5.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,086.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,980.50**  
**Overage..... \$ 105.50**

St. Vincent DePaul donations.....	\$ 417.00
Kneeler/Cushion Project donations.....	20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	45.00

### **ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH!**

We will have our annual Christmas party this Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM. This will be a catered meal at a cost of \$9.00. If you plan to attend a fun evening, the signup sheet is at the back of Church. We will take reservations through this Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be an exchange gift in the amount of \$10 if you would like to participate.

### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

All Saints – Monday – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Holy Family – Tuesday – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

The Knights of Columbus will be selling “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs again this year at the back of church. The cost will be \$6.00.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Lord, protect me and keep me close to your heart.

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** - When a happy person enters the room, it's as if another candle had been lighted.

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** - God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could, some blunder and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely.

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** - So much of what is great has sprung from the closeness of family ties.

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Belief in God is acceptance of the basic principles that the universe makes sense, that there is behind it an ultimate purpose.

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

**Become a  
Knight before Christmas  
FREE MEMBERSHIP  
Now through December 31<sup>st</sup>**



Calling all Catholic men 18 and older. Now is a great time to join the Knights of Columbus. Scan the QR code, enter your information and use the FREE code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for a FREE membership as an online member. The Knights are a Catholic fraternal organization that actively supports the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. Whether you have 2 hours a year or 2 hours a month, show your support for our faith and sign up.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Is 35:1-10  
Lk 5:17-26

**Wednesday**  
Is 40:25-31  
Mt 11:28-30

**Friday**  
Is 48:17-19  
Mt 11:16-19

**Tuesday**  
Is 40:1-11  
Mt 18:12-14

**Thursday**  
Gn 3:9-15,20  
Eph 1:3-6,11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday**  
Sir 48:1-4,9-11  
Mt 17:9a,10-13

**Sunday**  
Is 35:1-6a,10    Jas 5:7-10    Mt 11:2-11

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MAILING FROM THE DIOCESE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED. We still have 98 outstanding cards

Please drop off your pledge card at the parish or mail it to the parish at 4011 County 416-20<sup>th</sup> 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 105 returned cards with pledges of \$30,625. Leaving a balance of \$9,051. *There are still A LOT of OUTSTANDING PLEDGE CARDS. Please return as soon as possible.*

### UPDATE ON DAN CHOUINARD AND HOW YOU CAN HELP IF YOU WOULD LIKE

Dan recently suffered a stroke and is currently in St. Vincent hospital in Green Bay. He has a very long road ahead of him and could use prayers. He'll be in the hospital for at least 4 weeks and it will be several months of recovery after that. He is self-employed and won't be working so your financial support is very much needed and greatly appreciated by the family. There is a donation account set up at Peninsula Federal Credit Union in his name. If anyone would like to help just go to PFCU and deposit in Dan Chouinard's account. Thank you to all as he and his family needs our support and prayers.