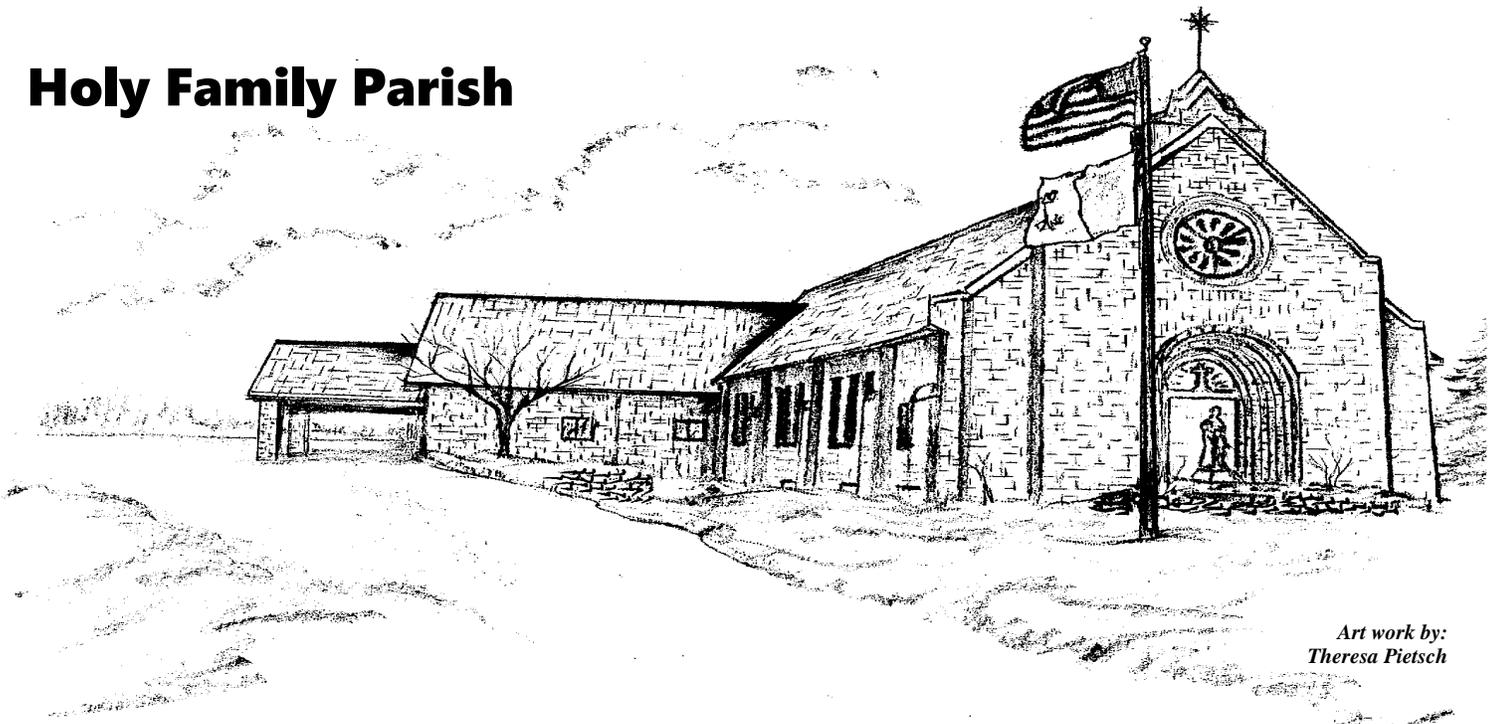


# Holy Family Parish



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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 22, 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.....

**Brevyn Willford, Lincoln Noel**

**Bob Gascon, Don Anderson**

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 Church

**Heresies & The Defense:** In the previous episode we have seen that after three centuries of persecution how the Church finally breathed for the first time the air of freedom. And also we saw how short was that freedom, due to the development of heresies in the Church. Several Church Councils were convened during this time, beginning with the **Council of Nicaea in 325**. This Council affirmed Christ's divinity, which had been denied by the proponents of *Arianism*, who asserted that Christ was only human and had been created at the beginning of time. Because of the vast extent of Arianism, which claimed in its ranks even many bishops, another Council was called **in 381 at Constantinople**. This Council reaffirmed the divinity of Christ and reaffirmed the *Creed which was* first formulated at Nicaea, commonly called the *Nicene Creed*. In the following century, another heresy called *Nestorianism*, which denied that Mary was the Mother of God and claimed that she gave birth only to Christ's human person. In response, the Church at the **Council of Ephesus** in 431 affirmed that Christ was a divine Person who assumed human nature when conceived in Mary's womb. Mary's title as Mother of God came not because she herself was a divine person but because she gave human birth to the Divine Person, the Son of God. Twenty years later at the **Council of Chalcedon**, the Church defined the way Christ assumed human flesh as a union of two natures, human and divine, in one divine Person. Pope Leo the Great's famous *Tome* (*Literal meaning: one volume of a larger book*) that was read at the Council and explained that this union in Christ's divine Person united two complete, distinct and individual natures without any confusion. Upon hearing this, the bishops gathered there rose and proclaimed: **"This is the faith of the apostles; so we all believe. Peter has spoken through Leo."** The heresies in Church continued through centuries and every time the Church had to defend her doctrines.

