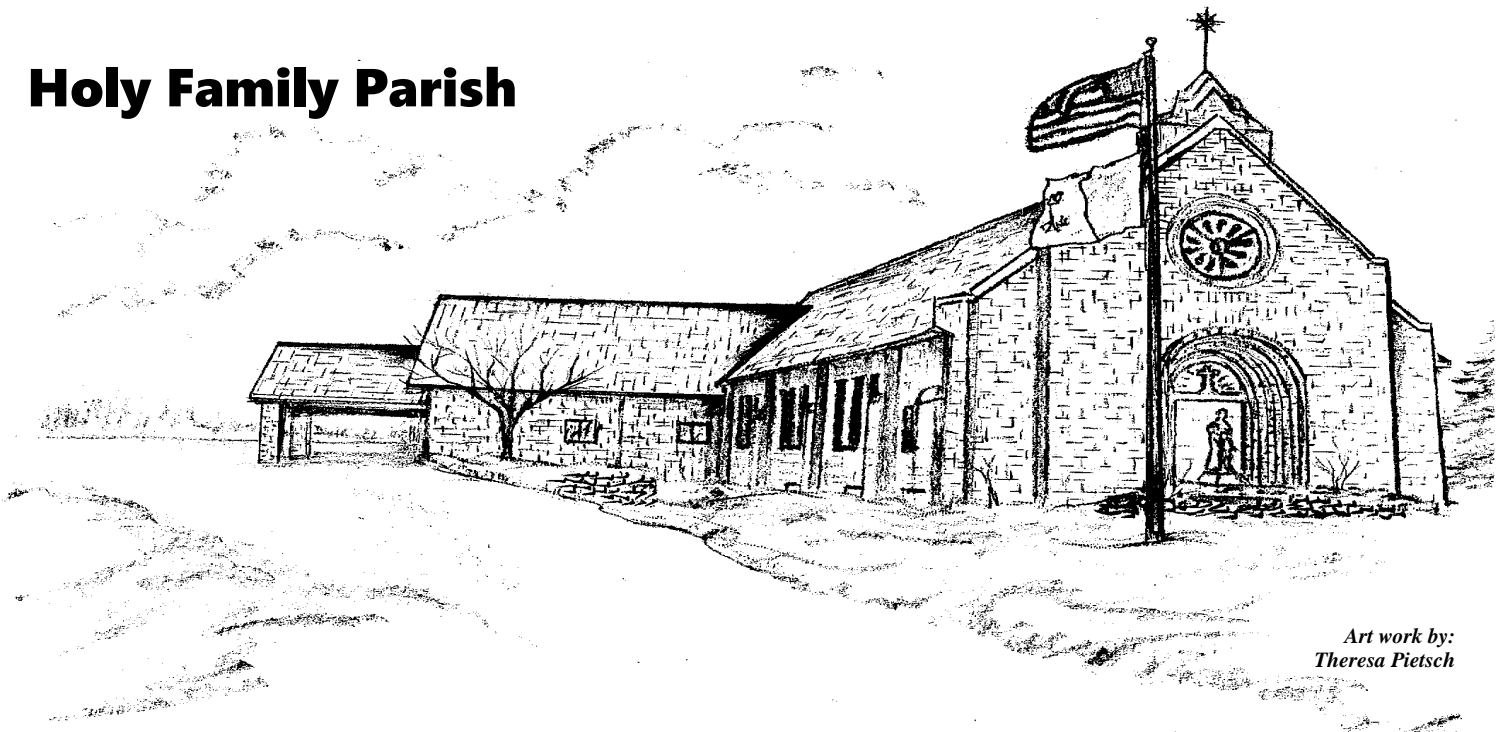


Holy Family Parish



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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.

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

Necessity of Religion

It is said that 9 out of 10 Americans believe in the existence of God. This percentage may vary from nation to nation and religion to religion. But it is said that less than 25% of Americans are affiliated to a religion. In other words 75% people are not convinced about the need of an established religion in their lives and also God does not have much to do in their daily activities, though they may believe in the existence of God.

What is Religion? The word probably comes from the Latin word meaning *'to bind.'* An ancient writer, Lactantius, said: "We are tied to God and bound to Him by the bond of piety, and it is from this that religion has received its name." Religion may be defined as the voluntary subjection of oneself to God, that is, to the free, supernatural Being on whom man is conscious of being dependent, of whose powerful help he feels the need, and in whom he recognizes the source of his perfection and happiness. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "Religion is the virtue which prompts man to render to God the worship and reverence that is His by right. Objectively, religion is the voluntary acknowledgment of man's dependence on God through acts of homage." The conception of a personal deity is necessary for religion.

Religion implies faith or belief

First of all, the one who claims to belong to a religion should have the belief in the existence of a personal God, divine providence and retribution, the immortality of the soul, free will and moral responsibility. *Christians have solid ground in their faith.* As we know, in Christianity which is a supernatural religion, these beliefs are supplemented and complemented by a larger knowledge of God and of His purposes in regard to man through divine Revelation. Christians know that God has spoken to men, telling them that they are destined for filial communion with Him through the life of grace and that this has been brought within their reach through the Incarnation and Redemption of Jesus Christ. In Christianity the things to be believed and the things to be done, in order to obtain salvation, are guaranteed by divine authority. In the modern age many talk of religion without dogmas, but any thinking man must recognize **that right belief is essential to religion and that right belief implies dogmas**, which are specific truths. Christian dogmas are not intellectual puzzles. They have the practical purpose of enlightening man on the whole range of his religious and ethical duties, on the right fulfillment of which his supernatural perfection and eternal destiny depend.

