

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
Diane, Angie Cafmeyer, Dale*

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

SACRAMENTS (Cont.)

Every Catholic who is baptized is eligible to receive the next five more sacraments. In the Catholic Church, one is not allowed to remain married and be ordained. But in exceptional cases a man is eligible to join priesthood after the death of his spouse. In our own diocese we had one such case, Fr. Jerry Nowacki who was a married man with three children. But he joined the seminary after his wife's death and became a priest at the age of 71 and served the Diocese of Marquette for 15 years. At rare occasions people are confused to see Catholic priests working in a parish also remain married. That is another exception we see in the Church. Sometimes a Protestant active Pastor gets interested in Catholic Church and joins it. But at the same time he would like to continue as a clergy man in Catholic Church. In such case the Church ordains him to be a priest and also allows him to remain married. If you come across a priest somewhere, don't be scandalized. There are certain Sacraments we can receive only once in life time, namely, **Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders**. Other Sacraments are conferred to one according to the need. The Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance can be received so often. The anointing of the sick can be given to a dying person, any elderly or young who is very ill and to anyone who is going for a surgery or any such medical procedure which involves some risk.

The Sacraments are administered by a bishop, priest or deacon. Only the bishop is authorized to ordain a candidate to priesthood or diaconate. He is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation, but the priest give Confirmation with the delegation or the permission of the bishop. Among other Sacraments besides the priest a deacon can administer the Sacraments of baptism and matrimony. No deacon is allowed to anoint a sick person as it involves absolution of sins.

For the valid reception of a Sacrament the adults must be in proper disposition. First of all he/she should have the pure intention to receive it; because no one can be sanctified without the consent of his/her will. For infants and for those who never have the use of reason, the intention is expressed by their parents or guardians. If a person receives a Sacrament without proper intention or proper disposition, it will remain null and void. Every Sacrament, when properly received brings Sacramental grace and character. The Sacramental character is a permanent, spiritual sign, imprinted on the soul, which makes it impossible to repeat the Sacrament. The examples for such Sacraments are Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. They establish a person in a perpetual state proper to the Sacrament. Let us go through the Seven Sacraments in details.

Baptism: The word 'baptism' literally means immersion, in the sense of dipping under water. It also means to bathe. During the time of Jesus, the people who received baptism from John immersed themselves in the river of Jordan. Ever since the infant baptism was introduced in the Catholic Church the full immersion was taken away from the ceremony and instead, symbolically, the water was poured on the head three times, *in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*. But there are Christian denominations that strictly follow the ritual of immersion during the baptism. But the baptized are adults. Baptism is the sacrament of spiritual rebirth. Through the symbolic action of washing with water and the use of appropriate ritual words, the baptized person is cleansed of all his sins and incorporated into Christ. *It was foretold in Ezekiel, "I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you" (Ez 36: 25-26)*. We have clear evidence to believe that Christ Jesus established baptism. First of all Jesus himself was baptized by John. Secondly, as he was leaving the world after his resurrection, the last thing he commanded to the disciples was about baptism: **"Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you" (Mt 28: 19-20)**. Baptism is the foundation of all other sacraments. Without receiving baptism first, the person is not eligible to receive any other sacraments.

In the introduction to the Sacrament we have seen that in every Sacrament two elements are important: **matter and form**. These two elements constitute the validity of that Sacrament. The *matter* used is something visible and the *form* is not something material rather it can be heard. In the case of baptism, the main matter is the clean water, which is blessed during the ceremony of baptism. In baptism we also see other symbolic things, like the holy oil, oil of catechumen and sacred Chrism, white robe and candle. The form of the baptism is the invocation of the Blessed Trinity by the priest or deacon, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Here the matter (water), which is the most important one and the form are united when the water and words of the baptism are combined in one ritual act.

(We will continue next week).

