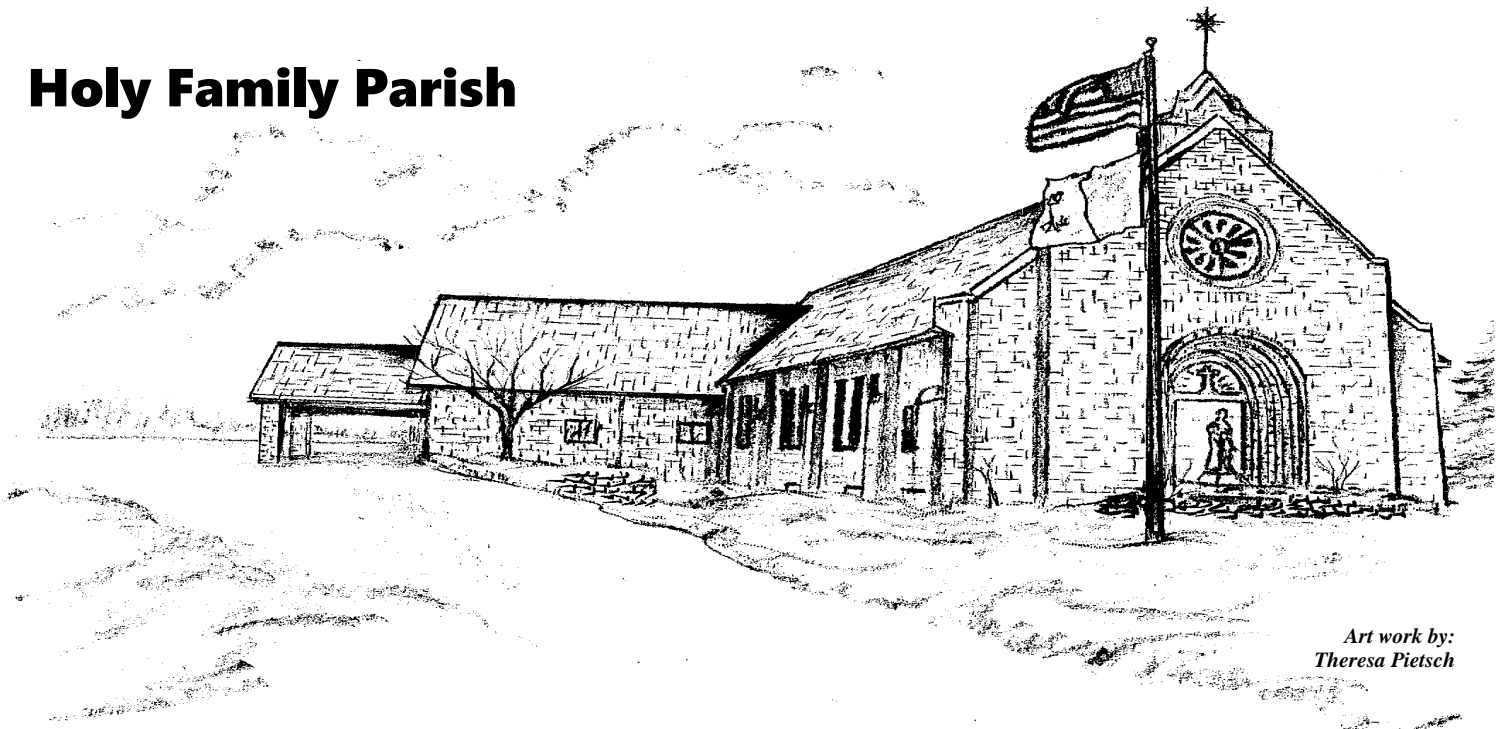


# Holy Family Parish



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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 19, 2020

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Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee

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### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy

Bill Smith Mary Kay Nolde

### 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.

Please remember in your prayer.....

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.