Practice of Religion - The practice of religion comprises acts of homage toward God, by which man acknowledges God's domination over him and seeks His help and friendship. These acts of homage are of three kinds: **1. direct acts of worship; 2. regulation of conduct outside the sphere of moral obligation; and 3; the regulation of conduct within the recognized sphere of moral obligation.**

The Need of Religion - No one can deny truthfully that the practice of some form of religion by man is universal. Whether one studies those tribes whose existence is hidden in the dim of mists of history or the so called primitive peoples of the present day, the fact that they all practice religion, must be acknowledged. Dogmas are found everywhere – at least belief in the existence of some Supreme Being, superior to man, caring for man, capable of helping or injuring man, and therefore, to be placated, adored and propitiated. Everywhere the moral laws exist, always forbidding disrespect toward the deity or parents and injustice toward fellow men.

Therefore, the history of religion proves that religion is necessary to human nature and entirely natural, that is, **that man by his whole nature is impelled to worship a Supreme Being, whose existence he spontaneously recognizes.** The only valid explanation for the universality of religion is to be found in the fact that, without religion, man cannot attain the complete satisfaction of the highest aspirations of his nature. He finds his intellect striving after knowledge of the whole truth in regard to his origin, nature, last end, and the means to attain it; he finds his will seeking out what is good and true; he finds even his senses needing the satisfaction which comes from the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being. It is only religion that can satisfy these yearnings of the intellect and will and senses of man. It is religion which convinces the intellect that man comes from God and must go to Him and that teaches him the means to attain God as the last end.

Religion is a Duty. - Right reason teaches that if God exists as man's Creator and Conserver, on whom man is totally dependent, and **His Supreme dominion must be recognized by adoration.** The fact that He has freely bestowed existence and many other favors on man requires that **God be thanked.** That man is conscious of having offended God brings the duty of **penance and sorrow**, while the knowledge of God is the source of all good and of everything of which man stands in need, dictates the obligation of **asking God to help him.** Hence, the very relationship of man to God places on man the grave obligation of practicing religion.

Twenty-Fourth week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 14 th	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For your intentions
Tues.	Sept. 15 th	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 6:00 P.M. - Mass – Pete & Willa DeMay
Wed.	Sept. 16 th	<i>Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Vernon Long
Thurs.	Sept. 17 th	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion Sodergren
Fri.	Sept. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Special Intention ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Sept. 19 th	<i>Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Henry, Patrick & Ron Hughes
Sun.	Sept. 20 th	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tom & Dorothy Srock 10:00 AM - Mass – For the parishioners of Holy Family

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

70 envelopes were returned Sunday, Sept. 6th

Adults.....	\$3,151.00
Loose.....	130.00
General Maintenance.....	46.00
Fuel.....	140.00
Total.....	\$3,467.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,786.83
Shortage.....	319.83

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	35.00
Total.....	\$ 35.00

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

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.

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

UPCSA IS COMING

Then in a week or so watch your mailbox for a letter from Fr. Sebastian with the pledge card from our parish and the end of the year financial statement. Please prayerfully consider helping our parish in meeting our goal this year of \$40,139.00

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Sept. 13th - Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best.

Sept. 14th - Help me overlook others faults in the hope that they will overlook mine.

Sept. 15th - ...we know that he hears us in whatever we ask. I John 5:14

Sept. 16th - The Christian faith is never a guarantee against trouble, but it is a guarantee against defeat when trouble comes.

Sept. 17th - He that will not command his thoughts will soon lose command of his actions.

Sept. 18th - the world has weary hearts That we may bless and cheer, And a smile for every day Makes sunshine all the year.

Sept. 19th - If you find it hard to say, "Thank you," make up your mind that there is something wrong with you.

6th Annual Walk for Life!

Please join us on Saturday, September 19th as we kick off our 6th Annual Walk for Life! We are excited to dedicate 7 days this year for our Walk through our first virtual event. Choose a day and time between Sept. 19th-Sept. 26th and Walk for Life in your own neighborhood! Visit psdcpartners.org for details. Register and create your own Fund easy page in less than 5 minutes to share with family and friends. Opportunity to win prizes for walkers who raise at least \$200. When you register, be sure to select your church as your team. Together we are showing that Love Saves Lives! Questions? Interested in becoming a business sponsor? Please contact Jalene Miller at (906) 233-7128.

There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering. The pain we witness can be overwhelming. Then suddenly, the Spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer with extraordinary love. ~Mother Teresa

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31—13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

Life of Saints

Sept. 15th - OUR LADY OF SORROWS – On the day following the ancient feast of the Holy Cross we commemorate the compassion of Mary. We meditate on the reactions in the soul of Mary concerning the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ her son. Simeon predicted that her heart would be transfixed with sorrows. So it was, as she stood under the cross of her Son.

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.

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!