Fourth Week of Lent
THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 15 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of your Special Intentions ----- <i>Parish office closed</i>
Tues.	March 16 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jean Lancour 5:00 P.M. - Adoration until 6:00 PM
Wed.	March 17 th	<i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Don Anderson 5:00 P.M. - Confessions until 6:00 PM. 6:30 P.M. - Live Stream CCD classes
Thurs.	March 18 th	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rejeanne Menard (18 th Anniv.)
Fri.	March 19 th	<i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lisabeth Kudwa 5:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	March 20 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of the parish
Sun.	March 21 st	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine Taylor (2 nd Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass - Pete & Willa DeMay

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

71 envelopes were returned for Sunday, March 7th

Adults.....	\$3,097.00
Loose.....	107.00
General Maintenance.....	127.00
Fuel.....	20.00
Easter Flowers.....	40.00
Mass Stipends.....	530.00
Memorial Plaque.....	250.00
Total.....	\$4,171.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Overage..... \$ 384.17

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$ 15.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$1,260.00
Diocesan Collection.....	295.00

SPRING STUDY DAY

A VIRTUAL EVENT
 Tuesday, March 23, 2021
 9:30am ET -12:30 pm



Everett Fritz is founder and director of St. Andrew Missionaries—an organization dedicated to training and equipping the Catholic Church and families in the discipleship of young people. He is also the author three books including of *The Art of Forming Young Disciples*. Everett will speak to us about the art of forming disciples and meeting the needs of a person. This annual event will be held using Zoom. Details and the link will be sent when you register. Register by going to: <https://form.jotform.com/DioceseofMarquette/spring-study-day-2021> There is no cost to join us for the virtual event. For more information contact: Denise Foye 906.227.9130 dfoye@dioceseofmarquette.org

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Mar. 14th** - Don't let your mind become so busy that your heart can't respond.
- Mar. 15th** - If you have Jesus on the inside, you can stand any kind of trouble on the outside.
- Mar. 16th** - Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in life.
- Mar. 17th** - The toughest kind of mountain climbing is to get out of a rut.
- Mar. 18th** - True patience means waiting without worrying.
- Mar. 19th** - When alone, we have our own thoughts to watch; When in family, our tempers; When in society, our tongue.
- Mar. 20th** - It is natural to love them that love us, but it is supernatural to love them that hate us.

Angie Cafmeyer, 99, was a longtime member here at Holy Family. She moved to Avila Indiana to be closer to her family. Angie was just here not long ago for a family funeral and she fell and broke her hip. If anyone would like to send her a get well card her address is: Angie Cafmeyer, 517 N. Main Street, Apt. 702, Avila, IN 46710



I don't know what God is doing. He knows. We do not understand, but one thing I'm sure, He doesn't make a mistake.. ~ Mother Teresa

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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| Monday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54 | Tuesday
Ez 47:1-9,12
Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wednesday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30 | Thursday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47 |
| Friday
2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a
Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or
Lk 2:41-51a | Saturday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53 |
| Sunday
Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33 | |

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Mar. 17th - ST. PATRICK, bishop – Patrick was the great apostle of Ireland. This small island has exported its people and Catholic faith throughout the world - to America and Australia - and has heavily influenced the history of the Church. The story of Patrick begins Irish history but is not known in detail. Born around 385 in Great Britain, this child of a permanent deacon was kidnapped by Irish pirates. He later escaped, became a priest and returned to evangelize the pagan Irish. This Patrick did with much prayer and austerity. As Bishop he organized well the Church in Ireland. He died around 461 in the "Island of Saints" which later came to know a thousand years of persecution.

Mar. 18th - ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, bishop and doctor – Born of Christian parents in 315, Cyril became bishop of Jerusalem Church, with its memorials of Christ, shone splendidly. There were many problems with the Arian heresy, and Cyril was forced three times into exile. He wrote effectively to explain the divinity of Christ and other doctrines of our faith.

