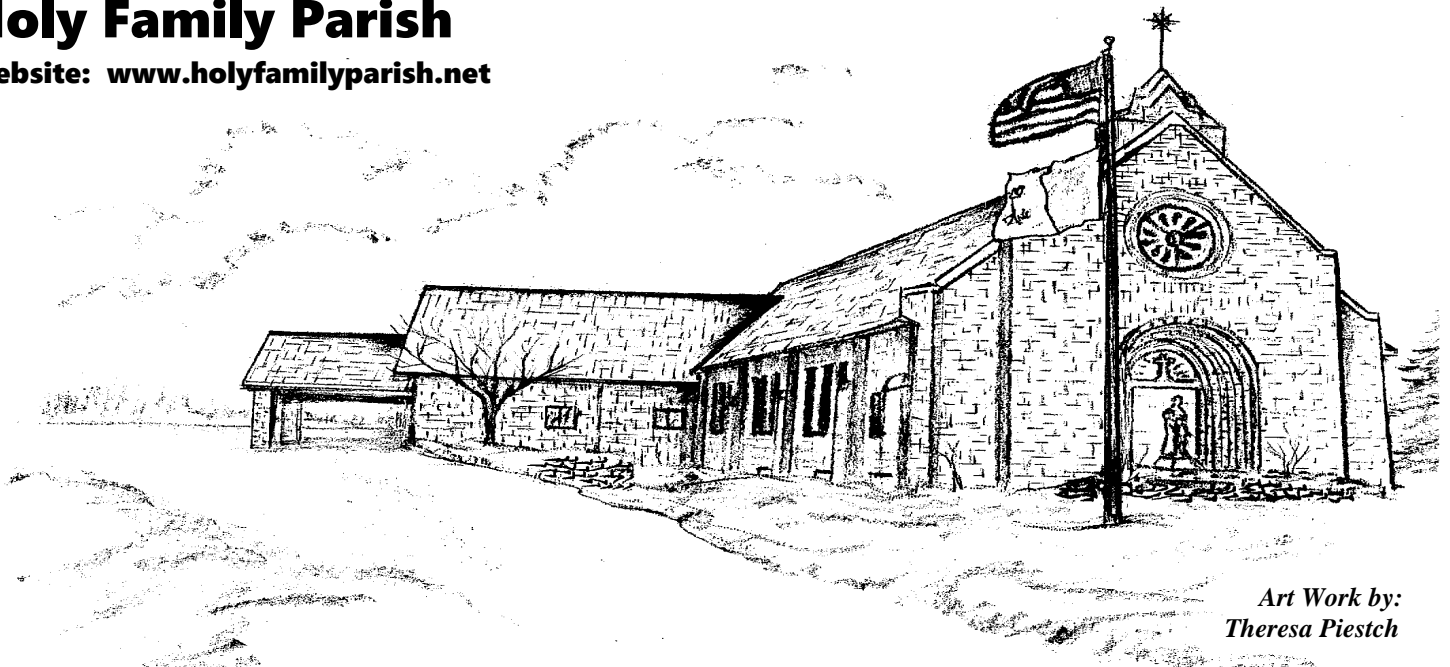


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Sacrament of Marriage

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

Life after Death

Death: Death is the dissolution of the union between the soul and the body which must happen to every human being at the end of his/her life. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews 9:27 says: *“Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment.”* The very certainty of death never allows men to forget it. Moreover, each succeeding generation has pondered the question, **“What then? What happens after death?”** Reason tells us that the soul is immortal. Therefore, the soul is certain to live on after its separation from the body. What is to become of it? The soul will still be its conscious self, able to experience happiness or misery under the new conditions to which it has gone. What will those conditions be? Those who have never died obviously have to rely on *Revelation* to answer these questions. God alone knows what confronts men after death, and He alone can tell us about it. This He has done, and His Revelation is contained in the definite teaching of the Catholic Church.

In regard to death itself we should remember it is: a) **A punishment for sin:** God said to Adam and Eve: *“You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except from the tree of knowledge of good and bad. The moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die”* (Gen 2:16b-17). After their sin, God solemnly pronounced the sentence: *“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). St. Paul comments on death in Romans 5:12, *“Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all inasmuch as all sinned...”* Paul says in Romans 6:23, **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

b) The moment on which our eternity depends: For after death there is no more time for repentance or merit. Every opportunity to gain eternal life is given to us on earth. Those who fail to use the given chances will never get another chance beyond this world. Earthly life is the only platform where we can gain merits for our eternal life.

c) Uncertain as to its time and circumstances: Jesus says, *“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come”* (Luke 12:40). These days the medical science is pretty accurate in predicting many things based on the test reports. But no doctors have ever predicted the time of one’s death.

