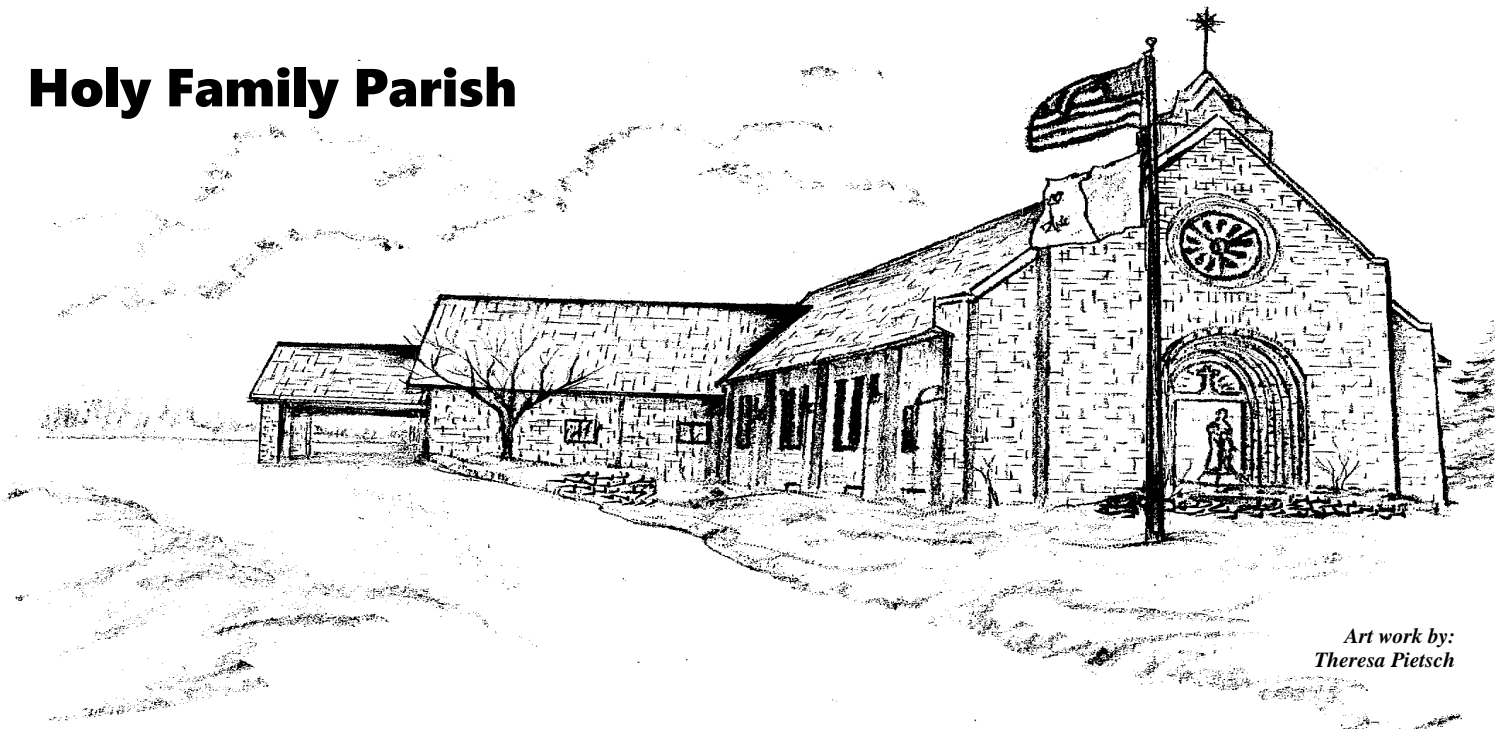


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

Lincoln Noel, 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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

FAITH

Definition of Faith: As we have seen in our previous episodes, God has revealed Himself to man through natural and supernatural ways. These revelations should draw us to believe in God. All religions rely on the revelations of God as source of their faith. **Faith is supernatural gift of God by which one chooses reasonably to believe most firmly all that God has revealed because God must know the truth and is incapable of telling a lie. In this short definition the terms used are very important and they need further explanation.**

1. Faith is a Supernatural Gift

One can neither deserve nor merit it. All we can do is to pray for it, hope for it and make every effort to fulfill the conditions appointed by God. It is supernatural, that is, not essential to our nature, not ours at birth, not given for natural ends. If faith is God's gift, those who possess it are bound to thank Him for it.

