

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 3:30 P.M.

7:15 am - 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm
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 is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

Mass Schedule for July 13th thru July 19th

Monday.....8:00 A.M.....Gertrude Kutches
Tuesday.....**6:00 P.M.**.....J.W. Pascoe
Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Amy Chenier Kositzke
Thursday.....8:00 A.M.....For Holy Family parishioners
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Rudy Marcella
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Henry, Patrick & Ron Hughes
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Dorothy Sylvester (19th Anniv.)
10:00 A.M.....Carl VanDrese

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We will strive to imitate the Holy Family: by being a loving, welcoming, and forgiving community – fully alive in the Spirit of God; by teaching our children the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our parish; by celebrating the Liturgy as a joyful remembrance of our Lord's Sacrifice for us; by being a family of prayer; by respecting all life, and by having our arms open always to embrace the sick and needy.

Life of Saints

- July 13th - ST. HENRY** – Today's remarkable saint (973-1024) was Duke of Bavaria and Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. He was forced to fight one campaign after another against rebellious vassals, but occupied himself in reforming the Church, selecting able bishops, leading a personal quasi-monastic life. He persuaded the Pope to authorize the Creed on Sundays and major feasts. Henry built the Cathedral of Bamberg in Germany - where his saintly wife Cunegunda lies buried. He was canonized a saint in 1146.
- July 14th - ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, priest** - - Camillus (1550-1614), son of a soldier of the Kingdom of Naples, was 6'6" tall and exceptionally strong. He became a soldier, led a life without restraints-and at age 25 came with broken body to the Incurables Hospital in Rome. There Camillus was converted to Christ, in penance began serving the sick (though still incurably ill himself), gathered others to this work, and started the Company of Servants of the Sick - the Hospitallers or Camillians. He became a priest and to the end of life, a sick giant among the sick, lived out the ideal of Christian Charity. He was canonized a saint in 1746.
- July 14th - BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA, virgin** – Kateri, died in 1680 at Caughnawaga, Quebec, at age 24; led a life of great austerity and love in spite of ridicule and abuse; called "lily of the Mohawks" first native American to be declared "Blessed" (1980).
- July 15th - ST. BONAVENTURE, bishop and doctor** - - Today's saint was a person exceptionally gifted in soul, intellect and personality. Born in north Italy around 1218, he was early attracted by the Franciscan ideal. An outstanding student, then a professor at the University of Paris, he taught and wrote profoundly about theology and philosophy. Bonaventure, elected Minister General of the Franciscan Order, was named Cardinal of Albano in 1273. He took part in the Second Ecumenical Council of Lyons - which arranged a short-lived union of the Greek and Latin Churches - and died in Lyons, France, in 1274.
- July 16th - OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** - - The Bible praises the beauty of Mount Carmel, that promontory (in north Palestine overlooking the Mediterranean) where Elijah defended the purity of faith. Considered a sacred mountain, Carmel became the dwelling place for Christian hermits during the Crusades. In 1209 the hermits combined to form the Order of Carmel, or Carmelites, dedicated to the Blessed Mother who had lived in contemplation nearby at Nazareth. The Carmelites promoted the life of contemplation and dedication to our Lady. The scapular Confraternity wears a special cloth to express dedication of self to Mary's service.

Please call to update your phone numbers, addresses & email addresses. Our list is several years out of date, especially with cell numbers. Please put a note on your envelope or call the office at 906-789-6244 with any changes you may have.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 13 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. -	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass
Tues.	July 14 th	5:15 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Confessions until 5:45 AM Mass St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	July 15 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. -	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass
Thurs.	July 16 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. -	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass
Fri.	July 17 th	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - -----	Confessions until 7:45 AM Mass Parish office closed
Sat.	July 18 th	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM Mass
Sun.	July 19 th	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 AM -	Mass Mass

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

74 envelopes were returned Sunday, July 5th

Adults.....	\$3,357.00
Loose.....	33.00
General Maintenance.....	225.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Roof Fund.....	<u>75.00</u>
Total.....	\$3,690.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Shortfall of..... \$ (96.83)

World Mission.....	3.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	<u>75.00</u>
Total.....	\$ 78.00

Thank you to all who sent in or dropped off your weekly contribution to Holy Family. We are very grateful for your support of your parish.

BARAGA YOUTH FRATERNITY CAMPING

TRIP for Boys -

Daily Mass, Campfires, Prayer, Talks. Tent camping at Companions of Christ the Lamb near Paradise, MI. Canoeing the Two-Hearted River, visits to U.P. waterfalls, hiking and swimming. Spending time with priests and seminarians, learning the Catholic faith more deeply, and building fraternity with other youth of the diocese. For Boys ages 11-15. Mon. July 20 through Thurs. July 23. \$100 full payment by July 15. Registration Forms available at the Parish Office. For more info. or to request financial assistance, contact Fr. Corey Litzner (906) 295-1282 or Mike Nelson (906) 420-0107 or 233-2644.



THOUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM.... We welcome into our parish community **Hope Nicole**, daughter of Mark & Jessica Chouinard and **Gavin James**, son of Jason & Kayla VanDrese. Both babies were

baptized on Sunday, July 5th. Congratulations to the proud parents, god parents and extend families.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

July 12th - Never mind yesterday, life is today! Never mind yesterday, lay it away! Never mind anything over and done, Here is a new moment, lit with new sun.

July 13th - If God is your Father through Jesus Christ, then you will know and feel that ALL of His children are your brothers.