The Particular Judgment: According to the teaching of the Catholic Church immediately after death the souls stand before the tribunal of Christ to face the Particular Judgment. As soon as the souls separated from the body, its fate is decided by God. There is no formal definition of the Church on this point, but it is clear from the Union Decree of Pope Eugene IV in 1439, the profession of faith of Michael Palaeologus in 1274, the Bull Benedictus Deus of Benedict XII in 1336 and the professions of faith of Gregory XIII (1572-1585) and Benedict XIV (1740-1758). The Vatican Council- I intended to define this doctrine, but was postponed it due to lack of time.

There are no Scripture texts which clearly and directly teach that immediately after death the eternal destiny of each separated soul is decided by the just judgment of God, but that truth is implied in many passages. The parable of the Rich man and Lazarus is one: *“When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld where he was tormented...”* (Luke 16:22). To the penitent revolutionary on the cross Jesus says: *“Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise”* (Luke 23:43). St. Paul longed to be free from his body so that, through death, he might enjoy his eternal reward. Please refer to 2Cor. 5:1-10 and Phil. 1:23-24). The early Church certainly believed in the fact of the Particular Judgment, is clearly and emphatically stated by St. Augustine: *“Souls are judged when they depart from the body, before they come to the Final Judgment which must be passed on them when reunited to the body, and are tormented or glorified in that same flesh which they here inhabited”* In support of this Augustine quotes the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus.

(We will continue)



*We wish to welcome new members to Holy Family Parish
Matt & Marci Chouinard, Ellary & Joy LaPalm and Mike & Maryann Theoret.*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 19 th	8:00 A.M. –	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Dec. 20 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass - Walter Marcella
Wed.	Dec. 21 st	<i>Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Walter Marcella
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
		6:30 P.M. -	NO CCD Classes
Thurs.	Dec. 22 nd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Cameron Delveaux
		7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 23 rd	<i>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</i>	
		8:00 A.M.-	Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	Dec. 24 th	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
		3:00 P.M. -	NO Confessions
		5:00 P.M. -	Mass – Fred Jacques & Victoria Lippens
		8:00 P.M. -	Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Dec. 25 th	<i>The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day</i>	
		9:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the deceased of the Neuens & Hughes Families

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

83 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Dec. 11th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,709.00
Immaculate Conception Collection...	563.00
Loose.....	193.35
General Maintenance.....	35.00
Fuel.....	69.00
Total.....	\$4,569.35

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,980.50
Overage..... \$ 588.85

St. Vincent DePaul donations.....	\$	5.00
The Word Among Us Subscriptions....		130.00
Christmas Flowers.....		90.00

We are decorating Church for Christmas this Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass. Many hands will make for light work, so plan for you and your family to help out as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ!

Sparkles to all the 50 ladies who came out to celebrate at the Altar Society Christmas Party. A delicious meal was had by all, we raised \$331 dollars for St. Vincent DePaul, gift exchanges among the women and bingo. If you missed this year, plan to come next year. Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:30 PM Hope to see you there!!

Our Christmas Mass Schedule
here at Holy Family

Christmas Eve Masses: 5:00 & 8:00 PM
 Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM

Our New Year's Mass schedule
will be our regular weekend Masses.

Saturday, Dec. 31st 4:00 PM
 Sunday, January 1st will be 8:00 & 10:00 AM

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Dec. 18th - Christmas is a time for children, No matter what their age. Spirit is the only ticket, And heart the only gauge.

Dec. 19th - There is no right way to do the wrong thing.

Dec. 20th - Before your gifts are all wrapped up and gayly ribbon tied, Please remember to tuck a lot of love inside.

Dec. 21st - Christmas is a time to remember timeless stories from days of your, A time to ponder what's ahead, A time to open another door.

Dec. 22nd - Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. H.W. Mabie

Dec. 23rd - Not what we give, But what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare. J. R. Cowell.

Dec. 24th - Christmas is the delight of loving and being loved in return, not for gifts tied with bows, but for gifts of the Spirit offered with an open heart every day of the year. Pearl Buck.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us." For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

The Rock-Perkins Area Cantata Choir present:
On Sunday December 18th at 4:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, Rock and again at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Perkins. Fellowship and refreshments will follow each performance. Free-will offering gratefully accepted to help with music cost.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Friday
Mal 3:1-4,23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday
Is 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17
Mt 1:1-25

Sunday
Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

U.P. CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MAILING FROM THE DIOCESE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED. We still have 96 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 107 returned cards with pledges of \$31,800. **Leaving a balance of \$7,876.** *There are still A LOT of OUTSTANDING PLEDGE CARDS. Please return as soon as possible.*

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.