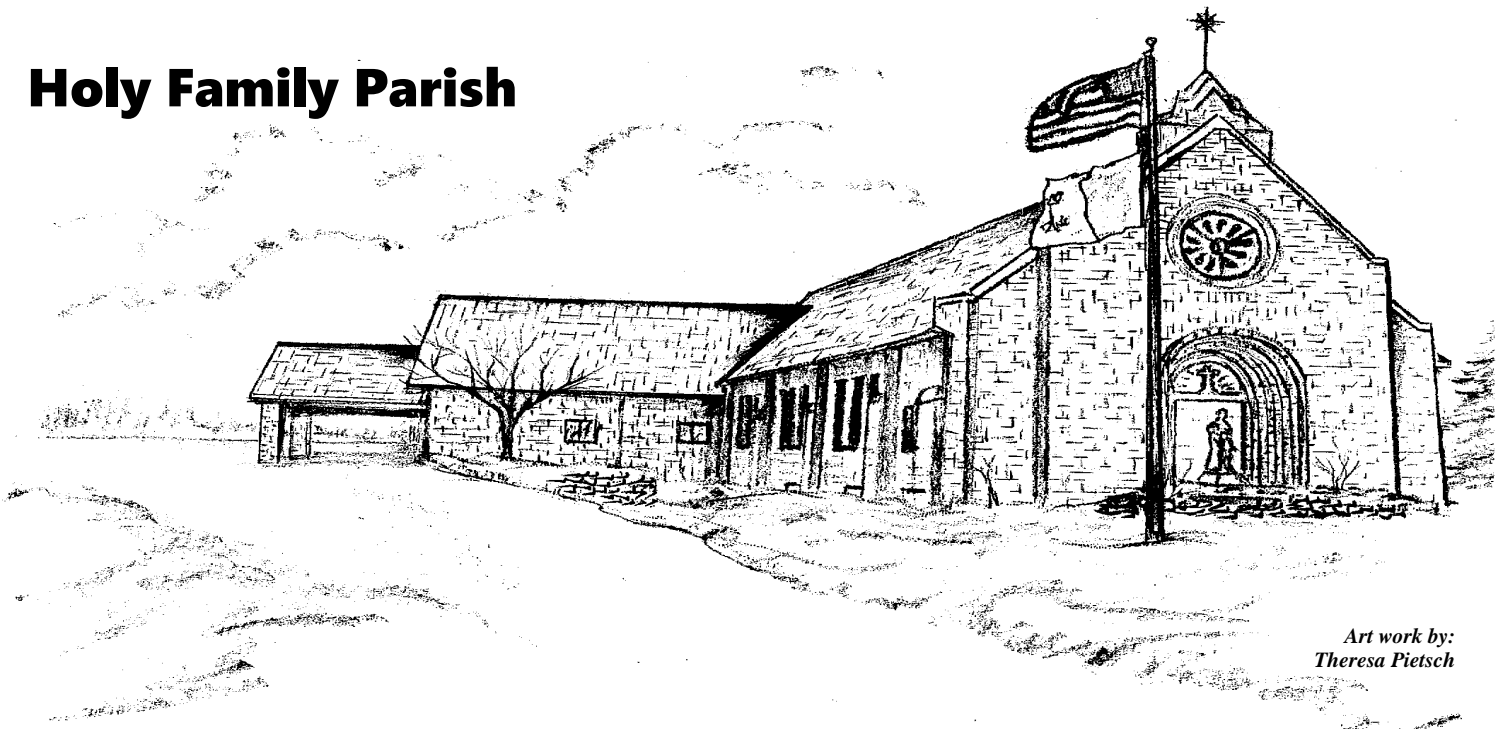


# Holy Family Parish



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## Second Sunday of Lent – February 28, 2021

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### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy Bill Smith  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### 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.....

