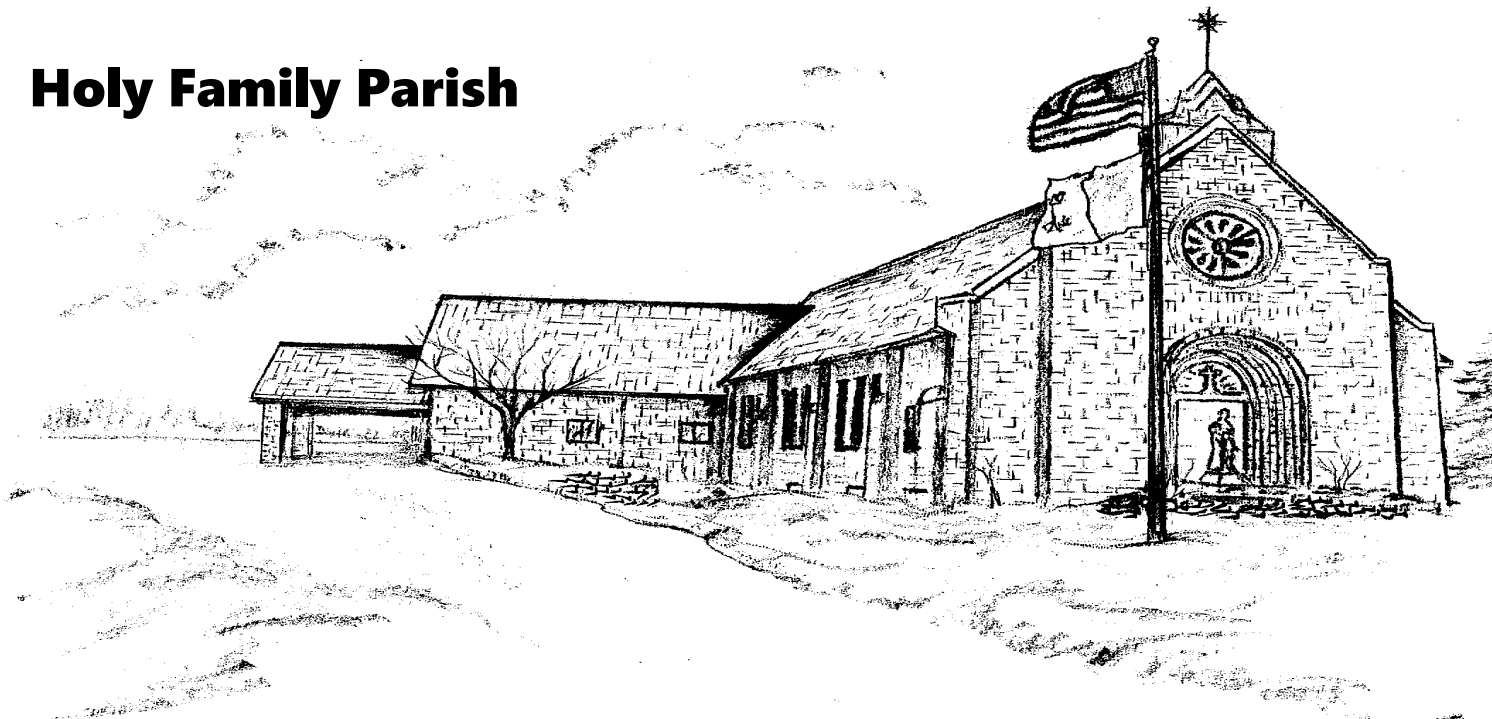


# Holy Family Parish



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## The Most Holy Trinity – May 30, 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.)**

**The Role of Priest:** The priest sits in the confessional in the place of Jesus where he assures the penitent the love and mercy of Jesus. So the priests' attitude towards a sinner, no matter how grave are the sins of the penitent, should be that of the attitude of Jesus towards the sinners. He should never condemn a sinner; rather should condemn only the sins. But at the same time in certain situations the priest can refuse to give the absolution; first of all, if the penitent shows no sorrow for the grave sins committed. Secondly, if he/she doesn't have any intention to reconcile with either God or the neighbor and no intention to change his/her sinful life style, the priest may withhold the absolution.

