

# Holy Family Parish



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## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 11, 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 3:45 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 (Cont.)

In my previous lesson I have already mentioned that the Apostles' Creed is divided into 12 articles. It is still hard to explain the Creed in a few paragraphs. The current Catechism of the Catholic Church has explained the core of our Catholic Church, the Apostles' Creed in 218 pages, offering us an excellent analysis of our Profession of Faith. But in the following we will go through the brief description of each article and I hope the same will create a little interest in you to read more. Although the Apostles' Creed covers Christ's life in a short summary, it by no means belittles the roles of the Father or the Holy Spirit. Indeed in the first article we start with the Father affirming our faith in Him. He is the first Person of One God who has existed throughout eternity in the Holy Trinity, in three coequal persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The following 12 articles mirror the great mysteries in which we believe.

### Article 1: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth

The Creed starts by declaring, I believe, and we must first understand what is meant by this word, 'believe.' It doesn't mean I believe in the modern rational sense, whereby we hold a proposition to be true or false with our minds. This belief is a heart based one; it's surrender into unconditional trust with a power greater than ours. This also affirms that God exists and He is also our Father as Jesus has taught us. To call God the Creator is to say that all that exists – heaven and earth-emanates out of this loving source we call the Father. We affirm that God is the origin behind which nothing more can be sought.

### Article 2: And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord

This attests that Jesus is the Son of God and that he's most certainly divine. The word, Lord implies divinity, because the Greek *kyrios* and the Hebrew *Adonai* both mean 'Lord' and are ascribed only to God. So the use of Lord with Jesus is meant to profess his divinity and also his authority. The name Jesus comes from the Hebrew *Jeshua*, meaning 'God saves.' So Catholics believe that Jesus is Savior.

### Article 3: Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary

This affirms the human nature of Christ, meaning he had a real, true human mother, and also affirms his divine nature, meaning he had no human father but by the power of the Holy Spirit was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He's therefore considered both God and man by Christians-fully divine and fully human.

### Article 4: He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

The human nature of Christ could feel pain and actually die, and he did on Good Friday. The mention of Pontius Pilate by name wasn't meant so much to vilify him forever in history but to place the crucifixion within human history. Reference is made to an actual historical person, the Roman governor of Judea, appointed by Caesar, to put the life and death of Jesus within a chronological and historical context. It also reminds the faithful and one can't blame all Jews for the death of Jesus, as some have erroneously done over the ages. Certain Jewish leaders conspired against Jesus, but the actual death sentence was given by a Roman and carried out by Roman soldiers. So both Jew and Gentile alike shared in the spilling of innocent blood. Anti-Semitism based on the Crucifixion of Jesus is inaccurate, unjust and erroneous.

### Article 5: He descended into hell. The third day he arose again from the dead.

The hell Jesus descended into wasn't the hell of the damned where Jews and Christians believe the devil and his demons reside. Hell was merely a word that Jews and early Christians used to describe the place of the dead. The Jews believed that before the judgment of God done, the souls of the dead stayed a place called 'seol' which is also called 'hell.' This passage affirms that on the third day he rose, meaning Jesus came back from the dead by his own divine power. He wasn't just clinically dead for a few minutes but he was indeed dead-then he rose from the dead. More than a restored corpse, Jesus possessed a glorified and risen body.

(Will be continued next week).

**Twenty-Eighth week in Ordinary Time**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Columbus Day</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For your intentions
Tues.	Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b> - Mass – Jim Gascon 6:30 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Meets
Wed.	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion Sodergren
Thurs.	Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lori Clark
Fri.	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gert Kutches ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Henry, Patrick & Ron Hughes

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

77 envelopes were returned Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$3,515.00
Loose.....	55.00
General Maintenance.....	158.00
Fuel.....	<u>387.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,115.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$3,786.83</b>
<b>Overage.....</b>	<b>\$ 328.17</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>

**U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Update**

Parish Goal.....	\$40,139.00
Pledged to date.....	<u>\$18,890.00</u>
<b>Still needed.....</b>	<b>\$21,249.00</b>

Thank you to the 72 parishioners who have sent in their pledges. We are almost half way to our goal with 135 cards outstanding. We can do this!!!

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish is offering a free Adult Faith Formation Class ALL ARE WELCOME!  
To reserve a seat: Call/text Rena at 233-9566 or email [Rena@EscanabaCatholic.com](mailto:Rena@EscanabaCatholic.com) Hope to see you there! Teachers are Mike Cousineau and Fr. Timothy Ferguson.

**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.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Love is like a bazaar. The admittance is free, but it costs you something before you get out.

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** - The rich and poor gather together, the Lord is the maker of them all.

**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** - To lose your wealth is much, To lose your health is more, To lose your souls is such a loss that nothing can restore!

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** - The preacher does better when you are there; 'Tis hard to preach to an empty chair.

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** - Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene, One step enough for me!

**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** - Don't walk before me I may not follow.  
Don't walk behind me I may not lead.  
Just walk beside me And be my friend.

