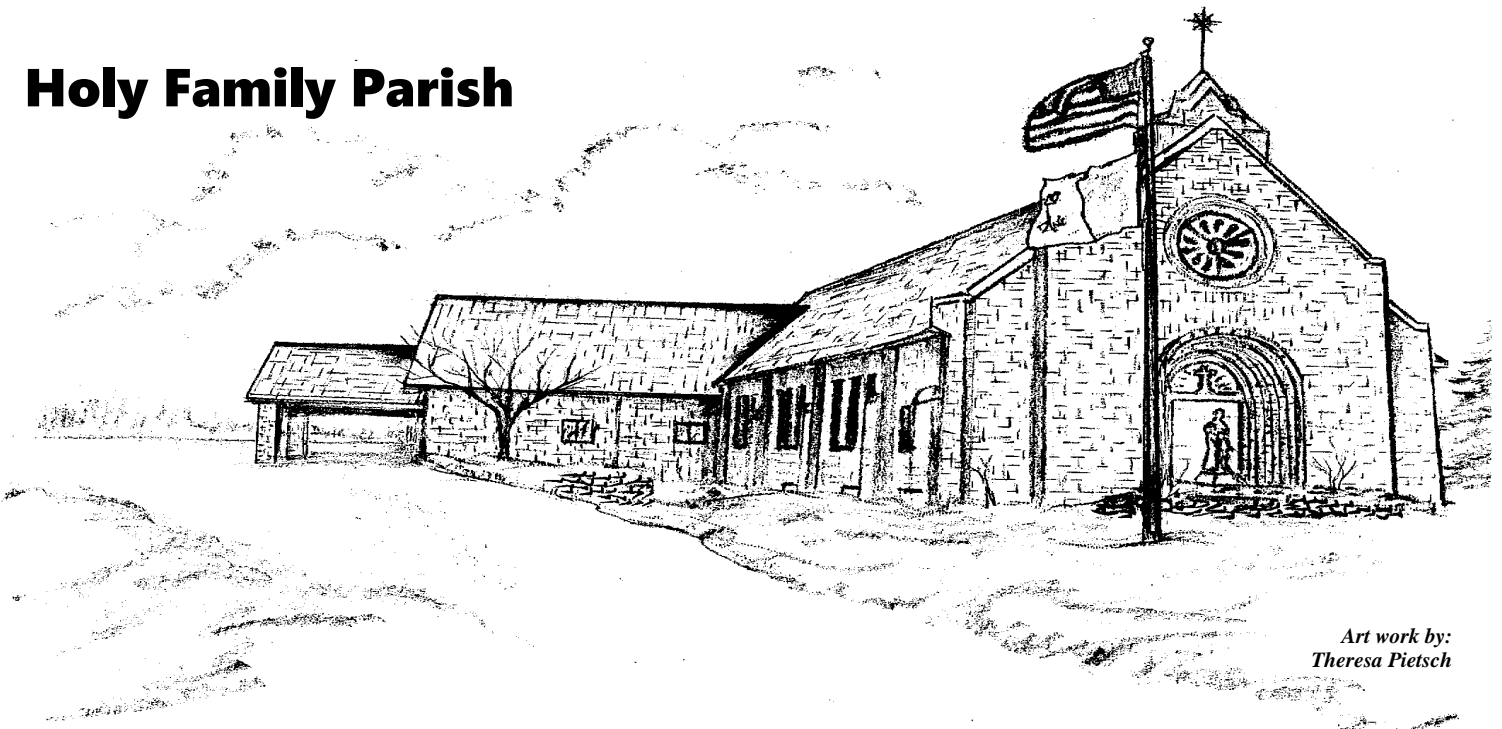


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Sacrament of Marriage

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 3:45 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

The Apostles' Creed

As I mention in the previous lesson the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith is summarized in the Apostle's Creed and the Necean Creed. And also we saw that the Apostles' Creed which also known as the Oldest Roman Creed, is the oldest profession of faith which slightly different from what we have today. So I give you the Old Creed below for your knowledge.

The Old Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty;
and in Christ Jesus His only Son, our Lord,
Who was born from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried,
on the third day rose again from the dead,
ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the Father,
whence he will come to judge the living and the dead;
and in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Church,
the remission of sins,
the resurrection of the flesh,
[life everlasting].