## The Creation of Christendom

By the 5<sup>th</sup> century, the Church had spread to nearly every corner of the Roman Empire. Large civic halls called *Basilicas* were converted into churches to allow for larger numbers to assemble for worship. Because the possibility of martyrdom had been largely removed when Christianity became a legal religion, some members of the Church went out into the desert, denying themselves every physical comfort as a kind of spiritual martyrdom witnessing to their desire and faith to live and die only for the Lord. Eventually, many of the faithful were inspired to draw away from the world to – if not the desert – a secluded place where they could pray and fast. A whole new way of Christian living was born, called *Monasticism*. Monasteries sprang up around Europe, generally seen as beginning with St. Benedict's in Monte Casino, Italy.

With the collapse of the empire in the West in 410, monasteries also became centers of education and culture. It is largely due to the work of monks who spent long hours each day copying manuscripts that Western culture was preserved for future generations. During the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> centuries, missionary monks were sent out to preach the Gospel all over Europe. With the work of St. Patrick in Ireland, St. Augustine of Canterbury in England, and St. Boniface in Germany, to name only a few, the Church was established in modern-day Germany, France, Spain, England, Scotland, and Ireland. By the conclusion of the first millennium of Christianity, nearly the whole of Europe had become Christian.

The collapse of the empire in the West, which had left half of Europe without any centralized leadership or government, led the Church, specifically the popes, to step in and save Western Europe from total ruin. When Attila the Hun first approached Rome in 451, it was Pope Leo the Great who met with him and convinced him to spare attacking Rome. As the years went by, we see the Pope as Christ's vicar on earth utilizing spiritual authority more also to handle the affairs of the world. The rise of the papacy's political authority eventually wed the Church and state together in the West, contributing to a rising hostility between East and West in the Church. The Pope's addition of the words **"and the Son"** to the Nicene Creed to describe the procession of the Holy Spirit, without the use of a world-wide Church Council, was seen by the Eastern bishops as an usurpation of the authority of the bishops as a whole.

(The study will continue next week).

***Thirty-Fourth or last week in Ordinary Time***

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of your Special Intentions
Tues.	Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i></b> 4:30 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Meets <b>6:00 P.M.</b> - Mass – Joy Berbohm
Wed.	Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tina Kelloniemi ----- Parish Office Closed
Thurs.	Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – In Thanksgiving to God ----- Parish Office Closed
Fri.	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For Special Intentions
Sun.	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Marion Sodergren



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

49 envelopes were returned Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$2,350.00
Loose.....	127.01
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,455.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Short Fall..... \$1,331.83**

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 40.00

*Many thanks to the parishioners who have donated \$9,082.50 towards the new P.A. system so far.*



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

Parish Goal.....	\$40,139.00
Pledged to date.....	<u>\$30,255.00</u>
<b>Still needed.....</b>	<b>\$ 9,884.00</b>

Thank you to the 127 parishioners who have sent in their pledges, with 80 cards outstanding. Please, if you have not yet returned your pledge card, do so as soon as possible. We would like to have 100% participation.

Meijer's Double Match Days in their ongoing fall campaign will be Tues., Dec. 1, and Sat., Dec. 12. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on these dates, Meijer will provide St. Vincent de Paul Pantry in Escanaba a contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Each purchase resulting from Double Match Days will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for the campaign.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - What makes life worth the living is our giving and forgiving.

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Love me for what I am, Not what you want me to be.

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** - If you can think of nothing for which to give thanks, you have a poor memory.

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>** - Lord show me the way I can somehow repay the blessings you've given me today.

**Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** - So once in every year we throng Upon a day apart, To praise the Lord with feast and song In thankfulness of heart.

**Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** - Thank God for dirty dishes, they have a tale to tell; While others may go hungry We've eaten very well. With home, health, and happiness I shouldn't want to fuss, By the stack of evidence God's been very good to us.

**Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** - "...Be thankful unto Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

### St. Vincent DePaul Society Christmas Baskets

SVdP will be doing Christmas baskets again this year. There are tags with requested items on the Giving Tree in the vestibule. This year, due to COVID19 concerns, envelopes will be placed on the podium next to the tree also for those who would like to give, but are reluctant to be out shopping. SVdP will be distributing Christmas Baskets on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from the Ruth Butler bldg..