These days even many Catholics ask the question, 'Why should I confess my sins to a priest? Can't I do it directly to God? First of all, the priest is given authority through the Church to absolve sins. Not only the priest can assure you the forgiveness of sins but also his experience and knowledge in spiritual life will help the penitent to make the right decision in future. The Sacrament of Penance is the time of personal counseling also. This is the time one can get things clarified about the gravity of sins committed. Sometimes, the sins you think are grave may not be; sometimes, the sins you think are light may be just the opposite. Only a priest can give you the right advice in this regard.

#### **How to Prepare for the Confession?**

These days a lot of booklets or brochures are available to help you to make a good confession. They help you to make a good examination of conscience so that you may be able to recognize all your failures, before you confess them to the priest.

The person who decides to approach the Sacrament of Penance needs the right disposition of heart. First of all, he/she should have the absolute trust in the love and forgiving mercy of God. Secondly, the person should be determined to reconcile with God and the fellow beings. The following five steps will help us to make a good Confession.

**1.Examination of Conscience:** It is very essential to examine our conscience and see whether our actions were sinful or not. Conscience is the best judge to verify right from wrong. Every Catholic has the duty to teach the conscience what is good and bad according to the teaching of Christ and the Church. The right conscience very often cannot go wrong. Before we start our examination of conscience it is good that we pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment of the mind. To help us to know where we have failed, please check your life against the Ten Commandments. So it is helpful to use a booklet that helps the examination. If we wait too long to make the Confession, it is possible that we may even forget the grave sins we have committed.

**2.Real repentance or sorrow for the sins committed:** When a person remembers the sins he/she may feel guilty of the same and will repent for the sins committed. But at the same time the guilt feeling should never take us to shame or disappointment. There are two types of contrition for our sins: 1. The Perfect Contrition and 2. The Imperfect Contrition. The Perfect Contrition comes out of the heart which feels sorry for offending the loving and compassionate God. The Imperfect contrition is the result of the fear of hell and eternal death. The Perfect Contrition is always preferred to Imperfect Contrition. But for the validity of the Confession, the Imperfect Contrition will be sufficient.

**3.Resolution not to sin anymore:** Every Confession should lead the person to conversion or reform of life. So at every Confession we have to make a promise to God that we will try our best not to repeat the sins. But despite our desire to do better, still we may fall into the same sins over and again. That is because of our human weakness. Sometimes, people get disappointed and ashamed to confess the same sins over and again. Let us be humble to accept our human frailty before the Lord. But our weakness should never stop us to make good resolution and look for the best. Again, with my effort or desire alone I cannot succeed. The grace which we receive from the Sacrament of Penance will help us to overcome the temptations and do better. But we have to make genuine effort from our part.

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

## *Ninth Week in Ordinary Time*

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

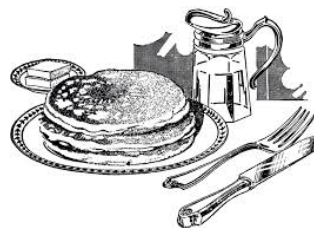
Mon.	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special Intentions ----- Parish office closed
Tues.	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Saint Justin, Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jack & Rose Lynch ----- Parish office closed
Wed.	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Moe & Helen Ness
Thurs.	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jane Seger (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Fri.	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Beauchamp ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Conrad & Florence Herioux
Sun.	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - For the Intentions of St. Vincent de Paul Society

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

77 envelopes were returned for Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Adults.....	\$3,399.00
Loose.....	142.00
General Maintenance.....	125.00
Fuel.....	110.00
Raffle Ticket Donation.....	60.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,836.00</b>
<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$3,786.83</b>
<b>Overage.....</b>	<b>\$ 49.17</b>
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	108.00

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> Road, Gladstone, MI 49837.

**Just a little reminder....** If you have changed your landline to a cell number please contact the parish office with the new number and if you have an email that would be great too!!!!

