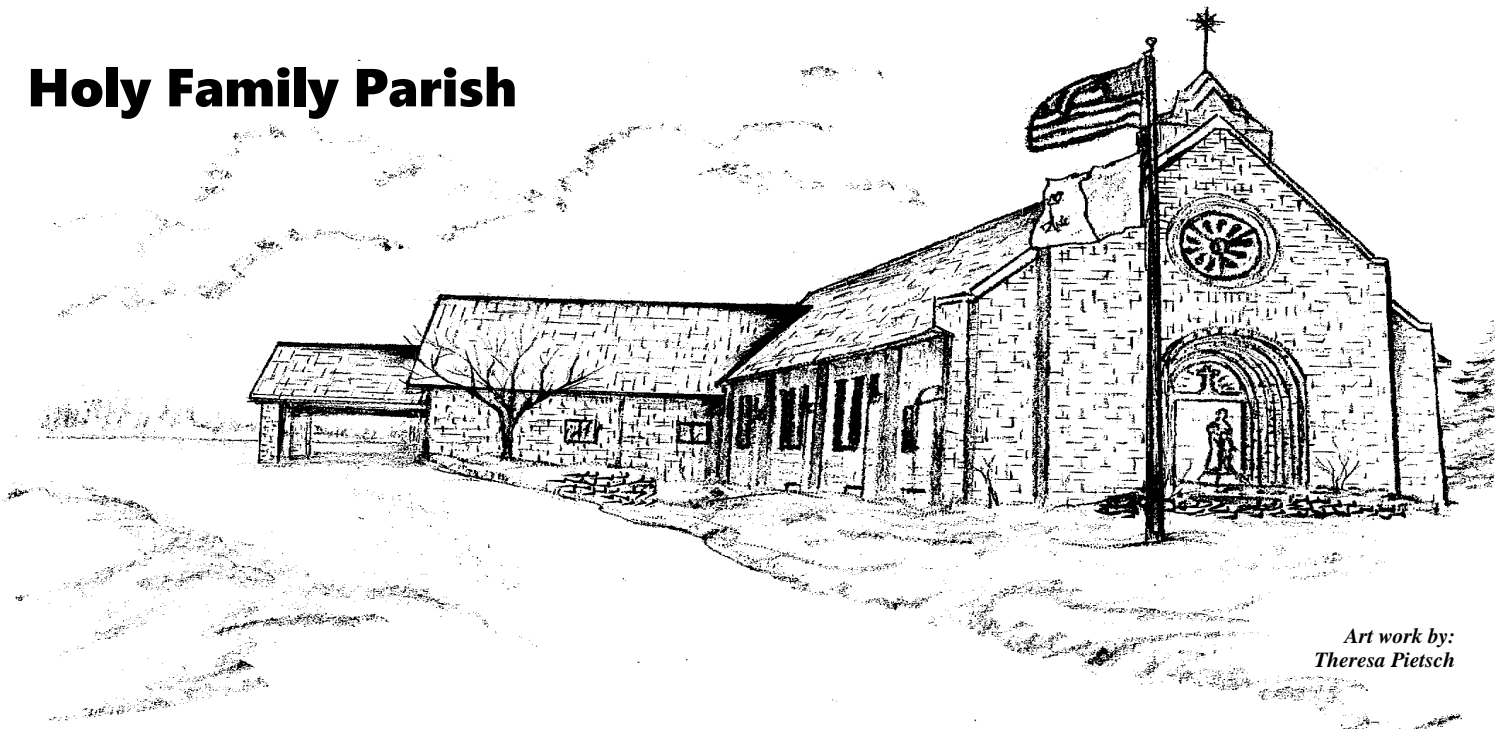


Holy Family Parish



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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.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

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

Confirmation: Among the seven Sacraments, Confirmation is considered to be the second one. But due to pastoral reasons, very often this Sacrament is given to the candidates after certain years of the First Communion. In our diocese by the current regulation, only a high school student is eligible for this Sacrament. But in the case of RCIA candidates Baptism and Confirmation are given to them at the Easter Vigil Mass, followed by the First Communion.

Confirmation is the Sacrament of spiritual strengthening. It is the Sacrament in which, through sacred chrism and the imposition of the hands together with the use of certain sacred words, a baptized person receives the Holy Spirit, is strengthened in grace, and signed as a soldier of Christ. As I mentioned in my introduction, Baptism is the foundation of every other Sacraments.

Based on the New Testament evidence, we come to know that the Sacrament of Confirmation also is instituted by Christ. The ancient prophets had foretold the outpouring of the Spirit of God over the whole of mankind, as a sign of the Age of the Messiah (cf. Joel 3:1; Isaiah 44:3-5; Ezekiel 39:29). Jesus promised his apostles and all the future faithful to send them the Holy Spirit (cf. John 14:16; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5; John 7:38). After his resurrection, in his first appearance itself Jesus breathed on the apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Once again, we see the fulfillment of Jesus' promise on the day Pentecost when the disciples received the Holy Spirit in the upper room where they were gathered (Acts 2:4). Later on, in their ministry, the apostles communicated the Holy Spirit by the outward rite of imposition of hands on the baptized (cf. Acts 8:14-17). St. Paul communicated the Holy Spirit to some twelve disciples in Ephesus after they had received Christian baptism (cf. Acts 19:6).

