

Holy Family community

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
ON YOUR
DIACONATE ORDINATION!**



**Christian Flagstadt
Diaconate Ordination – May 14, 2021**

CATECHETICAL CORNER

The Eucharist (Cont.)

Worthy Reception of the Holy Communion: Every baptized Catholic who has already received the First Communion is eligible to receive the Holy Communion at every Mass he/she attends, provided the person is not in grave sin. The unworthy reception of the Eucharist never brings any grace to the recipient; rather it brings the condemnation or punishment of the Lord. St. Paul is very emphatic about the worthy reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. In 1Corinthians 11:27-29 St. Paul explains how worthy and careful we should be when we approach the Body and Blood of Christ. Paul writes, **“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself” 11:27-29**). Paul’s instruction is self-explanatory. It is clear that by the unworthy reception of the Eucharist one leaves after Mass, committing another mortal sin. It is our duty to examine and see how worthy we are to receive the Eucharist. In case of mortal sin in us, better abstain from the Holy Communion and approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the earliest possible. Only at the Confession our mortal sins are absolved. If we have only venial sins, we are eligible to receive the Eucharist making an act of contrition. That is why in the beginning of every Mass the priest invites the faithful to make the act of contrition. If you have doubts about the gravity of certain acts you have committed, better approach the priest and get the things clarified. He will be the right person to clarify your doubts. It is possible that certain things which you consider as grave may not be the same and certain things you think are venial or light, can be the grave.

As per the precept of the Church, we have to observe one hour fast before we receive the Holy Communion. It means we are not allowed to take any sort of food, alcoholic beverages or juice. Water and medicine may be taken, even right up to the time of receiving Holy Communion. But the sick are exempted from this rule for medical reasons. If we receive Holy Communion not fasting, we commit a sin of sacrilege.

Always the faithful are advised to prepare themselves well for the Eucharist. Preparation for the Holy Communion consists in meditating attentively and devoutly for a while on what we are about to receive and making diligent acts of faith, hope, and charity and contrition. Thanksgiving after Holy Communion consists in meditating attentively and devoutly for a while on what we have received and in making acts of faith, hope and charity, with good resolutions, acts of gratitude and petitions.

When a person has already received Communion, he/she can receive it again on the same day as Viaticum (*Holy Communion received when in danger of death*). A person who attended Mass and received the Eucharist in the morning can receive at another Mass, provided that Mass is offered for a special occasion like, wedding, funeral, jubilee celebrations etc.

Who is not allowed to Receive the Holy Communion?: *As I have already mentioned in the beginning, anyone who is in grave sin or mortal sin are not allowed to receive the Eucharist, unless he/she receives the Sacrament of Confession first.* Secondly, **the Catholic Church does not allow inter-Communion.** In other words the non-Catholics are not allowed to receive Holy Communion at the Catholic Mass though they attend it. And also a Catholic who attends a worship service in a Protestant Church is not allowed to participate in their Communion service, if there is one. But according to the new law the members of the Greek Orthodox Church are allowed to receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church and vice versa. Thirdly, a Catholic couple who got married outside of the Catholic Church is not allowed to receive the Eucharist or any other Sacraments, but only at the point of death. In the danger of the death the priest is allowed to hear the confession of such a person and also he can give the Sacrament of the anointing to the person. But if he/she recovers and continues in the same state of invalid marriage, the person has to abstain from the Holy Communion, though he/she is allowed to participate in the Mass. Sometimes people get a little confused about the stand of the Church regarding the divorced couples. Of course, divorce is considered to be very unfortunate and sad; but the Church does not prohibit the divorced couples from receiving the Holy Communion, provided they remain single. They are allowed to get married in the Catholic Church provided they undergo the process of annulment and get their marriage declared null and void by the diocesan Tribunal.

(We will Continue next week).

Seventh Week of Easter

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 17 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special Intentions
Tues.	May 18 th	<i>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Nancy Marenger
Wed.	May 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jean Lancour
Thurs.	May 20 th	<i>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson, Sr. 2:00 P.M. - Funeral Mass for William Frazer
Fri.	May 21 st	<i>Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lisabeth Kudwa ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	May 22 nd	<i>Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Roger Bourdreau, Sr. <i>25th Anniv.</i>
Sun.	May 23 rd	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Kathy LaCosse

Congratulations Class of 2021!

Owen Trombley

We, your family here at Holy Family Church, wish you God's blessings wherever life takes you.

Evan Seth Chouinard



Evan is the son of Seth and Joanne Chouinard. Evan has attended Gladstone Schools from Kindergarten to 12th grade. He has been involved in GHS Fishing Club and Construction Trades classes at the Delta Schoolcraft ISD. Evan has been on the Honor Roll all through High School and DSISD Honor Roll during his Junior and Senior year. He loves the outdoors and spends a lot of his time fishing and hunting. He also has a passion for construction so after High School, Evan will be enrolled in an Apprenticeship program through Local Carpenters Union 1510.

Owen is a Gladstone High School graduate of 2021. Owen is the son of Brad and Sara Trombley. Owen has two sisters; Addison and Emma. Owen is the grandson of Todd and Becky Dubord, Dan and Linda Robitaille and the late Randall Trombley. Throughout his high school years, Owen participated in football, basketball and baseball. He is involved in the Construction Trades class at the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District (DSISD). Owen's hobbies include woodworking, hunting, fishing, CNC machining, baseball, camping, and being with his friends and family. Owen is a member of the GHS National Honor Society. Also, he serves on an Advisory Committee through the DSISD. Owen plans on attending Bay College in the Fall with the intention of entering some type of trades program/apprenticeship.



SPIRIT LIFTERS

- May 16th** - If you are being run out of town, get in front of the crowd and make it look like a parade.
- May 17th** - Seven days without prayer makes one weak!
- May 18th** - Live as if Christ died yesterday, arose this morning, and is coming back tomorrow.
- May 19th** - When you “bury the hatchet” don’t leave the handle sticking out.
- May 20th** - The real character of a man may be measured by what he does when no one is looking.
- May 21st** - Worry does not empty the day of its trouble, but only of its strength.
- May 22nd** - Saints are sinners who keep on trying.

Don't search for Jesus in far lands - He is not there. He is close to you; He is with you. Just keep the lamp burning and you will; always see Him. Keep on filling the lamp with all these little drops of love and you will see how sweet is the Lord you love.~ Mother Teresa



Mark Your Calendars: Our annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar should be back on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Again this year we will be having the bucket raffle. It is the generosity of our parishioners that made this so successful in the past. If you would like to donate a basket, please contact the parish office or e-mail the parish at secretary@hollyfamilyparish.net.

RAFFLE TICKET NEWS..... We are looking for sponsors for the printing of our Raffle Tickets for this year's harvest dinner which will be held on Sunday, **October 17, 2021**. Call the parish office for more details.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <p>Monday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33</p> <p>Wednesday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19</p> <p>Friday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19</p> | <p>Tuesday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a</p> <p>Thursday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26</p> <p>Saturday
Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Jn 21:20-25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Gal 5:16-25
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15</p> |
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

70 envelopes were returned for Sunday, May 9th

Adults.....	\$ 2,946.00
Loose.....	114.00
General Maintenance.....	55.00
Fuel.....	90.00
Votive Lights.....	104.00
Total.....	\$3,309.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,786.83
Shortage.....	\$ 477.83

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	45.00
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*Happy 42nd Ordination Anniversary
Fr. Sebastian*

Thank you for answering God's call 42 years ago.

Holy Family Parish is very blessed to have you shepherd our Flock!

May the Lord grant you many more years of health and happiness!