2. Of God

Only God can bestow the faith. No amount of instruction can, of itself, give the faith. What the instructor can do is to explain it and try to help the convert by his/her example and his/her prayers. "No man can come to me, except the Father, who hath sent me, draw him; and I will raise him up in the last day" (John 6:44). The fact that God, the Creator, the Supreme Being and the Infinite Good, is the bestower of the gift of Faith, shows how precious it is. How we would cherish a personal gift from an earthly king! (Eph. 2:8). Here we have one from the heavenly King!

3. By which one Chooses

We are not compelled to believe. Christ in fact has promised to reward our loyalty. "Whoever believes and is baptized, will be saved" (Mark 16:16). It is possible to lose the Faith; many have lost it, although they have been intellectually convinced of the truth. Others have refused to accept the gift of Faith because of vanity, human respect or material difficulties. That is why Christ condemns the unbelief. "**Whoever does not believe will be condemned**" (Mark 16:16b).

4. Reasonably

Every day of our lives we accept truth on the word of man. It is therefore reasonable for us to accept truth on the word of God. The store of information any man can brand as his own, without having acquired it from others, is very small. He continually accepts truth from his fellow men; in fact, dependence on them is a law of human nature. But the higher the authority for information received, the more reasonable is the act of submission to it. God's is the highest possible authority. He is absolute Infallibility itself! Once it is certain that God has spoken, it would be the height of folly to refuse to accept His word. We have more than sufficient evidence to prove that God has spoken to men. (*We will be dealing with this topic, in the next article*). The historical fact concerning Christ and the Church can be verified by reason alone, thus justifying their Divine Authority. Faith does not ignore reason but presupposes it. Nor does it ever contradict reason. It teaches knowledge which is beyond – but never against – the powers of reason.

5. To believe

Not to think, or suppose, or even agree to, because a truth is fully understood and demonstrated, but to assent fully to a truth on the word of another – namely, God. One who believes finds that these truths impress him ever more deeply. Faith is not, as Luther said, mere trust in the fidelity of God to keep His promises.

6. Most firmly

It is to be expected that many of the things which God reveals are beyond reason. Nature is full of mysteries; so it is certainly as reasonable to expect mysteries in religion as it is to expect them in nature or physical science. Indeed, if religion had no mysteries and were perfectly and fully comprehensible, its divine origin would be open to suspicion. Belief in mysteries tends vastly to increase our reverence for God. So our belief or faith should be firm in God. And also our belief should not be like pick and choose; rather we have to believe in all God has revealed.

Faith indeed is a supernatural gift from God for man. But it will never fall into his/her lap automatically without proper disposition from one's part. In order to receive the gift of faith, the first disposition we need is **Prayerfulness**. In other words, we need to ask God for this gift in prayer. St. James says, "**But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it**" (James 1:5). Prayer is necessary in order to obtain the gift of faith. Another quality we need to obtain faith is **humility**. Again St. James says, "**God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble**" (James 4:6). We should try to understand our own infirmity and incapacity to understand what God reveals to us. The humble man seeks God; the proud man expects God to seek him. In order to receive the gift of faith we must use all diligence to ascertain the truth and be willing to accept it in spite of former notions, prejudices. And also special efforts should be made to keep our hearts clean so that we may be able to receive the revelation from God.

