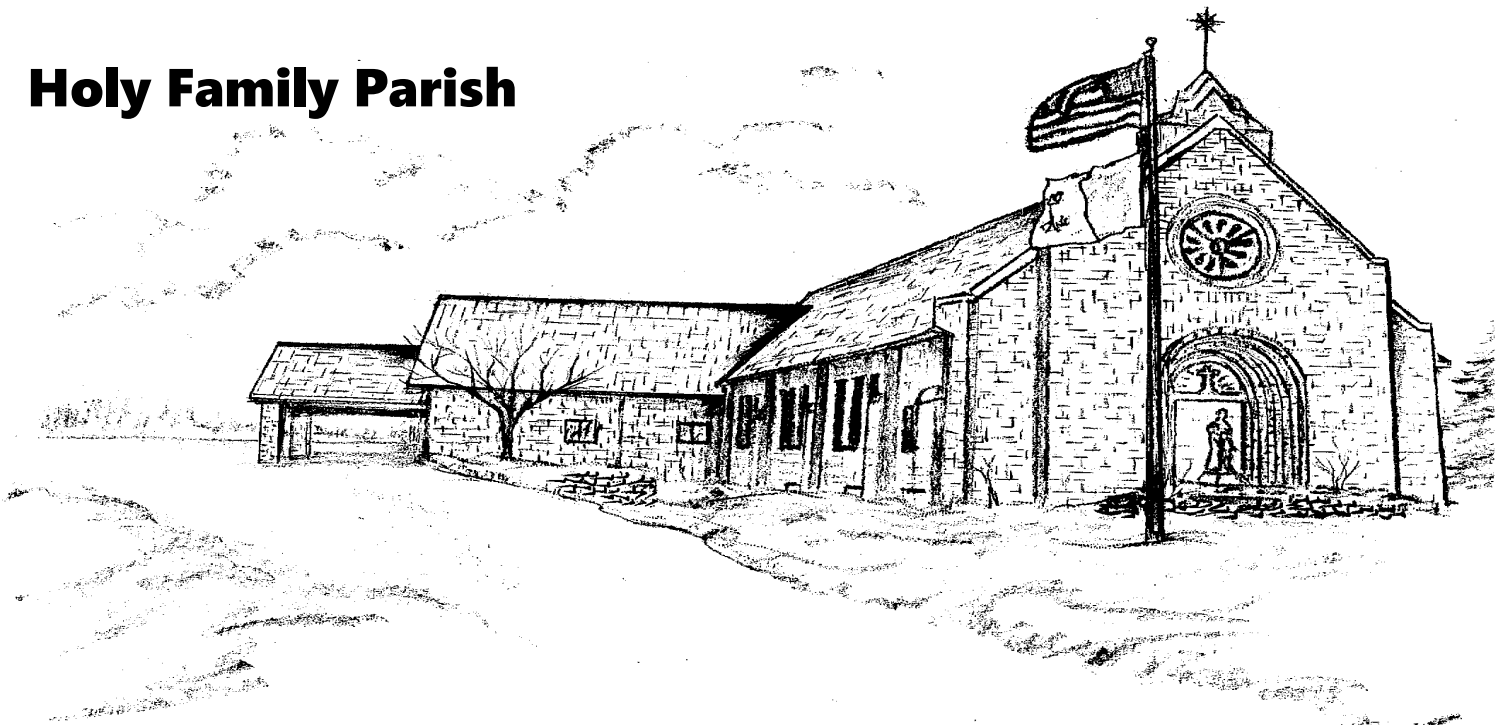


Holy Family Parish



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 6, 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.

7:30 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.....

Diane, Bob Gascon, Brevyn Willford, Barb, Dale

Duane Marenger, Kambria, Angie Cafmeyer, Kermit Larson

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (cont.)

Last week we started with the topic-**How to Prepare for Confession**- and in which we have already dealt with three steps such as 1. Examination of Conscience, 2. Real repentance or Sorrow and 3. Resolution not to sin anymore. Let us now go through the last two steps.

4. Confession of Sins

Once we go through the first three steps, the next step is to approach the priest in the Confessional and confess the sins. The penitent is free to go behind the screen or sit face to face with the priest. Some people feel nervous or upset to confess to the priest. Remember, the priest is there only as mirror to the presence of Christ. He is not there to judge or condemn you. He will not be embarrassed by the sins you confess. It is recommended that you confess your venial sins too. Please remember to confess especially the grave sins. The penitent should not hide any sins intentionally, which itself is a grave sin and also he/she goes out without a valid confession. In case, you have forgotten to confess a serious sin, don't rush back to the priest after you had left the confessional. Since it is not intentional God forgives that sin too. But for your peace of mind, it is better you confess the same at the next confession. In the Confessional the priest will not ask many questions or clarifications. If anything is clear to him, he may ask you. But you are free to ask him questions and clarify your doubts.