July 14th - Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.

July 15th - With the kiss of the sun for pardon, And the song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on earth.

July 16th - It's not what you eat that causes ulcers; it's what's eating you.

July 17th - Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

July 18th - Peace of mind never comes to any home when someone is always handing out a piece of mind.

St. Vincent DePaul Society of Holy Family would like to thank everyone for their generosity during the Pandemic.

St. Vincent de Paul Employment Opportunities

TRADES HELPER: The Escanaba SSVdP Warehouse is in need of a full-time 40 hrs./wk. trades helper. Limited benefits. Please either call the Warehouse Manager, Cindy B., at 789-1281, or come into the Warehouse at 815 1st Ave., N., and ask for the Manager, Cindy B. EOE

STORE MANAGER: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is seeking a store manager for the Escanaba SVdP Thrift Store. It is a 40 hour per week position with limited benefits. Applicants should mail their resume with three references to the Hiring Committee, Attn.: Mary Lu Gaudette, Chairperson, 115 N. 8th St., Escanaba, MI 49829. No phone calls. EOE M/F/D/V

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 1:10-17
Mt 10:34—11:1

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7,13b-16
Mt 11:25-27

Friday

Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8
Mt 12:1-8

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9
Mt 11:20-24

Thursday

Is 26:7-9,12,16-19
Mt 11:28-30

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

Wis 12:13,16-19
Rom 8:26-27
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Pandemic Prayer before a Crucifix

O Cross of Christ, save me. May zeal for your house free me. The Cross conquers; the Cross reigns; the Cross rules; by the sign of the Cross free me, O Lord, from this plague. Defend us, O Crucified Christ, You who are kind and merciful and true. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

ATTENTION PARENTS: If there are any children that will be entering First Grade in the coming year, please call the parish office so that we can update our records. Thanking you in advance!!!

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – A; July 12th 2020
Isaiah 55: 10-11; Romans 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We, the human beings, achieve even a small task through very hard work. But on the other hand, God does everything on earth only by His Word. That is what we read in the Book of Genesis where it is said that God created everything by his command/Word. He simply said, **“Let there be...and everything came into existence.** We also see in the Bible the tremendous changes taking place in the individuals to whom the Word of God came. Starting from Abraham down to all the Prophets we have the examples to show how powerful the Word of God was. In today’s first reading God explains through Prophet Isaiah, how effective His Word is. God says, *“My word shall not return to me void but shall do my will, achieves the end from which I sent it.”* God was speaking to His people who were in Babylonian exile and promising them the freedom. In the Book of Jeremiah 23:29 God asks the Prophet who was stressed out, **“Is not my word like fire, like a hammer shattering rocks?**

Coming to the New Testament, it is St. John the author of the fourth gospel who explains very well the nature of the Word of God. He opens his gospel with the statement, *“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God”* (Jn. 1:1&2). According to him Jesus is the Word of God. He continues, *“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us and we see his glory the glory of the Father’s only Son.”* (Jn. 1: 14). John states in the same chapter that God did everything through Jesus, the Word of God. He says, **“All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.”** (Jn. 1:3).

Let us see a few examples which show the power of the Word of God working through Jesus. Jesus worked most of the miracles by his word. Only on a few occasions we see him performing some sort of rituals to work a miracle. According to Luke chapter 5, Simon Peter and companions were washing the net after a fruitless night of fishing. But in obedience to the word of Jesus they cast the net again and caught large amount of fish. But then came, the command of Jesus, **“Follow me.”** Luke says, **“When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him”** (Luke. 5:11). They simply bowed before the powerful word of Jesus. The money oriented tax collector Matthew left his tax office, yielding to the powerful command of Jesus, *“Follow me.”* On the way to Damascus, the word of Jesus came down upon Saul the persecutor of the Church,

“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts 9:4), Saul fell on the ground and thus he became St. Paul the great apostle. Francis Xavier, the ambitious philosophy professor heard the word of Jesus through Ignatius of Loyola, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Mt. 16:26). Though initially he ignored it, finally it shook his heart and the young Francis left everything and became a great missionary in India. While traveling from Calcutta to Darjeeling, the simple Loreto nun Mother Theresa heard the voice of Jesus, “Go back to Calcutta and serve me there.” She simply landed in the slums of Calcutta single handed. A priest in my state, having been stressed out by so many issues, decided to leave the priesthood. One day he took out the Bible and opened it carelessly and his eyes were caught up by John 15:16, “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.” The verse struck him and still serves the Church as a priest. We can find number of examples like these to show how powerful the Word of God can be.

*As the disciples of Jesus we have ample opportunity to have access to the Word of God. Even though we have our Bible at home, we Catholics have to admit that we are poor in reading the Word of God and we underestimate its power. As a result we lose the opportunity to have the power of the Word of God in us. When we read the Word of God or listen to the Scripture reading with attention, it can change our lives; give solution to our problems and heal us from our ailments. Sometimes, it may be a particular verse or chapter which can change our lives. It is my request to all of you, please develop a habit of reading the Bible, at least a few verses daily. Again it is our duty as Christians to sow the Word in the hearts of people who are in need. Sometimes a particular verse we quote can change the entire life of that person. We should not be over anxious to see the result or the fruit, which is the gift of the Holy Spirit. What we have to do is to sow the Seed of the Word of God, wherever we can do. In order to give the Word of God, first we should fill our hearts with it. **In the letter to the Hebrews the author speaks about the power of the Word of God, “Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart (Heb.4:12).***