Twenty-Fifth week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 21 st	<i>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For your intentions
Tues.	Sept. 22 nd	6:00 P.M. - Mass – Kay Germain 6:30 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Sept. 23 rd	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion Sodergren
Thurs.	Sept. 24 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass –Lori Clark
Fri.	Sept. 25 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Elaine Gareau ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Sept. 26 th	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Jim Gascon
Sun.	Sept. 27 th	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the parishioners of Holy Family 10:00 AM - Mass – Renee Chouinard 40 th Anniv.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

70 envelopes were returned Sunday, Sept. 13th

Adults.....	\$2,765.00
Loose.....	60.00
General Maintenance.....	38.00
Reimbursement.....	16.19
Mass Stipends.....	40.00
Roof Fund.....	100.00
Fuel.....	67.00
Total.....	\$3,086.19

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Shortage..... 700.64

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 60.00
Total.....\$ 60.00

Thanks to all who sent in or dropped off your weekly contribution to Holy Family.

We **WILL NOT** be doing the **SADDLE BAGS** this year for **UPSCA**. Please return your cards that you received in the mail. Thank You!!!

Adult Faith Formation: Why We're Catholic!

We are offering a free Adult Faith Formation Class that will move you in such a way that will result in a deeper understanding of your faith and keep you solidly on the path to eternal life. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Class Starts: Wednesday Sep. 23, 2020
 from 6p.m. to 7p.m. (Offered weekly)
 Where: St. Joseph & St. Patrick Hall,
 709 First Ave South, Escanaba MI

To reserve a seat: Call/text Rena at 233-9566 or email Rena@EscanabaCatholic.com
 Hope to see you there! Teachers are Mike Cousineau and Fr. Timothy Ferguson

Life Chain 2020

Take a Stand and Pray! Be a public witness for the unborn. Sunday, October 4th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM we will pray along Lincoln Road. Meet near Bay Bank at 1:15 pm. Signs will be provided. Visit LIFECHAIN.ORG for more information.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Sept. 20th - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:9

Sept. 21st - Keep looking up; Remember there is only mud under your feet.

Sept. 22nd - Some folks carry their religion on their shoulder like a burden, instead of in their hearts like a song.

Sept. 23rd - Some husbands know all the answers. They've been listening for years.

Sept. 24th - When I get discouraged and want to give in, Remind me, Lord, That winners don't quit and quitters don't win.

Sept. 25th - While faith makes all things possible, It is love that makes all things easy.

Sept. 26th - You are young and useful at any age if you are still planning for tomorrow.

We are bringing the **Baraga Days 2020** Event to you regardless of where you are! Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, we **cannot** have our in-person event as planned but we can host an incredible event virtually! For further details and a full schedule of events please visit www.bishopbaraga.org/baraga-days/ or contact the Bishop Baraga Association at 906-227-9117. We are asking those who were planning on traveling for this event, to consider donating to the Bishop Baraga Association instead!

Forgiveness is at the heart of healthy relationships. Excuse rather than accuse. Forgive and ask to be forgiven. Forgiveness is a beautiful gift to give to those who hurt us. ~Mother Teresa

Survivors of Suicide Support Group will meet the 2nd Monday of every month starting in October, 6:00 PM at St. Anthony Parish Hall. For more information, you can call Cindy Bintner at 789-0003 or Janet Lindstrom at 786-3852.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Eph 4:1-7,11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9
Lk 9-1-6

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11
Lk 9:18-22

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6,10-13
Lk 8:19-21

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11
Lk 9:7-9

Saturday

Eccl 11:9-12:8
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32

Life of Saints

Sept. 21st - ST. MATTHEW, apostle and evangelist

– With gratitude we celebrate today the Apostle-writer of the first Gospel. Born at Capernaum and given the name Levi, when called by Jesus he was a tax collector or publican. Tradition holds that he wrote the Gospel in Aramaic. We possess only the canonical Greek Gospel of Matthew, the carefully structured favorite Christian Gospel.

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.

Mark Your Calendars!!! A pasty sale is coming our way!! Mark Nov. 6th & 7th on your calendar. We are hoping to have our Pasty Sale that weekend if we can get the donations and help. If you would like to help or donation please contact the parish office 786-1209. In the next week there will be sign up sheets at the back of church or you can give the parish office a call to put your name down.