Mar. 19th - JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY – Today in solemn fashion the Church honors St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Christ. In the Mass we think about the humble quiet service of Joseph in God's plan of salvation.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; Cycle – B; March 14th 2021
2Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare* Sunday means Sunday of rejoicing. We are asked to rejoice for the fact that the Great Day of the glorification of Jesus which is the foretaste of our own glorification is near. Hence the theme of this Sunday is the immense *LOVE of GOD for man*. The three readings confirm this truth. That love started with the people of Israel first and then through Jesus the same was extended to the whole mankind.

Out of love God gave the Commandments to the people of Israel so that through the observance of them they should remain faithful to God and attain prosperity in the Promised Land. Unfortunately, they forgot their God who brought them out of Egypt and went after foreign gods and even the great King Solomon went astray. People paid heavy price for their infidelity being exiled to Babylon. But today's reading from the 2 Chronicles shows how God still loved his people and saved them through King Cyrus, the Persian King, who conquered Babylon and freed the people of Israel. God chose a pagan king to free His people from captivity.

Finally the climax of God's love is demonstrated in the person and mission of Jesus. The 3rd chapter of St. John is the most beautiful passage among the four gospels and it is *known as the gospel of everybody*. No other Evangelist has ever described the love of God as beautifully as John did in his gospel. John begins the gospel with the *theme of love* and concludes the long farewell discourse of Jesus with his *command of love*, '*Love one another as I have loved you.*' The same theme flows throughout his short letters too. The passage we have just heard from chapter 3, especially verses 16-18 summarize the *very purpose of Incarnation* and it tells us as what should be our response to God's love.

Many think that religion is the means for man to search for God. On the other hand, Christianity believes that it is not man who took the initiative to find God rather God came down in search of man. That is what Jesus says to Nicodemus who came to Jesus. Jesus says, **“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life.”** In the following verse Jesus makes it very clear, **“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be**

saved through him.” In the Old Testament the love of God was mainly concentrated in Israel alone. But in the New Testament Jesus says that God loved the world as a whole. So it is clear that He loved the entire mankind and sent His Son as the true light for everybody. Though Jesus was mainly sent for the lost sheep of Israel, he never refused the petition of the gentiles and he preached in their territories too.

It is very clear from the words of Jesus that salvation is universal and no one is denied of it. God has offered it to mankind out of the love for His children. But in the second part of this passage we find a little paradox. *There is the great love of God on one side and on the other side we see His verdict of condemnation.* In other words, it seems that the salvation is offered with a condition attached to it. Jesus says, **“Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”** Belief in the *name* of Jesus Christ is the prime requirement for our salvation. In today’s passage Jesus uses the word *‘believe’* five times. In the Acts of the Apostles chapter 4:12 Peter, speaking about the salvation through Jesus Christ, declares, **“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”** Those who do not believe in the name of Jesus go away from the true light and they remain in darkness. Faith is a gift from God; but due to our freedom we can refuse to accept it. So it is not God who condemns them; rather they themselves bring the condemnation upon them by their denial of light. **It is said that Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and John gives us dual meaning for ‘night.’ Perhaps he came at night or till meeting Jesus, the true light, Nicodemus’ life was filled with darkness. So he came to Jesus at night and went back in the light.** Again John says about the departure of Judas from the Last Supper in these words, **“So he took the morsel and left at once. And it was night.”** Yes, by that time Judas had gone far away from the true Light and hereafter his life would be night. This is an eye opening insight from John. **Once we leave Jesus, our life will be filled with darkness and we will not be able to see things around.** It is then, night in our lives. So whatever we do in that state of life, will never bear any fruit. Once we come to the light we are exposed; not only do we see others, but also we see ourselves and our works better. Remaining in that true light we cannot go wrong or stumble. Jesus laments in today’s gospel, **“That the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.”** This is the typical condition of the modern world. People don’t want to remain in light for being afraid that their evil works will be exposed and they have to change the course of their lives. Let us keep the true light with us always and avoid darkness.