5. Do Penance

After the Confession the priest will ask you to do a penance to express your sorrow or contrition. If you have not made the Act of Contrition before the confession, the priest will ask you to recite the same there. These days it is the common custom that people recite the Act of Contrition after the Confession, before the absolution. It is Ok to do it before or after the confession.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the wonderful healing Sacrament which heals our souls as well as gives us peace and joy of heart. At every Confession our relationship with God and neighbor is renewed and repaired. We receive the grace to go forward with renewed spirit and desire.

Anointing of the Sick

Perhaps many of you are not familiar with this above name of the Sacrament; rather you may have heard it as '*Extreme unction or last rite.*' In the past, indeed, this Sacrament was given to a person who was in certainty of death and our experience shows that once this Sacrament was administered, the person may not have lived long. So, many maintain a misconception that before the priest is called to give this Sacrament, it should be certain that the person will die soon. As a result many wait for the last minute to call a priest and by the time the priest reaches the hospital or home, very often, the person may have died. In order to clarify the very purpose of the administration of this Sacrament, first of all, the Church re-named the Sacrament as '**Anointing of the Sick,**' instead of '**last rite.**' From the very title it is clear that this Sacrament can be received by the seriously sick, even when he/she is not at the point of death. For instance, a person who is very ill for some time can ask for this Sacrament. Secondly, a person who is going for a surgery where anesthesia is involved should receive this Sacrament. And also a person who is very old who may be in a nursing home or home can receive this Sacrament at least once in six months. But, no one should take this Sacrament lightly and ask for anointing for simple ill health or minor surgeries. At the same time, we don't have to be frightened to ask for this Sacrament for ourselves or our dear ones. So whenever you or your dear ones are critically ill in the hospital, please ask for a priest to administer this Sacrament. If the doctors express their concern about the recovery of anyone in your family, please contact the priest at the earliest, instead of waiting long. As the new name indicates, it is a Sacrament of healing, both spiritual and physical. With this introductory clarification we will go to the details of this great Sacrament.

(We will continue next week).

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

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| Mon. | June 7 th | 8:00 A.M. - No Mass |
| Tues. | June 8 th | 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Nancy Marenger |
| Wed. | June 9 th | <i>Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lisabeth Kudwa |
| Thurs. | June 10 th | 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:30 A.M. - Prayer shawl ministry meets in church basement |
| Fri. | June 11 th | <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke ----- Parish office closed |
| Sat. | June 12 th | <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith |
| Sun. | June 13 th | <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Kathy LaCosse |

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

65 envelopes were returned for Sunday, May 30th

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| Adults..... | \$ 2,979.00 |
| Loose..... | 42.00 |
| General Maintenance..... | 25.00 |
| Mass Stipends..... | 20.00 |
| Donation..... | 200.00 |
| Raffle Ticket Donation..... | 60.00 |
| Total..... | \$3,266.00 |

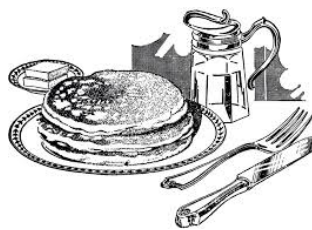
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Short Fall..... \$ 520.83

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 377.00

St. Joseph Church, Perkins: Job Opening for a Part-Time Parish Custodian - Call the parish office at 359-4701 for more information and to request an application.

*Congratulations to newly ordained
Father Benjamin Rivard!*

Council 640 Knights of Columbus News



Because of the virus our Council has been unable to hold our Seminarian Breakfast Fundraiser the last two springs, so we are holding a **virtual type fundraiser**. We encourage parishioners to send a check for the cost of a meal to help us raise funds for this worthy cause. Checks should be made out to Council 640 Knights of Columbus and mailed to Harold Flagstadt at 4048 County 416 20th Road, Gladstone, MI 49837.



Holy Family Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume monthly meetings beginning Thursday, June 10th after 8 a.m. Mass. New members are always welcome, and the ability to knit or crochet is not required. For more information or to request a prayer shawl, call Doris at 786-8974 or Sally at 384-6929.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

June 6th - No parent should spend all of his time in the garden of a child's life digging up weeds; there is always the danger of scratching out flowers not above the ground.

June 7th - To some people a tree is something so incredibly beautiful that it brings tears to the eyes. To others it is just a green thing that stands in the way.

June 8th - Children are the only people wise enough to enjoy today...without regretting yesterday or fearing tomorrow.

June 9th - If a thought comes to you of doing a kindness to someone, do it that very minute! Don't put it off; don't wait! What's the use of doing kindness if you do it a day too late?

June 10th - Father, we are blind to so many things, especially the inner needs of others. Improve our vision.

June 11th - When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

June 12th - Jesus has said: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

7th Annual Walk for Life

Walk for Life Saturday, June 12 at Ludington Park Pavilion. Registration Confirmation/T-Shirt Pickup: 8:00am -9:00 am. Opening Ceremonies with Prayer: 9:00am Walk: 2 mile and 1 mile routes will be marked Register at psdcpartners.org for more details.