*Bob Gascon, Brevyn Willford, Lincoln Noel*

*Duane Marenger, Kambria*

*Marjorie VanDamme, Jean Lancour, Barb*

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

### Liturgical Seasons (Cont.)

**Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday):** The sixth and the final Sunday of Lent is called Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday). Until 1954, the name of the sixth **Sunday** of Lent was "**Palm Sunday**". In 1955, the name became, for 15 years only, "Second **Sunday** of the **Passion** or **Palm Sunday**". In 1970, it became "**Palm Sunday** of the **Passion** of the Lord". This Sunday the Passion Narrative of our Lord is read in full from the Gospel of the Evangelist of that particular cycle. For instance, this year it will be from the gospel of Mark. At the same time we also commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem Temple with people who held the palms in their hands and shouted, "**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.**" The account of the triumphant entry of Jesus is read before the Mass, exactly speaking after the blessing and distribution of the palms among the people. The Hebrew word *Hosanna* means, grant salvation. On Palm Sunday the chasuble the priest uses is red, denoting the Passion of the Lord.

**Holy Thursday and Good Friday:** The second great day of the Lent is the Holy Thursday or the Lord's Supper. On the previous night, before the Passion of the Lord four major events took place. First of all, Jesus had his Last Supper or the Last Passover Celebration with his disciples. Secondly, during the Passover Meal Jesus Instituted the Eucharist; thirdly he commanded his disciple to continue with the Eucharistic Celebration. And fourthly, on this occasion he instituted the Priesthood in the Church. And also according to the gospel of John another great event happened that night as Jesus washed the feet of the Apostles and set a great example of service for them. On Holy Thursday the Mass is celebrated in the evening where the washing of the feet is re-enacted. Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the great three day celebration ahead which is known as the Sacred Triduum. The second day of the Triduum is the Good Friday. On Good Friday there is no Mass but just the Liturgical celebration of the Passion of the Lord takes place. The high light of the day is the Passion Narration of the Lord according to the gospel of John. On Good Friday, no matter whichever is the liturgical cycle of that year, only the Passion Narrative of John is used. The unveiling and the veneration of the crucifix is another high light. Though there is no Eucharistic Celebration the faithful have the chance of receiving the Holy Communion.

**Easter Vigil:** The Sacred Triduum comes to a close with the Easter Vigil and it is also the climax of our long Lenten journey. The Easter Vigil takes place on Easter Saturday after Sunset and the key point of the celebration is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have attractive ceremonial rituals for this celebration such as lighting the fire, blessing it, then lighting the Easter candle from the fire and the procession to the Altar. The people also participate with lit candles in their hands which they light from the Easter candle. Singing of the long **Exsultet or the Easter Proclamation** is the key attraction of the Easter Vigil, which is also pretty lengthy. At the Mass, after the Gospel reading the priest will proceed to baptize the catechumens (if any) and confirm them. If there are candidates (who are the adults who are already baptized in other denominations) they should be also confirmed during the Vigil.

**Easter Season:** With the celebration of Easter Sunday Mass the Easter Season begins which will last 8 weeks. During this season three great events take place. As per the directive of St. John Paul, the Pope, the second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as the Divine Mercy Sunday. It is celebrated in the afternoon. The Church also grants Plenary Indulgence to the faithful, if they receive Holy Communion worthily during the celebration. In order for the faithful to be totally free from even venial sins many Churches where the celebration takes place the opportunity of confession is offered. The Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the Resurrection which will fall on a weekday. But many dioceses in the United States moved this celebration to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and the following Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. During the Easter Season the sprinkling of the Holy Water on the faithful takes place at weekend Masses.

**(We will continue next week).**

A huge thank you to a parish family who contributed \$1,000 and another parish family who contributed another \$200 toward our parish goal over and above their initial pledges. Also a thank you to the people who are still turning in their pledge cards. We are **still \$3,574 short** of our U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Goal! Please return your card if you have not done so yet! Every little bit helps!