## 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.*

## CATECHISM FOR GOOD CATHOLIC LIFE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In our younger days our parents sent us to the Sunday School to learn the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith. We learned a lot. But as we were young we could not grasp much of the Church's Catechism. Later, as we grew up many of us didn't have any chance to learn more. In short we have forgotten much of our Catechism. So I feel that it is not a bad idea to refresh our Catechism a little bit. Unfortunately, many Catholics don't know much about the teachings of the Church. Many are also confused. With this purpose in mind, hereafter, we will be running through the Fundamentals of our Catholic Faith in a simple way which can be understood easily. Pam has adjusted in the bulletin at least 2/3 of a page for me. Next week I will start our studies **in the name of Catechetical Corner.**

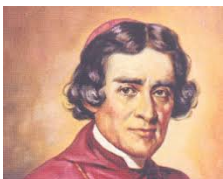
I will be presenting the topics in simple language and also in summarized form. While you go through the lessons you are free to ask me any questions or clarifications you need. You can send me your questions and I will try to answer them through the bulletin, so that others also may benefit. By the time I finish the writings you will have refreshed your Catechism which you studied years ago.

With Regards

Fr. Sebastian

"A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."  
— St. Basil

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 906-786-1209 with any changes you may have.



Celebrating the Wisdom of Bishop Frederic Baraga "July 12, 1817 – This day will always remain with me." F. Baraga. It was the first time Baraga met Father (St.) Clement Hof-bauer and thirteen days later, Baraga made the general confession to start on the upward road to sanctity.

***Sixteenth week in Ordinary Time***

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Final Intentions of Rev. Thomas Anderson
Tues.	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i></b> <b>6:00 P.M.</b> - Mass – Jim Gascon
Wed.	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Darlene Kelloniemi
Thurs.	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Saint Bridget, Religious</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Francis Dobrzenski
Fri.	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Sharbel MakhluF, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lori Clark ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saints James, Apostle</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Henry & Patrick Hughes
Sun.	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tom & Dorothy Srock 10:00 AM - Mass – Holy Family Parishioners

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

65 envelopes were returned Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$2,760.00
Loose.....	155.00
General Maintenance.....	83.00
Donation.....	25.00
Seminary Fund.....	20.00
Roof Fund.....	425.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,468.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Shortfall of..... \$(318.83)**

World Mission.....	10.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>

***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.***

**Holy Name Catholic School News**

They have an opening for a fifth grade teacher and for an office assistant. The job descriptions can be found on their website.

If you feel you have been called to serve in either of these ministries, you may submit a letter of interest, resume, and references to the attention of Joseph L. Carlson, principal by either e-mailing: [jcarlson@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:jcarlson@holynamecrusaders.com) or mailing to Holy Name Catholic School, 409 South 22nd Street, Escanaba, MI 49829. Resumes posted to Facebook will not be accepted or considered.

*Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love. Mother Teresa*

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** - In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path. Prov. 3:6

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** - If you cannot do great things, you can at least do small things in a great way.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** - In the tears of His saints God sees a rainbow.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** - About the only thing that comes without effort is old age.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** - You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day; By the deeds you do, by the words you say; Men read what you write, whether false or true. Say, what is the gospel according to you?

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** - No one will know what you mean by God is love until you act it as well.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** - Youth is not a time of life, It is a state of mind. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; People grow old by deserting their ideals.

### 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

Join us on Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The Jesus love walk starts at Ludington Park at the Band Shell. Lets come together for a prayer walk of love and a time of workshop. Sponsored by local churches.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Mi 6:1-4,6-8  
Mt 12:38-42

### **Wednesday**

2 Cor 4:7-15  
Mt 20:20-28

### **Friday**

Jer 3:14-17  
Mt 13:18-23

### **Tuesday**

Mi 7:14-15,18-20  
Mt 12:46-50

### **Thursday**

Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13  
Mt 13:10-17

### **Saturday**

2 Cor 4:7-15  
Mt 20:20-28

### **Sunday**

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12  
Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 13:44-52

### 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.

### Life of Saints

#### **July 22<sup>nd</sup> - ST. MARY MAGDALENE –**

Mary of Magdala, from whom Jesus cast seven demons (Mk. 16:9), was among the women who assisted Christ and the apostles as they traveled and preached the Good News. This Mary was present with the Lord's Mother and John at the foot of the cross when the other apostles fled. She helped bury the Lord's body, went to complete the burial on Easter morning and first saw the risen Master. The Byzantine Liturgy says Jesus made Mary Magdalene "the apostle to the Apostles."