The thirst of Jesus on the Cross is not imagination. "I thirst," He said. Hear Him saying it to you...and respond. ~ Mother Teresa

The Blue Army/Our Lady of Fatima is collecting religious items for their state fair booth in August. New or gently used rosaries, medals, statues, books and pictures will be accepted at St. Anne's parish office from 9 am to 4 pm.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

2 Cor 1:1-7
Mt 5:1-12

Wednesday

2 Cor 3:4-11
Mt 5:17-19

Friday

Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9
Eph 3:8-12,14-19
Jn 19:31-37

Tuesday

2 Cor 1:18-22
Mt 5:13-16

Thursday

2 Cor 3:15—4:1,3-6
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

2 Cor 5:14-21
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday

Ez 17:22-24 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34

Catholic Summer Camp

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, Michigan. We are a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences in a technology free zone (they won't even miss their cell phones!) while immersed in a faith filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls that include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, campfires, crafts and more. For additional information, or to learn about our Covid19 safety protocols check us out at www.CampSanctaMaria.org or call (248) 822-8199.



We are currently looking for a full time Store Manager, a part time cashier and volunteers. Pick up applications at 816 Delta Ave Gladstone MI

WORLD CHURCH COMBINED COLLECTION - JUNE 12/13TH, 2021

Catholic Relief Services Overseas Fund

Holy Land & National Communications Collection

Peter's Pence Collection (For the Holy Father)

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST; Cycle – B; June 6th 2021
Exodus 24:3-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Juliana of Liege, an Augustinian nun, had a vision in which a glistering full moon appeared to her. The moon was perfect but a hollow dark spot ruined the beauty of the moon. As Juliana was wondering what went wrong, she was told that the dark spot represented the absence of a feast of the Eucharist. The vision led the local diocese of Liege to begin a feast known as Corpus Christi in 1264 and eventually it was approved by the Universal Church. In the reforms of Vat. II, the Corpus Christi was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus and became the present feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast was introduced in the Church with the intention to honor Jesus Christ publically for his most Precious gift of the Eucharist.

As we read in the synoptic gospels, Jesus Instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. But Luke says that after the Institution of the Eucharist Jesus also gives the commandment to the apostles: **“Do this in memory of me.”** In other words, Jesus expected his disciples to continue with what he has done, in remembrance of him. At the Pentecost the Church was born and the Christian community gathered together every Sunday to celebrate the Christian Sabbath and in that the apostles re-enacted the Last Supper. In Acts 2:42 we read: **“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the *Breaking of the bread and to the prayers.*”** The term Eucharist or Eucharistic celebration was introduced in the Church in the later period and the **‘Breaking of Bread’** was the term used for the Eucharistic celebration at that time. As Jesus celebrated the first Eucharist in the context of the Passover Meal, the apostles also started the celebration in the context of the communal meal which was like a potluck dinner. As there occurred some abuses and discriminations in the communal meal settings, the meal part was removed from the Eucharistic celebration eventually. If we read the letter of Paul to 1Corinthians 11:17-23, we get a clear picture of what caused the dropping of the communal meal.

In Palestine the Eucharistic celebrations continued without interruption. But when Christianity started spreading in Rome, the persecution also broke open and the first thing the Roman authority did was to prohibit the Sunday gathering of the Christians. To make the situation from bad to worse, the rumor was spread in Rome that Christians eat the flesh and blood of Christ and they were accused of cannibalism. But one thing the Christians never failed to do was their Eucharistic

celebrations in the underground, even at the risk of their own lives. The early writings show that it was the Eucharist which gave the persecuted Christians the courage and grace to withstand the severe torture. The testimonies of some of the priests and bishops in the Nazi Concentration camps who survived give us a clear account as how they smuggled the bread and wine and celebrated the Eucharist in the prison cells and how tremendously it helped them to endure the suffering.

In order to get the full picture of the Eucharist, we have to place together the account of the Institution of the Eucharist in the synoptic gospels and the Eucharistic discourse of John chapter 6:35-69. In John Jesus gives the clear meaning of his Body and Blood and speaks about the importance of eating and drinking his Body and Blood. Jesus says in John: **“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh” (Jn 6:51).** Jesus continues: **“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day” (Jn 6:53-54).** So it is very clear that to attain eternal life, it is essential that we receive the body and blood of Christ.

If the eating and drinking of the Body and Blood of Christ are essential for our eternal life, in the letter of Paul to the 1Corinthians 11:23- 31 we know that the unworthy reception of the Eucharist is bringing not eternal life rather eternal punishment. Let us listen to the words of St. Paul, **“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 eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying.”** In that case, we wonder, how worthily the Christmas and Easter Christians approach the Eucharist! These days, many Catholics are very careless about the Holy Communion and without any proper disposition they approach this great Sacrament. I humbly request you to be careful about couple things; if you are in a mortal sin, please abstain from the Communion so that you may not eat and drink the punishment of God. Secondly, please approach the Sacrament of Confession at the earliest possible. Please don't miss a Sunday Eucharistic celebration, unless there is very grave reason. For this is the only opportunity we receive to have the full presence of Jesus with us. Please remember, Eucharist is the very source of our eternal life.