

# 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 3:45 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, 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.)

We are towards the end of our article on Liturgical Seasons. We are already familiar with the Ordinary Season which we have already had after the Christmas Season, though it lasted only a few weeks. The following Sunday of Pentecost the long period of Ordinary Time begins. As we have already seen, Ordinary Time is the period when we don't have any big celebrations. But in this Ordinary Time we have two important Feasts commencing such as the Feast of Holy Trinity and the Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Other than these two Feasts, the Season continues with special Feasts. The time span of the Ordinary Time is till the beginning of the Advent Season. As we know, the Sunday is the Holy Day of obligation, means every Catholic who is doing well with health is supposed to attend Mass. There are 52 Sundays in a year. Besides the Sundays we have another six Holy Days obligation, such as January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God; August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary; November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day; December 8<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and December 25<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas. Two Feasts such as the Assumption and All Saints Day fall during the Ordinary Time. The color of the vestment used will be green, except on Feast days.

## SACRAMENTS

**Introduction:** In the Catholic Church you hear two common terms, Sacraments and Eucharistic celebration. The Catholic Church considers the seven Sacraments as the greatest gifts Jesus had given to the Church. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and we are the members. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. It is from the main tree the branches get the sustenance needed for the survival. In our case, we receive the spiritual food through the Sacraments which are the channels of the Supernatural life; they are most important for our salvation.

**What is a Sacrament:** The word sacrament literally means something 'sacred.' If we **define it we say a Sacrament is simply a visible sign which is instituted by Christ and also it confers the invisible grace it signifies when they are properly administered by an ordained minister.** From the definition, it is clear that any sign in the world cannot become a Sacrament, though the creation in the world itself can prove the very existence of God. If a sign is to be considered a Sacrament, first of all it should be a visible or sensible sign; secondly it should be instituted by Christ with his direct or indirect intervention; thirdly, it should have the power to bring grace to the recipient. It is very important that in every Sacrament there should be a sensible sign or signs, which, in the Sacramental language are known as *matter*. And also the Sacraments have other elements known as '*forms*.' The 'forms' are the words or the prayers pronounced by the priest or the bishop, while administering the Sacrament. For instance in baptism, the water, oil, white robe, candle etc. are the matter or the signs and the prayer like, 'I baptize you in the name of the Father and Son and the Holy Spirit' is the form used. If one of the elements lacks in the Sacrament, it cannot be validly administered.

According to the official teaching of the Church Christ instituted the seven Sacraments namely **Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Holy Orders, Matrimony and Anointing of the sick.** If we go through each of these Sacraments we know that Christ has direct or indirect involvement in the institution of these Sacraments. Only Christ can infallibly join grace to the performance of a sensible sign. Christ instituted the Sacraments because he instituted the New Law. In order to follow the new Law, '*Love of God and love of neighbor*' we need grace or the spiritual strength. No doubt, these Sacraments bring us that grace needed.

We don't know why Jesus established exactly the seven Sacraments. One thing *we should notice that certain numbers like, seven, forty and fifty are sacred numbers in the Sacred Scripture.* Again, logically speaking the seven Sacraments well fit in our Christian pilgrimage. For instance, we must be born in the life of grace by baptism, strengthened in this life by confirmation, nourished to sustain supernatural life by the Eucharist, healed by the Sacrament of penance, guided in the supernatural society of the Church by priests who receive sacred orders, the Church is perpetuated by the Sacrament of matrimony, and we are prepared for eternity by the Sacrament of anointing. These sacraments are necessary for salvation. Not all the sacraments, however, are equally necessary for everyone. Two of Sacraments, baptism and Eucharist, in the words of Christ, are absolutely necessary (cf. John 3:5; 6:47-53).

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

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

Mon.	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint John of God, Religious</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of your Special Intentions
Tues.	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i></b> <b>8:00 A.M.</b> - Mass – Sirena & Brian Nieman & family <b>5:00 P.M.</b> - <b>Adoration until 6:00 PM</b>
Wed.	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - <b>No Mass</b>
Thurs.	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gary Guindon
Fri.	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke <b>5:30 P.M.</b> - <b><i>Stations of the Cross</i></b> ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of the parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Kathy LaCosse

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

75 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$3,392.00
Loose.....	76.00
General Maintenance.....	225.00
Fuel.....	85.00
Easter Flowers.....	25.00
Sale of old Church Speakers.....	300.00
Vestments.....	\$275.00
The U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	83.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,461.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Overage..... \$ 674.17**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$481.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$ 250.00

A huge thank you to a parish family who contributed another \$250.00 over and above their initial pledge. We are so close to meeting our goal. We are **still short \$2,724.00** of our U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Goal! Please return your card if you have not done so yet! Every little bit helps!

**FEEDBACK SOUGHT**

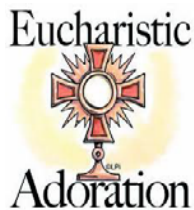
Ever since our new PA system is installed I got a few positive feedbacks from our members. I am happy that the system works well. But still I am curious to know from our members who use the hearing aids as how the system works for them. I would like to get feedbacks from them. I am making a survey for 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.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Lord, teach me how to pray Unselfish my requests; And help me then to know Thou sendest what is best.
- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>** - If you can't hear God speaking, check the volume control on your conscience.
- Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>** - We need not fear the perils AROUND US as long as the eye of the Lord is UPON US.
- Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>** - There is not limit to how much good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Nightfall should remind us to forgive the hurts of the day.
- Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Some people grin and bear it. Others smile and change it.
- Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>** - It is a greater thing to obey the Word of the Lord than to preach it.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Jean Lancour**  
who recently passed into eternal life.  
Our deepest condolences are extended  
to her family and friends.  
Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.*