***Second Week of Lent***  
**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of your Special Intentions
Tues.	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>8:00 A.M. -</b> <b>5:00 P.M. -</b>	Mass – For the Schroeder Family <b>Adoration until 6:00 PM</b>
Wed.	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Nancy Marenger
		6:30 P.M. -	Live streaming CCD Classes
Thurs.	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Casimir</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Mrs. Jean DeGrand
Fri.	March 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>World Day of Prayer</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Helen Ness
		<b>5:30 P.M. -</b>	<b><i>Stations of the Cross</i></b>
		-----	Parish office closed
Sat.	March 6 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Eric Tourangeau ( <i>13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> )
Sun.	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the people of the parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Ken Beauchamp

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

65 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

Adults.....	\$3,395.00
Loose.....	67.00
General Maintenance.....	85.00
Fuel.....	180.00
Seminary Fund.....	20.00
The U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	448.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,195.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$3,786.83</b>
<b>Overage.....</b>	<b>\$ 408.17</b>
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$ 57.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$1,230.00

**FEEDBACK SOUGHT**

Ever since our new PA system is installed I got a few positive feedbacks from our members. I am happy that the system works well. But still I am curious to know from our members who use the hearing aids as how the system works for them. I would like to get feedbacks from them. I am making a survey for the very reason that there is new system available, not expensive too, to help the people with hearing aids. It is called a **loop system** which will work with your hearing aid, giving you the sound signal directly to your hearing aids. Its cable runs under the carpet along the side and central isles and you don't have to make any sort of adjustments yourself. But the important requirement is that your hearing aids require a facility known as **telecoil** in them. **A telecoil is a small coil inside your hearing aids. The coil works as a small receiver which picks up signals from a loop system that acts as an electromagnetic field.** So first of all, I would like to know how many of you use the hearing aids; secondly how many of you have the new system in the hearing aids. If you don't know, you can check with your audiologist. Please cooperate with this survey as it is for your good. Please send us a note in the office and you can remain anonymous.

**Knights of Columbus Escanaba Council #640**

The Knights of Columbus Council #640 is again sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent". Through Lent, canned goods and non-perishable items can be left in the containers located at the Church entrance. All items collected will go to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. Thank you

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible.

**Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Give us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.

**Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>** - You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its' width and depth.

**Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - The mind like a parachute functions only when open.

**Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The world crowns success, but God crowns faithfulness!

**Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Don't look down on anyone; only God sits that high.

**Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>** - If you find that your praying is shallow, begin to give thanks - you'll soon have an ocean to swim in.

**Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Instead of putting others in their place, put yourself in their place.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WAREHOUSE NOW HIRING TRUCK DRIVER

Are you looking for a part time job? Love to help our community? Have a positive attitude? Apply at the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse located at 815 1st Avenue North, Escanaba!\* No CDL required\* Must have a valid drivers license\* 29 hours per week\* Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs\* Good oral communication skills required\* Able to work in hot and cold environments

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Donald Anderson***

*who recently passed into eternal life.  
Our deepest condolences are extended  
to his family and friends.*

*Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Dn 9:4b-10  
Lk 6:36-38

### **Wednesday**

Jer 18:18-20  
Mt 20:17-28

### **Friday**

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a  
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

### **Tuesday**

Is 1:10,16-20  
Mt 23:1-12

### **Thursday**

Jer 17:5-10  
Lk 16:19-31

### **Saturday**

Mi 7:14-15,18-20  
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

### **Sunday**

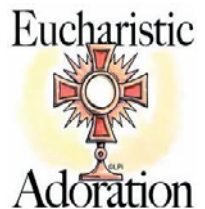
Ex 20:1-17  
1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

### SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

**Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - BLESSED KATHARINE DREXEL, virgin, religious foundress** – Katharine Drexel, died on March 3, 1955 at age 97. Philadelphia heiress and foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; establishes some 49 foundations, including Xavier University in New Orleans; beatified November 20, 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

**Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> - ST. CASIMIR** – Casimir, whose father was King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania, was born in 1458. On this date he died in Lithuania, a 26-year-old victim of consumption. Casimir left behind the memory of an intelligent, generous young prince. Always joyful, he showed deep concern over national affairs. But above all he was devoted to prayer, to the Blessed Sacrament and the poor. He revered the Blessed Mother and cultivated purity. Casimir is an ideal patron for the courageous Catholics of Lithuania.

