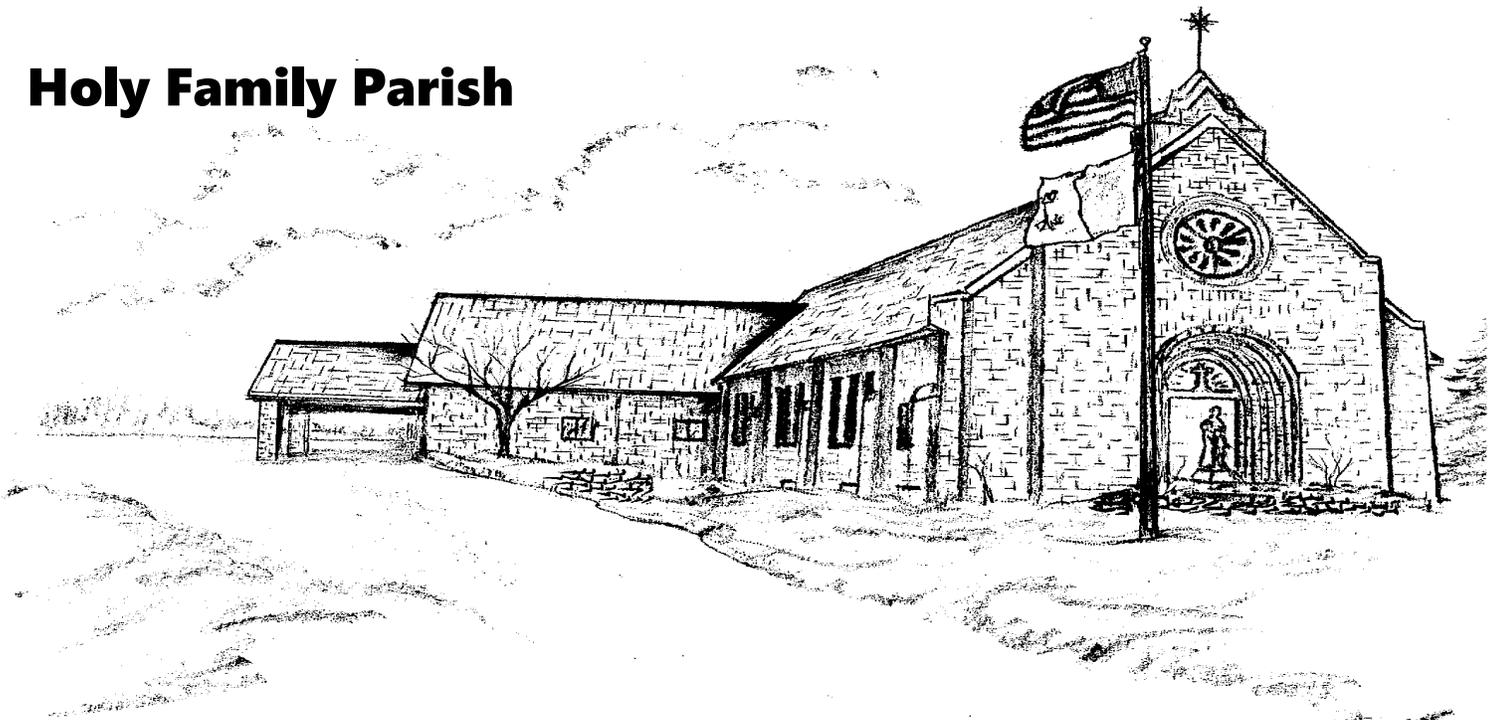


# Holy Family Parish



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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 20, 2021

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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### 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

### Faith Formation Coordinator

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary Harold Flagstadt  
Kevin Dubord Tina Cryderman  
Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy Bill Smith  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### 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, Shelly Polaczyk, Jan Carter, Pete*  
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 Matrimony

**Marriage: Biblical view:** Marriage is supposed to be the oldest institution in human history. The union of man and woman took place the very moment man and woman were created by God. The first Book of the Bible, Genesis, begins with the wedding of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and the last Book of the Bible, Revelation, also speaks about the wedding of the Lamb of God in heaven. According to the two accounts of the creation story in Genesis, God created everything on earth and prepared the earth for the arrival of man. Finally, God created Adam in His own image and likeness. Then God brought all the creatures to Adam and he named them all. But he didn't show any interest in them or find a good companion in any one of them. So in Genesis 2:18 we read, "The Lord God said, *"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a helper as his partner."* So God created Eve and found that she was the right partner for Adam. When God presented Eve to Adam he commented, *"This one at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of her man this one has been taken."* The Book continues, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body" (Gen 2:24). From these verses it is evident that God united man and woman to be companions. But God didn't stop with that intention alone. In Gen. 1:28 God commanded Adam and Eve, **"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it."** So God entrusted upon the couples the great responsibility of procreation by which the mankind will continue to exist. If God had not intended procreation, perhaps he could have created another man and given to Adam as a friend.

In the Books of Law (the first five Books of the Bible) marriage is given a special place and it is protected through many laws. It is very clear that from the very beginning of mankind some sort of social approval was attached to the marriage and it was sealed with a contract between two parties and the families. The Book of Leviticus gives clear rule of conduct for couples. The mutual fidelity was highly emphasized in the Bible. If we take the ancient cultures we know that in every religion marriage was considered to be a contract. And also in course of time some sort of religious ceremony was attached to the marriage which was considered to be an occasion for the families to invoke the blessing of God upon the newly wedded couples.

