

# Holy Family Parish



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## Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 21, 2021

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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

**Baptism (Cont.):** The effects of baptism are the removal of the guilt of sin and all punishment due to sin. In the case of adult baptism, it takes away not only the original sin but also all the sins of the person committed so far. In the case of the infant baptism, the original sin of the infant is removed by baptism. Through baptism the virtues of faith, hope and charity are infused into the soul. By receiving baptism we become members of Christ's Mystical Body, which is the Church. That is why according to *Vat. II*, "*By the sacrament of baptism, whenever it is properly conferred in the way the Lord determined and received with the proper dispositions of soul, man becomes truly incorporated into the crucified and glorified Christ and is reborn to a sharing of the divine life, as the apostle says: "For you were buried together with him in baptism, and in him also rose again through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead" (Rom 6:4)*" (*Second Vatican Council, Decree on Ecumenism, 22*).

What is the baptismal character? The baptism imparts to those who receive it a likeness to Christ in his priesthood, grafts them onto Christ, the Vine, so that they participate in a unique way in the graces of his humanity. It imprints on their souls an indelible seal that nothing, not even the loss of virtue or faith itself, can eradicate. In that case a baptized person always remains a Christian because the baptismal character confers a permanent relationship with Christ.

The ordinary ministers for the solemn baptism are the bishop, priest and deacon. They are allowed to baptize any one in their allotted territory. For the pastor his territory is limited to his parish and for the bishop the whole diocese. Any priest or deacon can baptize someone outside of their territory with delegation granted by the bishop of the diocese or the pastor of the local parish where the baptism takes place. In the ceremony of the solemn baptism first of all there should be the godparents. According to the long standing custom of the Church a man and woman are chosen to be godparents. But if the parents of the child prefer, they can choose only one godparent (a man or woman) for the baptism. As the first condition, the godparents should be practicing Catholics. In case of the mixed marriages, *where father or mother who belongs to a different Christian denomination*, the non-Catholic parent can keep a non-Catholic as one of the godparents. But the Catholic should be strictly a practicing one. The role of the godparents is not simply ceremonial rather they have an important role to play in the child's formation. First of all they have to be good model for the child and in case of the neglect from the part of the parents in the faith formation of the child, it is the duty of the godparents to take up that responsibility. During the baptism the godparents declare their willingness to help the child in its formation.

In case of an emergency, in point of death, any person can baptize a baby or adult, no matter he or she is a non-Catholic. But if a priest or deacon is available at that time, the layperson should not take up the responsibility of baptizing the person. The person who baptizes should have the right intention to baptize the child or person. If the person is an adult, the consent of that person is needed before baptism; in case of a baby, the parents can do the same. In case of survival, the parents can take the child to the priest in the Church for anointing and other ceremonies attached to the solemn baptism. The adult also can do the same. The Sacrament of Baptism is known as the Sacrament of initiation and it is the basic Sacrament. Unless one receives baptism she/he is not eligible to receive any other Sacraments. According to Catholic Church the baptism of the major denominations, like Lutheran, Episcopalian, Methodist, Baptist or any other denominations recognized by the Catholic Church is valid. In other words, the person who is baptized in any of approved denominations need not be baptized again to accept in the Catholic Church; but the person has to be Confirmed in the Catholic Church.

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

## *Fifth Week of Lent*

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of your Special Intentions
Tues.	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i></b>	
		<b>8:00 A.M. -</b>	Mass – Rosemary Lynch
		<b>5:00 P.M. -</b>	<b>Adoration until 6:00 PM</b>
Wed.	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Sirena & Brian Nieman & family
		<b>5:00 P.M. -</b>	<b>Confessions until 6:00 PM.</b>
Thurs.	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Lela & Kent Dubord
Fri.	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Robert Thomas Valley
		<b>5:30 P.M. -</b>	<b><i>Stations of the Cross</i></b>
		-----	Parish office closed
Sat.	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Willard LaMarche
		10:00 AM -	Mass - For the People of our Parish

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

71 envelopes were returned for Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$2,966.00
Loose.....	50.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Easter Flowers.....	555.00
Mass Stipends.....	455.00
Donation towards new vestments....	100.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,161.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Overage..... \$ 374.17**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Collection.....	80.00

We are still short \$2,724.00 of reaching our U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Goal with quite a few outstanding cards.