**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.



### **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

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <b>Monday</b><br>2 Kgs 5:1-15b<br>Lk 4:24-30               | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Dn 3:25,34-43<br>Mt 18:21-35 |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Dt 4:1,5-9<br>Mt 5:17-19               | <b>Thursday</b><br>Jer 7:23-28<br>Lk 11:14-23  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Hos 14:2-10<br>Mk 12:28-34                | <b>Saturday</b><br>Hos 6:1-6<br>Lk 18:9-14     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>Ex 20:1-17<br>1 Cor 1:22-25    Jn 2:13-25 |  |

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> - ST. JOHN OF GOD, religious** – John Cidade was born in Portugal in 1495, shortly after Columbus discovered America. He led an adventuresome youth in Spain, and at age 44 was converted by a sermon. He dedicated himself totally to the care of the miserable, abandoned ones of society. A mysterious child gave him the name "John of God." His hospital work grew so much that he started the Order of Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God. John died in 1550 and was canonized a saint in 1690.
- Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - ST. FRANCES OF ROME, religious** – Today's heroine was Rome's first great woman saint in a thousand years. Born in Rome in 1384, Frances lived in the Trastevere section. She was married at an early age and bore three children, of whom two died in infancy. Each day after doing the housework she visited churches and cared for the poor. During times of great calamity and suffering she was a tower of strength to her husband. After his death, she founded a Benedictine Oblate Congregation in 1425. Devoted to her guardian angel, Frances died in 1440.

Do you want to do something beautiful for God?  
There is a person who needs you. This is your  
chance. ~ Mother Teresa

**THIRD SUNDY OF LENT; Cycle – B; March 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Exodus 20:1-17; 1Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

During his entire public life Jesus appeared to be very kind, gentle, loving, and patient. But according to John's gospel which we have just heard, Jesus comes to the Temple during the Passover celebration with a blazing wrath and he drives out all those who profaned the Temple which was his Father's House.

Apparently, the cause of Jesus' anger seems to be the presence of business people in the Temple areas. This practice was going on for years and the same was approved by the Jewish religious leaders who were very meticulous about the laws. These services of selling the animals and birds and exchange of money were essential for the people who came from outside of Palestine and far away from Jerusalem. They could not take the sacrificial victims with them. Again the foreign money had to be converted to Temple money to be offered there. So it is clear that the cause of Jesus' anger is deeper than what we see apparently. Jesus was mainly angry over the way in which the Temple worship was organized by the Jewish authority which didn't reflect God's original idea of a worshipping community.

First of all, the scribes and Pharisees were very particular about the rituals to be observed in worship. But at the same time among all these rituals and sacrifices they forgot to please God and honor Him by observing **His commandments**. That is why in Isaiah chapter 1:11 God expresses his displeasure over the sacrifices of Israel in these words: **“What care I for the number of your sacrifices? says the Lord. I have had enough of whole-burnt rams and fat of fatlings; in the blood of calves, lambs and goats I find no pleasure.”** Jesus too condemns the hypocrisy of the religious leaders in Matthew 15 by quoting Isaiah. **Jesus says, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”** In the observances of rituals and traditions, the hearts of the people were not involved. For them pleasing God has become something you do in the rituals of the Temple and not in your relationship with God and fellow beings. And also in the Book of Hosea God condemns the empty sacrifices of the people: **“With their flocks and herds they shall go to see the Lord, but they shall not find him. They love sacrifices; they offer sacrifices immolate flesh and eat it, the Lord is not pleased with them” (Hosea 5:6 & 8:13).** *God will not be pleased by any sacrifices where only rituals are involved, not the hearts.*

The second reason why Jesus had been mad with the Temple priests was that the way they treated the Gentiles who came to worship God. In order to understand this point, we need to know how the Temple settings were. There were five courts in the Temple: **1. Holy of Holies 2. Court of Priests 3. Court of Israel 4. Court of women and 5. Court of Gentiles.** In the original designs of God there were rooms for all nations, both Jews and Gentiles. But the Temple priests totally ignored this truth and considered the Temple to be meant for the Jews alone and salvation as their exclusive birthright. So they converted the court of the Gentiles into a holy market place for selling animals and birds. Jesus was really upset over this discrimination. They have totally ignored the fact that God has equal love for all people, Jews or Gentiles; Jesus too was not born for a particular race, and rather he came for all. According to Matthew the first visitors to Bethlehem were the magi, who were non-Jews. So it is clear that Jesus was born for all.

Sometimes we Christians can fall in the same danger where the Jews fell. Many think that having fulfilled certain obligations like attending the Sunday Mass will be more than sufficient to attain eternal life. Many believe that a little prayer, abstinence, fasting and giving up something will give them a perfect Lenten journey and make them fully righteous before the Lord. A pious Jew fasted at least two times a week and offered prayer five times a day. But God was not happy with their piety and He makes it very clear in Isaiah what He expected from the people. God asks the people, **“Do you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own” (Is. 58:6a -7).** So it is very clear that what God expects from us is not our rituals or piety alone but our good deeds which we do to make a positive difference in somebody. Every Lenten season gives emphasis to corporal acts of mercy. Unless our piety is accompanied by mercy or charity, it will not be acceptable to God. **In Matthew 9:13 Jesus says, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”** If we make some efforts we all can add a little joy to somebody’s life during this Lenten Season and thus can make our Lenten journey something pleasing to God.