Eucharistic Adoration in the OSF St. Francis Chapel will begin again on March 1. Adorers can return at their previously arranged times. For questions or to sign up to pray with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please call Jean or Jim Simon at 786-1450.



Intense love does not measure, it just gives. How intense is your love? ~ Mother Teresa

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; Cycle – B; Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Mountains are known for their solitude and peace and also they always fascinate people. In Judaism, Christianity and Hinduism certain mountains are the places where God comes down to speak to His people. In Old Testament we read how God spoke to Moses always on mountaintop. It is on Mount Sinai He conversed with Moses for forty long days and made the Covenant with Israel. God denied the entry of Moses into the Promised Land. But He led Moses to the mountain Abarim to have a glimpse of the Promised Land. This mountaintop experience of Moses was something soothing and boosting his spirit. With this joyful experience he closed his eyes forever.

Today's first reading and the gospel bring us two different mountaintop experiences, that of Abraham and Jesus. Abraham's life was filled with uncertainties and discontentment. Finally, he became happy when he was called by God and blessed him with a son, Isaac. But, as we heard in the first reading, his happiness turned into utter sorrow and disappointment when God asked him to sacrifice his only son. But Abraham never questioned God's command and without any hesitation and delay, went up to the mountaintop of Moriah. But quite dramatic incidents took place there. Thus Abraham received not only the presence of God but also His full love and mercy.

The mountain played a pivotal role in the public ministry of Jesus. He delivered the Sermon on the Mount starting with the Beatitudes sitting on the mountaintop. Jesus prayed, staying all night on the mountain, before he chose his twelve men. Whenever he was in trouble he ran to the mountaintop to converse with his Father alone. In today's gospel we see another mountain experience of Jesus and his three beloved disciples. This happy experience came to Jesus and his disciples at their critical situation. The excitement of the disciples which came from the confession of Peter, "*You are the Messiah*" and the admission of Jesus that he was the Messiah, lasted only a moment. For, immediately after this Jesus made the first prediction of his imminent crucifixion and death. Peter made a vain attempt to persuade Jesus to turn away from this tragic end. The disciples felt deceived and all their dreams of future shattered in a moment. This is the context in which Jesus took Peter, James and John to the Mount of Tabor. The last journey to Jerusalem and from there the ascent to the Mount Calvary was not an easy passage for Jesus also. But Jesus was determined to listen to his Father. The

mountain experience of the **transfiguration** of Jesus was more a help and boost for the disciples than Jesus. They could foresee the glory awaiting Jesus and that great mountain experience helped the disciples to get through the big crisis of the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

*In our life journey we all have to go through the valley of tears, crisis failures, disappointments, loss and hardships. There are moments in our lives when our hopes and dreams shatter and the earth slips away under our feet. Then we too need a mountain experience away from this world which, only Jesus can give us. In today's gospel we heard God the Father asks us, **"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."** When we listen to Jesus he will take us to the mountaintop to show us the Promised Land. The mountaintop where Jesus is taking us is nothing less than the Mount of Calvary where he sacrificed his life for us and made our life secure; it is where he regained the Promised Land for us. So when we follow Jesus up to Calvary and sit at the foot of his cross, we will see the meaning of our little crosses and we will be able to handle them better. Jesus said to his disciples, **"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."** To millions of people, Jesus' cross gave strength to carry their cross with ease. So our readings today are clear: seek to do the will of God in all things, believe that Christ died and was raised from the dead for us and see in the Transfiguration of Christ that we also can be transfigured by our complete belief in him. Let us give all to the Lord and receive from the Lord whatever he sends us.*