

# Holy Family Parish



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## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 2, 2020

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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.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

**Bob Gascon**

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.*

## CATECHETICAL CORNER

### SUPERNATURAL/DIVINE REVELATION

In our previous episode we saw how we can know God through natural means especially through the nature or the Universe itself. Besides letting us know Him through natural reason God also revealed to us His existence through Supernatural Revelation. Very often such revelation comes through individuals or group of people. Later these revelations are put in written form for the future generation. All the major religions claim that God spoke to His people through sacred writings. For instance, the Jews and the Christians claim that the Sacred Scripture or the Bible is nothing but the revelation of God which started with Adam and Eve and later continued through Jesus Christ and his apostles. By the inspiration of God the individuals who had direct contact with God put everything in writing what God spoke to them and taught them. The Jews and Christians believe that the Bible is inspired book and so there cannot be any error in it. In other words, the sacred authors have written only what God wanted them to write. But at the same time the Jews will never believe in the revelation of God which came through Jesus Christ. According to them the last revelation got over with the last prophet Malachi. Whereas we Christians, though we don't have any objection to accept the Old Testament revelation, believe that the climax of God's revelation took place in the person and mission of His Son Jesus Christ. The Hindus have got many Sacred Books like Mahabharata, Ramayana and Vedas to show how God communicated with mankind. The Muslims believe that God, Allah, spoke to prophet Mohammad and he put this revelation in writing known today as the Qur'an.

The knowledge we gain through natural revelation is very limited and many of the mysteries of God are not revealed through it. And also Christians believe that the public revelation of God started with Adam and Eve and continued through Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Prophets and Jesus. It is believed that the public revelation of God ended with the last Apostle John and hereafter we have a few private revelations started with holy men and women. But such revelations are not proposed to the faithful as articles of faith. At the same time the Church, when approves such revelations merely states that there is nothing in them contrary to faith or morals. If Jesus had not revealed to us we would not have known God as Trinity, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit; we would have never addressed God as our Father. In Old Testament God is not called as Father. He is considered to be Father so far He is the Creator of all things. But Jesus asked us to consider God as our real Father who is loving like our biological fathers. And also the mystery of Trinity is alien to Judaism.

### CLASSIFICATION OF DIVINE REVELATION

**1. Pre-Christian Revelation: a) Primitive Revelation, made to Adam and Eve. b) Patriarchal Revelation, made to the Patriarchs. c) Mosaic Revelation, made to Moses and his successors the Prophets.**

The Book of Genesis clearly states that God created the first couple, Adam and Eve and He was always in the communication with them. Even after they had been driven out of the Garden of Eden God never stopped conversing with them. Then we see God choosing Noah and his family specially out of so many people who sinned against Him. After Adam and Eve, we don't know how many centuries passed before He chose Noah. We read in the Book of Genesis how the flood destroyed the entire mankind except Noah and his family and how God made a covenant with him. Then we don't know how long God became silent. The next thing we see is the interference of God at the construction of the Tower of Babel where He scattered the people by dividing their one language. The next thing we read in the Book of Genesis is the call of Abraham who was called Abram in the beginning. Thereafter we see the continuation of God's revelation through the salvation history of Israel.

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

***Eighteenth week in Ordinary Time***

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe Gareau
Tues.	Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i></b> 6:00 P.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke
Wed.	Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – John Marcella ----- Parish office closed
Thurs.	Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marvin Nelson ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs, Saint Cajetan, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Robert Valley ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Schultz/DeShambo Families
Sun.	Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Tom Flagstadt

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

69 envelopes were returned Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$3,181.00
Loose.....	137.00
General Maintenance.....	63.00
Fuel.....	10.00
Donation.....	425.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,816.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Surplus of..... \$ 29.17**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	315.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</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.

*If our life is without prayer, it is like a house without a foundation. Mother Teresa*

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness.

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.

**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Giving advice is sometimes only showing our wisdom at the expense of another.

**Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>** - With a small boy cleanliness is not next to godliness, it's next to impossible.

**Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>** - A quiet tongue shows a wise head.

**Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** - No man has absolute privacy; God and angels constantly behold him.

**Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>** - If you can laugh at your troubles you will never run out of something to laugh about.

### 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.



Anyone have any old buttons laying around that you're not using? Carol Belongie has been making masks and extensions to give away. She is in need of  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch button pairs. If you can help, please bring them to church and place in the bucket marked or you can call Carol at 786-6365.

