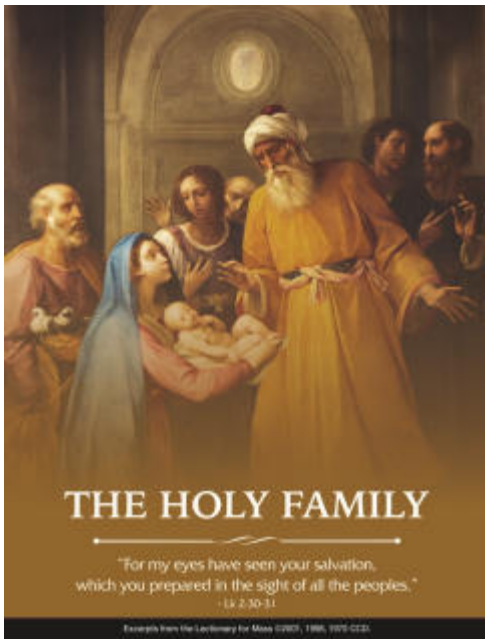

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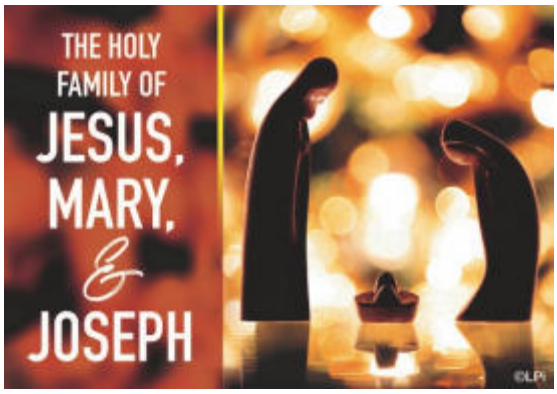

Mass Schedule

Weekends
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Weekdays
Tuesday - 12:15 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 am
(check schedule inside)

Confessions

Saturday 2:30 pm until 3:40 pm (or by appointment)

Baptisms

Please call to schedule a baptism.

Marriages

You must call six (6) months in advance to schedule a marriage and begin the marriage preparation appointments.

Anointing of the Sick

When someone is ill at home, in the hospital, or to arrange for this Sacrament before surgery, please call the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

Gail Koskiniemi: 906-369-0141 or email 2goldens4ever@gmail.com.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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A reminder that January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation.

First Friday and First Saturday

If you are comfortable receiving Communion in your home, please call the parish office during business hours at 296-6851.

Father Joseph is also available for confessions and/or anointing of the sick.

With Saturday, January 2nd being the First Saturday of the month, we are going to start having a morning Mass every First Saturday at 8:30 am.

We will also be praying the Patriotic Rosary at noon every First Saturday.

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the souls of Dennis Beaudoin, Sr. and Leslie Sapino, and for their families. Eternal rest grant unto Dennis and Leslie, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Celebrating the Wisdom of
Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga

"Happy day which first placed me in the midst of the Native Americans, among whom I shall live until I draw my last breath, if such is the most holy will of God."

Frederic Baraga

January 1st

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 pm on Wednesday with silent prayer and adoration until Benediction just before 7:00 pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to spend some time in prayer before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament.

End of Year 2020

2021 Calendars (courtesy of Jeff Dennis and Pearce Funeral Home) are available on the brown table in the back of church as well as in the entrance to the office. If you are unable to pick one up call the parish office and arrangements can be made for delivery.

Contribution statements for 2020 taxes are available ***upon request***.

Tax receipts for UPCSA are automatically mailed out by the Diocese for single of payments of $250 or more. However, if you would like a receipt please notify Wendy Negri at the Diocese of Marquette by calling 1-800-562-9745, extension 104 or email wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

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Saturday • December 26th
4:00 pm Marjorie Lajimodiere - 4 Years
by Mike & Tina Frantila
Sunday • December 27th
9:00 am *Living & Deceased of our Parish*
Monday December 28th
NO MASS
Tuesday December 29th
12:15 pm Addelyn Olli
by Grandma & Grandpa
Wednesday • December 30th
8:30 am Rod Schick - 5 Years (12/29)
by His Family
Thursday • December 31st - New Year's Eve
4:00 pm Bob & Evelyn Turnquist
by Their Family
Friday• January 1st - Mary, the Mother of God
9:00 am Frannie Marcotte - 3 Years (1/2)
by Tony & Joanie, Richard & Joan
Saturday • January 2nd
8:30 am John Crouch
by Jeff & Trina Koepel
4:00 pm Peter Pini - 27 Years (1/5)
by His Family
Sunday • January 3rd
9:00 am *Living & Deceased of our Parish*

Readings for the Week of December 27th

Monday: **The Holy Innocents**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: *Saint Pope Sylvester I*
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
New Year's Day
World Day of Prayer for Peace
Saturday: Saint Basil the Great and
Saint Gregory Nazianzen
Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

January 2nd & 3rd

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Not available at press time.

Thursday, December 31st,
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
4:00 pm

Friday, January 1st
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(New Year's Day)
9:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

28 Tom Codere
29 Sue Codere, Jim Hodges, Missy Klein
30 Martha Cuff, Janet Kuru, Xavier Wagner

JANUARY

1 Mike DeCaesari, Kathy Pini
2 Gert Rivest

Happy Birthday!
Special blessings to Gert Rivest, who will turn 92! God Bless You!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Wednesday - December 30th
- 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm: Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday - January 2nd
- 8:30 am: First Saturday Mass
- 2:30 - 3:40 pm: Confessions

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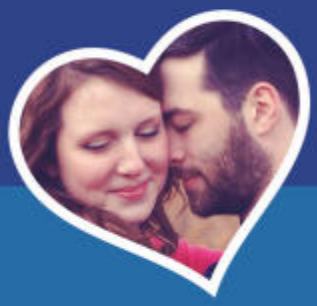

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