The Later Creed

What we now know as the Apostles' Creed is an enlargement of the Old Roman Creed. The first known occurrence of the Apostles' Creed, in a form that is nearly equivalent to its final form, is in the Latin tract *De singulis libris canonicis scarapsus* by the monk Priminius (sometimes spelled "Pirminius") from the early eighth century. The process by which the Old Roman Creed became the Apostles' Creed cannot be exhaustively known. Over the next few centuries, the Apostles' Creed in its final form gained acceptance throughout France and Germany. It was officially recognized by Charlemagne throughout the Frankish Empire in the early ninth century, and was eventually incorporated into the liturgy of the Church of Rome.

The creed as it exists today consists of 12 Articles. Let us see the New Creed below:-

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born from the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, descended into hell,
on the third day rose again from the dead,
ascended to heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the remission of sins,
the resurrection of the flesh,
and eternal life.

(Will be continued next week).

Twenty-Seventh week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 5 th	<i>Blessed Francis Xavier</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Oct. 6 th	<i>Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> 6:00 P.M. - NO Mass
Wed.	Oct. 7 th	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Beauchamp 6:30 P.M. - Live Streaming CCD Classes grades 1-12 & their parents
Thurs.	Oct. 8 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gloria Gereau
Fri.	Oct. 9 th	<i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tom Judson 1 st Anniversary ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Oct. 10 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Clarence Theoret 7 th Anniversary
Sun.	Oct. 11 th	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Nancy Paquin 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

69 envelopes were returned Sunday, Sept. 27th

Adults.....	\$3,690.00
Loose.....	75.00
General Maintenance.....	40.00
Fuel.....	45.00
Total.....	\$3,850.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,786.83
Overage.....	\$ 63.17

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	295.00
Total.....	\$ 295.00

U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Update

Parish Goal.....	\$40,139.00
Pledged to date.....	\$15,655.00
Still needed.....	\$24,484.00

Thank you to the 63 families who have turned in a pledge card to date. There are still 144 cards out.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish is 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

This Sunday, October 4th

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

- Oct. 4th** - If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer, it's too small to be turned into a burden.
- Oct. 5th** - An atheist cannot find God for the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman.
- Oct. 6th** - I will do my best and trust my Heavenly Father for the rest.
- Oct. 7th** - Waste of time is the most extravagant and costly of all expenses.
- Oct. 8th** - True obedience neither procrastinates nor questions.
- Oct. 9th** - It requires moral courage, Christian maturity, And spiritual strength To show others our weakness.
- Oct. 10th** - The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 4:00 PM

This October, devoted Catholics of all ages across the world will unite in prayer! Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11th, 4:00 pm and be at St. Anne's for the Rosary Coast to Coast rally. There will be an ice cream social in the parish hall following the Rosary. Please join us for this simultaneous Rosary across the U.S. and the world. For more information, you may call Bonnie at 906-362-2942.

THE BLUE ARMY ROSARY HOUR

The Rosary Hour on WDBC 680 AM Radio at 10:00 am on Sunday benefits our homebound parishioners and nursing home residents. Donations are needed to keep this worthwhile program on the air. Please send your donation to: The Blue Army, P.O. Box 895, Escanaba, MI 49829. Thank you!

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
Gal 1:6-12
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday
Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday
Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13

Friday
Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday
Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14,19-20
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Life of Saints

Oct. 7th - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – Today's memorial recalls the crucial victory of Christian Europe over the Moslems at the naval battle of Lepanto - October 7, 1571. The victory was attributed to the Blessed Mother, invoked through the Rosary prayer. This memorial however is not of a past event. It reminds us of meditation on the mysteries of Christ with the help of Mary. Such meditation is connected with the incarnation, sufferings and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God.

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 **Nov. 6th & 7th** on your calendar for Pasty Sale. If you would like to help or donation please contact the parish office 786-1209. There are sign up sheets at the back of church or you can give the parish office a call to put your name down. The following is a list of donations that we are looking for: 48 bags of flour (5 lb bags); 12 cans of shortening (3 lb cans either Aldis or Meijer brand); and 500 pounds of potatoes; And of course we need many workers.