### **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.

### 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.

**ATTENTION MEN:** *There will be no Smear League until further notice.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31—5:1  
Lk 11:29-32

### **Tuesday**

Gal 5:1-6  
Lk 11:37-41

### **Wednesday**

Gal 5:18-25  
Lk 11:42-46

### **Thursday**

Eph 1:1-10  
Lk 11:47-54

### **Friday**

Eph 1:11-14  
Lk 12:1-7

### **Saturday**

Eph 1:15-23  
Lk 12:8-12

### **Sunday**

Is 45:1,4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b  
Mt 22:15-21

### *Life of Saints*

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - ST. TERESA OF AVILA, virgin and doctor** - Today's saint lived during the century of Spanish exploration of the new World. Born at Avila, Spain (1515), Teresa entered the Carmelites in 1535, made persistent progress in the way of perfection, had mystical revelations. Setting out on the reform of the Order, she endured many difficulties with unconquered spirit. Teresa composed works of the highest doctrines and mystical theology. She died at age 67 (1582) and was named a Doctor or Teacher of the church in 1970.

**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, bishop and martyr** - According to tradition, today's saint was the second after Peter to be Bishop of Antioch. Condemned to the beasts, Ignatius was brought to Rome in Trajan's time and died courageously in 107. On the way to Rome he wrote seven letters to various churches. These giving interesting information about Christian life at that time. The Communion antiphon of this Mass is a quote from the sixth of these letters.

Mark **Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CYCLE - A; Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Isaiah 25: 6-10; Philippians. 4: 12-14; Matthew 22: 1-14**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Both in the Old Testament and New Testament the heavenly joy is compared to a great banquet. It is jokingly said that in heaven there is a 24 hour buffet going on and without any fear of heart attack, cholesterol or fattening we can eat anything we want at any time. Today's first reading, the book of Isaiah and gospel speak about a great banquet. Prophet Isaiah was prophesying about the Messianic banquet, to which one day all would be invited, which is materialized in the person of Jesus.

This is the fourth kingdom parable in a row we hear today. All these four parables give us the same picture such as the refusal of the *chosen people* to the invitation of Jesus and on the other hand the unexpected response of the gentiles to his call. Once again, in this parable too, the warning of Jesus becomes true, **"The first will be the last and the last will be the first."** Commenting on the parable of the wedding banquet, *John Newton* who is remembered for this famous hymn, *'The Amazing Grace,'* once said, *"When I get to heaven I shall see three wonders there. The first wonder will be, to see many people there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be, to miss many people whom I expected to be there and the greatest wonder of all will be to find myself there."* In this parable too Matthew repeats the same theme that the expected ones will be kept out and the unexpected will find a place in the heavenly kingdom.

The last part of the parable describing about the man without a wedding garment and his fate may arise questions in us. If the king invited people from the high ways and streets, then why should he insist upon wedding garment? The Scholars are of opinion that this last part was another parable Jesus may have told in another occasion. But Matthew happened to add it to the first parable. The first parable in its original setting, Jesus told to defend his ministry among the tax collectors, sinners and gentiles. Though Jesus gave the first preference to the Jewish people, they refused him and as a result he extended the invitation to the so called outcasts of the society who accepted it wholeheartedly. When Matthew recorded this parable in his gospel around A.D. 80 he made certain adaptations according to the situations. For Matthew the first set of servants who were sent to the invitees stand for the Prophets who reminded the Jewish people of their invitation by God whom they refused. The second set of servants is the Apostles who started their ministry first among the Jews. As they refused them they

extended their apostolate among the gentiles who responded very positively. When Matthew says, "*The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers and burned their city,*" he keeps in mind the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and the city by Emperor Titus in A.D. 70, to retaliate the disobedience of the Jews. Through this incident Matthew also warns his readers against the terrible thing which can happen to the nations and people who will not accept Jesus.

The invitees in the gospel didn't care about the banquet and went for their own business. At the same time, remember, they didn't go for any bad things. They all went for their personal and honest business. In the busy world of today, most of the people, though they are baptized Christians, give undue priority to the material world, forgetting the things of eternity. We are so preoccupied with the things which are seen and the things which are unseen at the same time most important ones are forgotten. *In the modern world many of us can be so busy making a living and thus fail to make a life; we can be so busy with the administration and the organization of life that we forget life itself.* If we refuse the invitation of Christ, someday our greatest pain will lie not in the things we suffer but in the realization of the precious things we have missed. **Only a person who can keep a balance between the material and spiritual things will be able to enjoy both the world and the Kingdom of Heaven.** Whatever way we try, we are not able to keep our life forever in this world. Our life, health and wellbeing will never go the way we choose or wish. In other words we don't have much control over them; whereas we all have the choice of our eternal life or eternal death. The day when you and I received baptism, the invitation to the heavenly banquet is given to us. But it is our choice whether we should accept it and go for it or refuse it. Very often, being busy in the material world many forget about this great invitation and act as if the life is going to continue forever in the world. You and I are busy constructing many things in the world for us. But one day when we stand before the judgment seat of the Lord, he will ask us one simple question: **'You have been constructing many things on earth for you; what have you constructed for you in heaven?'** If we had spent some time to construct something in heaven, no doubt we have a place there.