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Lord, may the scorching sun remind me of my need for the dew of your Spirit.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** - Could we read the final chapter Of our life, then we would see Great advantages and blessings Come from our adversity.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Better do a kindness near at home than walk a thousand miles to burn incense.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - If your Christian life is a drag, worldly weights are probably to blame.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - He loves each one of us, as if there were only one of us.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** - My Lord knows the way through the wilderness. All I have to do is follow.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** - Fellowship with God is a sacred flower which is experienced here in the bud, but whose full bloom is reserved for heaven.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life

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

Our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them. ~ 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@holymfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holymfamilyparish.net).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Zep 3:14-18a  
Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday**  
Tb 2:9-14  
Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday**  
Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a  
Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday**  
Tb 6:10-11;7:1  
Mk 12:28-34

**Friday**  
Tb 11::5-17  
Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday**  
Tb 12:1,5-15,20  
Mk 12:38-44

### **Sunday**

Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16,22-26

### 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](http://www.CampSanctaMaria.org) or call (248) 822-8199.

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

#### **Catholic Relief Services Overseas Fund**

Funds will help six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

#### **Holy Land & National Communications Collection**

The National Communications collection helps connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. A portion of the funds collected will remain here in the Diocese of Marquette to support our local efforts.

#### **Peter's Pence Collection (For the Holy Father)**

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY; Cycle – B; 2021**  
**Deuteronomy 4:32-34; Romans 8: 14-17; Matthew 28:16-20**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

All the 33,000 Christian denominations believe in the Trinitarian God; but Catholic Church may be the only one that defined this great mystery elaborately and also she prays always in the name of Trinity. Almost all our prayers normally begin in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit or with the sign of the cross which is strictly Catholic. At the beginning of the Mass the priest greets the congregation in the name of the Triune God i.e. **“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”** During the Mass quite a few times the Trinitarian God is remembered. Again, the final blessing at the Mass is also given in the name the Triune God. Though we have the clear evidence in the New Testament about the existence of God as Trinity, we don’t see the use of the term *‘Trinity’* or *‘Triune God’* anywhere in the text. In St. John’s gospel Jesus speaks extensively about the Father and Holy Spirit and also his relationship with them. But among the mysteries in the Church, perhaps, the mystery of the Holy Trinity is the hardest one to understand and explain. This may be the mystery which was wrongly interpreted by many in the Church and thus caused a lot of different heresies down the centuries. The theologians like Augustine and Thomas Aquinas tried to explain the mystery of Trinity and admitted that they could not do full justice to it. Only in 200 A.D. even the very term **‘Trinity’** was used in the Church and it took another 125 years to define it officially which happened in the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. During the long period of 300 years, though the idea of God as Triune remained very prevalent in the Church, many struggled hard to understand it. That is why it is called a mystery; for a mystery cannot be fully explained or perceived by human reasoning and understanding. The ancient religions were mostly polytheistic by nature and only Judaism believed in strict monotheism. In **Exodus 20:3, God gives the first Commandment: “You shall not have other gods besides me.”** The concept of God as Trinity was alien to the people of Israel. In fact, the idea of God as Trinity derived from the New Testament, especially through the life and teaching of Jesus.

Even at the moment of annunciation the angel revealed God as three persons. In Luke 1:31& 32 the angel announces to Mary the birth of Jesus; but to **the question of Mary as how it could be possible to have a son as she didn’t have any relationship with a man, the angel answers, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you”** (Lk

**1:35).** *Then we witness the clear picture of the three Divine Persons at the time of the baptism of Jesus where we see the Son standing in the river of Jordan and the Holy Spirit in the form of dove and we hear the voice of the Father, testifying, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Mk 1:11).* Thereafter the synoptic gospels remain silent about the Father and the Holy Spirit except in the last commandment of Jesus to his apostles which we have heard in Matthew, where he asks them to baptize all in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. But in farewell speech of Jesus in John Jesus speaks in great length how he is united to the Father and the Holy Spirit. In John, Jesus uses the term, ‘**Father**’ more than **100 times**. And also chapter 14 of John is almost fully dedicated to the Holy Spirit, where Jesus promises his apostles another ‘**Advocate**’ who will guide and empower their evangelization work.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity was established by Pope John XXII in 1334. But the oldest doctrinal formulation is found in the Apostle’s Creed and later the same was clarified in the Nicene Creed. What does the mystery of the Holy Trinity teach us? First of all, it shows us that God does not exist in solitary individualism but *in a community of love and sharing*. The ideal Christian spirituality consists in communitarian love relationship. The true love requires three partners. Our self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with our fellow beings and a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. The Trinitarian love totally eliminates the *modern ‘I’ mentality or the individualism*. **The doctrine of the Holy Trinity challenges us to adopt rather I-and God- and neighbor principle.** The good family life is the perfect reflection of the Trinitarian love; the love between husband and wife and their love for the children. I am a true Christian in so far as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people.