Would you like a yearly subscription to the WORD AMONG US? For \$20 a year you can get one through Holy Family which is about \$15 cheaper than a regular subscription. You can contact the parish office to be put on the list. The new 2021 books will be mailed here to the parish sometime in the month of December.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Rv 14:1-3,4b-5  
Lk 21:1-4

### **Wednesday**

Rv 15:1-4  
Lk 21:12-19

### **Friday**

Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2  
Lk 21:29-33

### **Tuesday**

Rv 14:14-19  
Lk 21:5-11

### **Thursday**

Rv 18:1-2,21-23;  
19:1-3,9a  
Lk 21:20-28

### **Saturday**

Rv 22:1-7  
Lk 21:34-36

### **Sunday**

Is 63:16-17    1 Cor 1:3-9    Mk 13:33-37

### Life of Saints

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - ST. CLEMENT I, pope and martyr** - - After the obscure pontificates of Linus and Cletus, Clement was the first noted successor of Peter as Bishop of Rome. St. Irenaeus states that Clement knew the Apostles and was strongly influenced by them. Clement wrote a Scripturally based letter to the Corinthians (dated around 95), encouraging them to unity, charity and holiness. He is believed to have suffered martyrdom around 100. The ancient, lovely basilica of St. Clement in Rome is probably built on the site of Clement's home.

Also, **ST. COLUMBAN, abbot** - - The most famous of Irish monks, Columban was born around 525-530. Well educated and desiring to be a "pilgrim of God," Columban traveled to France and founded several well-disciplined monasteries as centers of religion and culture. Because of difficulties he decided to return to Ireland. A shipwreck directed him towards Rome and to the founding of his final monastery, at Bobbio in Italy. The aged Abbot died on this date in 615.



**THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING; Cycle - A; Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020**  
**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1Cor. 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

This Sunday we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the King. This great feast was officially added to the liturgy by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Most of us are not familiar with the life and role of a king. But taking into account the available idea of a king and kingdom, how can we consider Jesus to be a King whose palace of birth was cow shed; his throne was a piece of wood and the crown, the desert thorns? The Church had introduced this feast with enough Biblical backings. If we go through the Old Testament, especially in the writings of Prophets like Samuel, Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, the Messiah is presented as the King and ruler. For centuries the people of Israel waited for the Messiah the King, who would be the descendant of David the king. For example, in the Book of Micah 5:1 we read, “But you O Bethlehem - Ephrathah, *too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.*” ***The angel Gabriel announced to Mary, “He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*** (Lk 1:32-33). According to the infancy narrative of Matthew, the magi came from East and inquired at the Palace of Herod, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” (Mt 2:2). When Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey the people welcomed and treated him as a king spreading their cloaks and tree branches on his way. *According John 12:13 the crowd shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.”* Again to the question of Pilate, “Are you the king? Jesus answers, “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?” Then he adds, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Then Pilate says, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answers, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.” (Jn 18:32&36-37). Here Jesus does not deny that he is the King. That is why Pilate put a sign on the cross, above the head of Jesus, INRI, Jesus, the Nazarene, king of the Jews. At the same time Jesus makes it very clear that he is not the material king; thus he shattered the dreams of many including his apostles who thought that indeed, Jesus was going to capture the power from the Romans. **Though Jesus didn’t capture the reign from the Romans, he captured the hearts of the people.** When the angel said to Mary that ‘of his kingdom there is no end’ he meant that he was not going to be a material king, but he will be ruling over a kingdom which is spread on earth and that will be

the Church he would institute. This kingdom is unlimited or without any boundaries. As we know, no king on earth had unlimited kingdom, even the most powerful Emperor Alexander the Great.

The world has seen great kings and emperors. Many of them were notorious for their cruelty and greed for power and money. Some of them were formidably powerful and they conquered neighboring countries with the power of sword. But once they were dead their fame also got buried with them and today they simply remain in the pages of history. We never celebrate the feast of any of them. If we celebrate the feast of a King who lived and left more than 2000 years ago, it means he is still living among his people, in their hearts. He never used any weapon to conquer people. **But he used the weapon of love by which he conquered the hearts of millions.** The deadly weapons can conquer nations, but only love can conquer the hearts. Those who conquer hearts will live forever. So far as mankind exists, his Kingdom will never come to an end. In other words his Kingdom, the Church and his followers in it will continue for generations.

For 2000 years the enemies of Christ and Christianity have been trying to eliminate Jesus from his throne. But they have failed and on the other hand they were eliminated from this world. These days, we are very familiar with the bad media presentation against Jesus. But still he lives as King of hearts. So far as the humanity exists, Jesus will rule over the hearts of millions. He is the only King who can love his subjects as they are with all their shortcomings. He is the only King in the history who sacrificed his life for his people. He offers the enjoyment of his kingdom to anyone who chooses him. He does not have many civil or criminal laws for his people to follow. The only condition he has set apart for eternal life is the recognition of his face in others; the love we have for others. The parable of the Last Judgment in today's gospel makes it very clear that our eternal salvation or eternal death is based on this recognition of Jesus in others. At the last judgment if we can answer six questions of the King with 'Yes' we will enter into his kingdom. The King will ask the gathered assembly: I was hungry; did you feed me? I was thirsty; did you give me a drink? I was a stranger; did you welcome me? I was naked; did you clothe me? I was sick; did you care for me? I was in prison; did you visit me? In other words if we had recognized the king in the least expected ones and served him, we are blessed and we will live with him in his Kingdom forever.