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – A; Oct. 4th 2020
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This is the third consecutive week we hear Jesus use the imagery of the vineyard in his teachings. It shows how important and popular this imagery was among the people of Israel. And also during the time of Jesus vine cultivation was very common in Palestine. Actually Jesus borrowed this imagery from the Old Testament. Over and over again in the Old Testament, Israel is pictured as the vine or the vineyard of God. In today's first reading *Isaiah* says, "*The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel. And people of Judah are his cherished plant*" In the *responsorial psalm* the *psalmist* writes, "*A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.*" "*Yet I planted you as a choice vine*" is the *message of God through Prophet Jeremiah*. But in today's first reading we hear the lamentation of God over the failure of the vineyard in producing the best grapes. **Isaiah says, "Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes."** In other words, people of Israel didn't come up to the expectations of God in their life style and they remained unfaithful to him.

In today's gospel Jesus brings out the same imagery of Israel, the vineyard, and Jesus adds the characters of tenants to it, who were supposed to take care of it. Here the grapes seem to be good, but the tenants were wicked and failed to give the due portion to the landlord. During the time of Jesus the rich landlords lived outside of Palestine who had vineyards in the country and mostly they were leased to the tenants. They were supposed to pay the percentage of the harvest to the owner. In this parable the roles of the characters are clear; God is the Landlord; Israel is the vineyard and the religious leaders are the tenants to whom the care of the people were given; the prophets are in the place of the servants whom God repeatedly sent to Israel and the Son is Jesus himself. But Israel didn't change their wicked ways. The entire history of Israel can be summarized in two **phrases; the fidelity of God and the infidelity of Israel**. God used all sorts of means to bring Israel back to faith; he sent the Prophets time to time and quite a few were killed and others were dishonored. In the fullness of time, God sent his own Son. But they mistreated him and killed him too.

This parable is the greatest example of the love and care God gives to his people. Remember, the owner didn't simply give a piece of land to the tenants and ask them to cultivate and produce grapes; rather he planted the vineyard, put fencing around it and installed a wine press too in it. So the tenants needed only to

maintain the vineyard and harvest the grapes and give the share to the owner. **This is the way God treats each one of us. He gives us free gift of life, favorable life situations, talents, and means needed for us to live a fruitful life on earth.** In return God asks us to produce the good fruits or deeds by which we may make a little change in the community where we live in. In other words, we are sent into this world with a specific mission to accomplish. When we cooperate with the plan of God the mission will be completed the way God wishes. ***At the same time one has got the freedom either to accept God's plan or reject it.*** In other words, God totally respects the human freewill and choices one makes. In the case of the tenants, they had full freedom to maintain the vineyard the way they wanted. The owner never interfered with them with their work. He came only at the end. That is the way God deals with the human beings. He will never dictate as what we have to do or how we have to act. It is we who have to use our prudence and make the right choices. When a tragedy happens in the world people ask, "Why couldn't God stop that?" Very often even a tragedy happens due to the misuse of the free will of some people. Again, if God interferes with our free will and free choice, we will never be called human beings any longer and we will be lowered to the level of animals. *(Of course, we should not forget the sad fact that, these days many human beings act worse than the wild animals).* But at the same time it is the will of God that we may use our free will to do the right things. In the case of the tenants, they misused their free will and they had to pay for that, means they lost their title of tenants.

This parable also is the clear example of God's patience with the people. He sent servants after servants and gave the tenants chances to change their deeds; finally he sent his only Son. Similarly, God will wait and wait and give us every opportunity to choose the right thing and do the good things. Sometimes, you and I get upset with the long patience of God. We wish God could act rather quickly in certain cases. But God's patience is not unlimited. This parable also shows that at the end there will be a judgment by which the wrong doers will be eliminated from the kingdom of God. John the Baptist says, **"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."** (Mt. 3:10).

My friends, we are given this precious life only once and if we lose it by our wrong choices, it is we who are responsible for that. God should not be blamed for it. You and I have a mission to accomplish in this world before we leave. Let us recognize it and cooperate with God to finish it. One day then we will be counted among those faithful servants who invested the money of the master and multiplied it.