Prolife Updates: Watch for their August billboard, "Vote Pro-Life to Restore Protection for the unborn", located on North 30<sup>th</sup> street and Ludington.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Jer 28:1-17  
Mt 24:22-36

### **Wednesday**

Jer 31:1-7  
Mt 15:21-28

### **Friday**

Na 2:1,3: 3:1-3,6-7  
Mt 16:24-28

### **Tuesday**

Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22  
Mt 14:22-36 or  
Mt 15:1-2,10-14

### **Thursday**

Dn 7:9-10,13-14  
2 Pt 1:16-19  
Mt 17:1-9

### **Saturday**

Hb 1:12—2:4  
Mt 17:14-20

### **Sunday**

1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a    Rom 9:1-5    Mt 14:22-33

### Life of Saints

**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> - ST. JOHN VIANNEY, priest** - - Today's saint, the Cure of Ars, is the beloved patron of parish priests. Born in France (1786), he was a "delayed vocation" who with great difficulty got through the seminary. He transformed the godless parish of Ars by holiness, preaching, prayers and penances. Ars became a place of pilgrimage because of its holy pastor. He would hear confessions for 16 hours a day. St. John Vianney died on this date in 1859 and was canonized a saint in 1925.

### 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.



"Fr. Baraga's priestly virtues, especially his humility; which latter quality he possessed in so eminent a degree that Indians and whites, Protestant and Catholic agree in designating him as a saintly priest." - quoted by Father J.J. Pulsers

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle - A; Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**  
**Is. 55: 1-3; Rom. 8: 35, 37-39; Mt. 14: 13-21**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Jamieson, the rich and God fearing farmer, has been praying one night with his son. He said to his son, "Let us pray for the poor man who lives down the road so that God may come to his aid." But the son turned to him and replied, "But Dad, we don't have to bother God about that. We can do something for him." Jamieson was showing his concern for his neighbor by praying for him and wishing him well. But his son reminded him that prayer and good wishes were not always enough. When it is possible we should come out with positive actions too.

This is what we see in today's gospel passage where the disciples, indeed, are concerned about the hungry people. So they appeal to Jesus to dismiss them as soon as possible so that they may find food themselves. It never came to the minds of the disciples that they could ever do something for these people. When Jesus asked them, "There is no need for them to go away, give them some food yourselves," - perhaps the disciples were shocked by the impracticality of this demand. But at the same time Jesus was not ready to produce bread from the air and feed the crowd. On the other hand the disciples were not willing either to share the 5 loaves and 2 fish which they had protected for their dinner. Though reluctantly, finally when they offered their share to Jesus a great miracle takes place through the hands of Jesus. If wanted Jesus could have produced the bread from nowhere. But he expected his disciples to play their role. In other words he wanted them to share their mite though small it was.

Very often we too act like the rich farmer Jamieson who prayed for the poor but didn't want to do anything more than that. It is easy to ask God to do everything for the needy. But it is hard to part with our share to help someone, which may be our money, time and talent. At times we too get discouraged like the disciples who wondered, what could be done with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. But we forget the fact that our little help or sacrifice when it mingles with the blessing of Jesus, miracles happen. But until we are ready to share what we have, God will never act. This is very well illustrated in the case of Mother Theresa. When she landed in the slums of Calcutta in 1950 she had just had 5 rupees (*Indian currency; if it is compared with American dollar, currently, it is equal to a few cents*) in her hand and the ardent desire to serve the poor. She offered to the Lord what she had and finally when mother Theresa died in 1997 her investment of 5 rupees and the great desire to serve the poor turned into 80 schools, 300 mobile

dispensaries, 70 leprosy clinics, 30 homes for the dying, 30 homes for abandoned children and 40,000 volunteers from all over the world to help her. So we should not be discouraged by the lack of resources we have. If there is a goodwill and love we all can do many things to the needy.

Some times our monetary help though not big will make a difference in somebody's life. Other time it can be our time that can make a difference in somebody. For instance, instead of sending a get-well card if we can visit that sick person, how consoling it will be for him/her. By the time we reach the mall for a card we can reach the hospital or home. We should never count the quantity of things we do. We have to do anything possible to add a little joy to a needy person or a child. There are occasions when our prayers will be very important for someone. **In the words of St. Teresa of Avila, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Today"**

Very often we are discouraged in our prayers that Jesus does not answer our prayers. Sometimes people complain that they don't get anything out of the Eucharistic celebrations. But we need to pause a little and think, 'Do we come to the Mass with the disposition and desire to give something to the Lord? What we can offer to the Lord at the Eucharistic celebration can be our desire to worship and to be faithful to him; our shortcomings, our anxieties, our frustrations and ailments. When we offer them to the Lord together with the bread and wine, he can convert them into something good. This should be our attitude towards the personal prayers too. When we take one step towards the Lord he will take two steps towards us. So let us give the Lord what we can, let us give others the best even out of our sacrifice.