### 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/DiocesefofMarquette/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@diocesefofmarquette.org](mailto:dfoye@diocesefofmarquette.org)

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Money will buy a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.
- Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.
- Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God intended him to be.
- Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>** - The Bible - like a bank - is most helpful when it is open.
- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>** - The first point of wisdom is to know the truth; the second, to discern what is false!
- Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>** - People look at us six days a week to find out whether we really mean what we say and do on the seventh.
- Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>** - Just about the time you think you can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

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, Avilla, IN 46710



We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace, we need love and compassion. Let us radiate the peace of God and so light His light and extinguish all hatred and love of power in the world and in the hearts of all men. ~ 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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| <b>Monday</b><br>Dn 13:1-9,15-17<br>Jn 8:1-11   | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Nm 21:4-9<br>Jn 8:21-30        |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95<br>Jn 8:31-42   | <b>Thursday</b><br>Is 7:10-14;8:10<br>Lk 1:26-38 |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Jer 20:10-13<br>Jn 10:31-42  | <b>Saturday</b><br>Ez 37:21-28<br>Jn 11:45-56    |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16<br>Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11<br>Mk 12:1—15:47 or 15:1-39 |  |

### SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

**Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> - ST. TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO, bishop** – Today's saint was a heroic, hard-working bishop who did much to organize the Church in Latin America. Born in Spain in 1538, he was named Arch-bishop of Lima in 1581. There were then enormous problems in the Latin American Missions: religious, social, political problems. He began a systematic visitation of his huge diocese, to correct abuses and to build up the faith. He used to say: "Jesus Christ did not say 'I am the custom,' but 'I am the Truth.'" He died on a visitation in 1606 and was canonized a saint in 1726.

**Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** – Today we celebrate a Solemnity of the Church: the feast of the Annunciation by Gabriel to the young Virgin Mary, inviting her to be the Lord's Mother. This is a beautiful feast, filled with meaning for our salvation. It is celebrated exactly nine months before Christmas.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. We will be needing two Readers at all the Masses. If you are a reader and would be able to help out, please call the Parish Office by Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; Cycle – B; March 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**  
**Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

In many ways John's gospel is different from the Synoptic gospels, gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Very often John's readers are stuck with the abstract terms and dual meanings he uses in his gospel. For instance, in today's gospel Jesus says, "*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*" If we go through the gospel of John we come across the phrase, '**the hour**' nineteen times. By '**the hour**' John very often means the moment of Jesus' glorification. Even the meaning of the word '*glorified*' or *glorification* used by John is different from that of the synoptic gospels.

According to the Synoptic gospels the *glorification* of Jesus took place at his resurrection. It seems to be very logical. But John stands alone in his view of the glorification of Jesus. According to John the glorification of Jesus took place at his **crucifixion and not at his resurrection.** It looks to be very irrational. But this view is very clear from the words of Jesus too when he spoke to Nicodemus. Jesus says, "***Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life***" (Jn.3: 14 ). What Jesus means is that his crucifixion brings him victory and glorification and the same will give salvation to everybody who believes in him. In today's gospel Jesus repeats the same idea, "***When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw everyone to myself.***" If today millions of non-Christians are attracted towards Jesus, it is not because he came out of the tomb alive rather **he sacrificed his life for mankind.** St. Paul understood the words of Jesus well and he says, "***For the Jews demand signs and the Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified***" (1Cor. 1:22-23). Of Course, St. Paul writes a lot about the resurrection of the Lord, but emphasizes the sacrifice of Christ, by which salvation is given to all.

So it is very clear from the words of Jesus that only through sacrifice the glorification can occur and only through losing life, the new life can come up. In today's gospel Jesus points out a natural truth, "***Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.***" Once again Jesus confirms that death is the sign of life; only by sacrificing one's comforts and security, there comes out the good fruit. If we go through the early history of the Church we know that the glorious and prosperous period for the growth of the Church was the first three

centuries, which was the period of severe persecution. Thousands and thousands of men and women sacrificed their precious lives for faith and Jesus Christ. But even the big Roman power could not wipe out Christianity rather it grew fast. That is why the Church fathers have the saying, **“The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church.”** Actually the deterioration of the Church started in A.D. 325 when Emperor Constantine gave the Church the religious freedom.

If we take the long history of the world, we know that if humanity had achieved something good, it happened thanks to the sacrifice of great men and women who were ready to come out of their comfort zones and sacrifice their security, pleasure and even their very life for humanity. They were the seeds which fell on the ground and died to bring more fruit. If Francis Xavier had remained as a professor in Paris, pursuing his selfish ambition, he would have lived as an individual and died as a single grain. But when he threw away his job and became a missionary, literally he fell on the ground and as a result he converted thousands of non-Christians in India and other Asian countries. When Mother Theresa left the comforts of the Loretta convent and buried herself in the slums of Calcutta, thousands of orphans and destitute found life again. Once the famous evangelist Christmas Evans commented, **“It is better to burn out than to rust.”** **Joan of Arc prayed, “I shall only last a year, use me as you can.”**

The virtue of sacrifice is becoming a rare commodity in the world. In modern age people are becoming more and more self-centered and they don't want to come out of their little shell of pleasure and security. Nobody wants to take any risk and sacrifice one's comforts or time for the common good. *This evil tendency is creeping into all walks of life; politicians, religious leaders, couples, parents and teachers are the victims of this evil.* These are supposed to be the pillars of the society, community and nation as a whole. When they go with their I, me, mine mentality the nation and the Church will be heading towards a great disaster. **John Wesley says, “Do all the good you can; in all the ways you can; in all the places you can; to all the people you can; as long as ever you can.”**