The Minister: In the Western Church, the usual minister of Confirmation is the bishop. However, priests may confirm under the following conditions: in the case of adult baptism during the Easter Vigil, the priest is given the delegation by the bishop to confirm the candidates. Again, with the special permission from the local bishop, the parish priest is allowed to confirm the younger candidates who are prepared for the Sacrament. Whoever is the minister, he has to strictly follow the formula prescribed by the Church, **means the matter and form should be perfect.** Here the matter is the sacred *chrism* and the form is the *words uttered* during the anointing. The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred through the anointing with chrism on the forehead, which done by laying on of the hand, and through the words, **"Receive the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit."** Anointing with chrism along with the **second imposition of the hand is essential.** The anointing with chrism signifies the spiritual anointing by the Holy Spirit who is given to the faithful. Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam consecrated by the bishop during the Chrism Mass conducted in the Cathedral. All the priests of the Church are supposed to participate in that Mass. Chrism Mass is also the celebration of the Priesthood.

What is the effect of Confirmation? First of all, the *seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of God are imparted in their fullness in Confirmation.* The actual graces received through Confirmation are illuminations of the mind to believe more firmly and inspirations of the will to do battle against the enemies of divine truth. It brings to perfection the supernatural life infused at baptism by giving it the power to withstand opposition from within, which is human respect and fear, and from without, which is physical or psychological coercion to deny or compromise what the faith demands. The Sacramental character imprinted on the soul in Confirmation is a permanent gift that assimilates us to Christ in three ways. We are able to become 1) **like Christ the priest**, in bearing suffering patiently and sacrificing courageously; 2) **like Christ the teacher**, by acquiring a strong will to keep the faith and a strong mind to understand and share the faith; and 3) **like Christ the king**, in developing qualities of leadership to withstand what is alien to the Gospel and draw others to follow Christ in extending the kingdom of Christ on earth.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is called the Sacrament of witness because it enables us to profess our faith not only courageously but also effectively. Thus every person who is confirmed has a mission to bring others to Christ. Baptism and Confirmation confer the grace of zeal to convert unbelievers to Christian faith and to make strong believers of those who are weak.

It is the great responsibility of the parents to see that their children are confirmed at the prescribed age. We cannot afford to go through life without all the wonderful graces it bestows. For the Church, it is the perpetuation of Pentecost, the means by which she keeps alive the power of the Spirit within her members. Like Baptism and Holy Orders, Confirmation is also received only once in one's life time.

Holy Week

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 29 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	March 30 th	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. -	Mass – Terry Plouff Adoration until 6:00 PM
Wed.	March 31 st	8:00 A.M. -	Joe Gareau
Thurs.	April 1 st		<i>Holy Thursday</i> 7:00 P.M. - Mass – Don Anderson 8:00 P.M. - Adoration until 10:00 PM
Fri.	April 2 nd		<i>Good Friday</i> 3:00 P.M. – Good Friday Services ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	April 3 rd		<i>Holy Saturday</i> 9:00 P.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish
Sun.	April 4 th		<i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Willie & Karen LaMarche 10:00 AM - Mass - Larry Chouinard



Holy Week
Palm Sunday

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

envelopes were returned for Sunday, March 21st

Adults.....	\$3,270.00
Loose.....	97.00
General Maintenance.....	60.00
Votive Lights.....	333.00
Fuel.....	280.00
Easter Flowers.....	80.00
Total.....	\$4,120.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Overage..... \$ 333.17

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$ 35.00
Diocesan Collection.....	5.00

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

Join us on Sunday April 11th
Divine Mercy Sunday

On Sunday, April 11th, we will be celebrating the Devotion established by St. John Paul the Great. This pious devotion focuses our hearts on the words spoken by St. Faustina “Jesus, I Trust in You.” We need to pray those words everyday of our life in order to accomplish the work of the Lord. We cannot forgive some who has offended us if we trust that Lord will guide our heart and words. We can seek forgiveness from our brother / sister if we do not trust that the Lord will forgives us after we ask for forgiveness from our brother/sister. We must remember that we mustn’t seek God’s forgiveness when we have not sought our brother /sister’s forgiveness.

2:00 to 2:45 PM Exposition of the Holy Eucharist with reciting the rosary and Individual Confession
2:45 P.M Divine Mercy Chaplet. Following the Divine Mercy Chaplet Fr. Sebastian will distribute Holy Communion and end with Benediction.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Mar. 28th - Christians wouldn't have to worry so much how their children turn out if they'd worry more about what time they turn in.

Mar. 29th - Life is too short - to remember slights and insults. To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness. To waste time in doing things that are of no value.

Mar. 30th - Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7

Mar. 31st - Wear a smile - One size fits all.

Apr. 1st - Selfish ambition closes our hearts to Jesus and to one another.

Apr. 2nd - God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

Apr. 3rd - The only way to help yourself is to help others.

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The future is not in our hands. We have no power over it. We can act only today. ~ Mother Teresa

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Wednesday
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Tuesday
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Thursday
Ex 12:1-8,11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1 – 19:42

Saturday
Gn 1:1 2 2:2 or 1:1,26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or 11:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
Ex 14:15 – 15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4
Ez 36:16-17a,18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Mt 28:1-10

Sunday
Acts 10:34a,37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or 41 Lk 24:13-35

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