### 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.

**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – A; July 19<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Last Sunday we listened to the first Kingdom parable of Jesus on the seed and the sower in which Jesus explained to the crowd how people will respond to the Word of God and how they produce different quantity of fruit and even nothing. This week we have another Kingdom parable where **the weeds and the wheat** are involved. In every parable Jesus has a great moral message to convey to his audience. Scripture scholars are of opinion that this is one of the most practical parables that Jesus ever told. Coming to this parable of the weeds and the wheat we have the following lessons to learn. It teaches us that there is always a hostile power in the world, seeking and waiting to destroy the good seed which is the Word of God. As we know, these two **influences of good and evil** are always in fight against each other and we feel the same in our lives too. Jesus also shows how hard it is to distinguish between the wheat and weeds; means good and evil and those who are in the kingdom and those who are not. By mere appearance we cannot judge one whether he/she belongs to the Kingdom or out.

**Above all, this parable is the typical example to show how patient God is with the sinners.** The farmer allowed the weed to grow till the time of the harvest. Of course, literally speaking, the weed cannot become wheat even though time is given. *But there is a possibility for a sinner to change his/her life when opportunity is given.* One of the great qualities of God is, His compassion and patience towards human beings; His graciousness to accept us as we are. This is indeed, the quality which we miss very often when we deal with our fellow beings. *It is the common complaint we hear from people that they lose patience with people.* In both Old Testament and New Testament God is pictured to be most compassionate and patient. We read in Psalm 145:8, ***'The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.'*** In today's first reading which is from the Book of Wisdom the author gives us the quality of God. He says, ***"But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us."*** This is what Jesus teaches us through the parable of the wheat and weeds. *God does not take any pleasure in the eternal death of a sinner rather he waits for his/her returns or conversion.* **In the Book of Ezekiel 33:11 we read, "As I live, says the Lord, I swear, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked man, but rather in the wicked man's conversion, that he may live."** He is the loving Father who could wait days or months to see the return of his prodigal son and rejoice and celebrate his conversion. Only Jesus could say to the prostitute woman,

***“Neither do I condemn you. Go, from now on do not sin anymore” (Jn. 8:11).***

But at the same time all the kingdom parables of Jesus show us an alarming truth that **God’s patience is not unlimited**. At the end the weeds will be picked up to be burnt. In other words, there will be a judgment at the end and those who choose to do bad deeds will have to face the punishment. But before the judgment God gives everybody ample opportunities for conversion. The author of the Book of Wisdom concludes, ***“And you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.”***

None of us can claim that we are very patient in dealing with our fellow beings; none of us is free from the evil of rash judgment. **Why do I lose patience? The reason is very simple that very often you don’t come up to my expectations and criteria.** The problem lies in the fact that when I deal with you, I create a norm in my mind as what you should say and how you have to behave. But as we are unique human beings, you cannot become I and I cannot become you. Sometimes we lose patience with God too, for He does not know how to act. For example, He sits there very patiently when all the evil doers are walking freely on earth and do a lot of harm to the innocent people. Very often, the good people are tested with so many problems and they suffer. There are occasions when God seems to turn His eyes away from our genuine needs for which we pray for days and months. Many of us wonder why doesn’t God remove the weeds from the very beginning so that the wheat can grow freely and produce more grains? The answer to this question can be found in today’s first reading and gospel.

Though we are quick in judging others we expect leniency from God and others. Let us remember that we are not living in a perfect world with perfect people. Even in a community there are all sorts of people and we should be patient with them. When somebody fails, let us remember, ‘Lord, he/she is a human being, so I am. Today he/she fails, but tomorrow I can fail.’ Very often our judgment may not be right as we see only the externals of somebody. **In the 1Book of Samuel we read, “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart” (1Sam. 16:7).** As we cannot look into the hearts of others, we have no right to judge somebody. **Jesus says, “Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you” (Mt. 7:1-2).** Let us keep in mind the great truths that nobody is totally bad and nobody is fully good. We are the mixture of good qualities and bad qualities. Normally people don’t commit something evil intentionally, but it happens out of human weakness. Our positive attitude to them will help them to correct themselves.