The Jews considered the marital love between the husband and wife as the purest and deepest love. That is why Prophet like Isaiah compared God's love and fidelity for Israel with marital love. Isaiah says to people of Israel in 62:5, *"As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; And as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you."* In the beginning, though the Jewish community gave high esteem to the contract of marriage, eventually the evil of divorce crept into the married life. As the situation became worse, finally, Moses gave the men the right of divorce. So the men could divorce their wives by issuing a certificate of divorce. And also in the Jewish religion only men were given the right of divorce. They misused this right to an extent that for simple reasons like the wife ruining a dinner was sufficient for a man to divorce his wife. If the man lost interest in his wife, he could divorce her and go for another one.

When Jesus started his public ministry, divorce was a burning problem in the Jewish community. But the Jews had the protection in the shade of the Mosaic Law which allowed divorce. The scribes and Pharisees knew that Jesus always gave new interpretation to the Mosaic Law. Jesus definitely had his view of marriage, not anything different from the original intention of the Creator when He created the first couple, Adam and Eve. If we go through the gospel of Matthew 19:3-9 we get the clear picture of the view of Jesus on marriage. To the question of the Pharisees, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever? Jesus said in reply, **"Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."** Jesus was just quoting the Book of Genesis to show the indissolubility of marriage. And also Jesus mentions in the same passage that Moses allowed divorce due to the hardness of men's hearts. Jesus' high esteem of marriage is visible in the wedding feast at Cana. According to John the first miracle Jesus worked was to safeguard the reputation of a young couple. Here we should not conclude that Jesus added more than 125 gallons of wine to the stock for the already drunk guests. Jesus' timely help saved the young couple from public humiliation.

The Church takes these above two incidents and concludes that it was the desire of Jesus to institute marriage as a Sacrament.

**(To be continued next week).**

*Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time*

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion Sodergren
Wed.	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lela & Kent Dubord
Thurs.	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson
Fri.	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Chouinard ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Willie & Karen LaMarche 10:00 AM - Mass - For the people of our parish

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

85 envelopes were returned for Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$ 3,615.00
Loose.....	137.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,782.00</b>

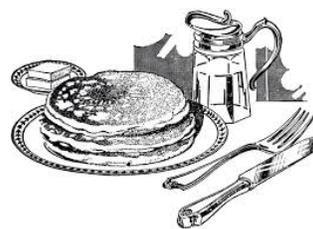
<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$3,786.83</b>
<b>Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$ 4.83</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	20.00
Diocesan Collection.....	383.00



*Father....  
someone you look up to  
no matter how tall you grow!  
May God Bless all of our  
Fathers.*

**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.

Our lives have to continuously feed on the Eucharist. If we were not able to see Christ under the appearance of bread, neither would it be possible for us to discover Him under the humble appearances of the bruised bodies of the poor. ~ Mother Teresa

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** - Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalm 30:5

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Spend time in the Word of God....It is your blueprint for successful living.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they should do for themselves.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Life with Christ is an endless hope, Without Him a hopeless end.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - I question not if thrushes sing, If roses load the air; Beyond my heart I need not reach When all is summer there.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** - When you turn "green" with envy, You're getting "ripe" for trouble.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** - I used to ask God to help me, then I asked if I might help Him. I ended up by asking Him to do His work through me.

### MEIJER'S SIMPLY GIVE DOUBLE MATCH DAY IS SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Support Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Pantry by purchasing \$10 Simply Give donation cards at the Meijer store checkout. The Pantry uses the cards to purchase food only items for our neighbors in need.

To stretch your donation, take advantage of Meijer's Simply Give Double Match Days on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. For every \$10 Simply Give donation card you purchase on this day, Meijer will provide the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry with a contribution of \$20, which brings the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Purchases resulting from the Double Match Day will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for this campaign. If you don't see Simply Give donation cards at the checkout, please ask a cashier.

**We ask that you please return a copy of your Simply Give receipts with the name and address of the donor to St. Vincent de Paul Pantry, 115 N. 8th Street, Escanaba, MI 49829. Thank you.**

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Gn 12:1-9

Mt 7:1-5

### **Wednesday**

Gn 15:1-12,17-18

Mt 7:15-20

### **Friday**

Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22

Mt 8:1-4

### **Tuesday**

Gn 13:2,5-18

Mt 7:6,12-14

### **Thursday**

Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66,80

### **Saturday**

Gn 18:1-15

Mt 8:5-17

### **Sunday**

Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15

Mk 5:21-43

### BARAGA YOUTH FRATERNITY CAMPING TRIP for Boys -

Daily Mass, Campfires, Prayer, Talks. Tent camping at Companions of Christ the Lamb near Paradise, MI. Canoeing the Two-Hearted River, visits to U.P. waterfalls, hiking and swimming. Spending time with priests and seminarians, learning the Catholic faith more deeply, and building fraternity with other youth of the diocese. For Boys ages 11-15. Mon. July 19 through Thurs. July 22. \$100 full payment by July 15. Registration Forms available at the Parish Office. For more info. or to request financial assistance, contact Fr. Corey Litzner (906) 295-1282 or Mike Nelson (906) 420-0107 or 233-2644.



Applications are being accepted for the position of *part-time janitor here at Holy Family*. An application and job description may be picked up at the parish office or sent in response to an email request [secretary@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyparish.net).

*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.

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle - B; June 20<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Job 38: 1,8-11; 2Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark. 4: 35-41**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

If you read Mark's gospel carefully we will find there *a Jesus* with different personality and the same we don't find in other three gospels. In his gospel we meet a Jesus who is divine and at the same time ***fully human, with all human emotions***. At the same time Mark does not belittle the Divine Power of Jesus. People in Mark's gospel often get astounded by the marvelous teaching and miracles of Jesus. At the same time, no other gospels give such a human picture of Jesus as Mark does. Sometimes Jesus' picture is so human that we see the other gospel writers altering it a little because they were almost afraid to say plainly what Mark said about Jesus. Jesus too has got all human emotions and needs as we have. *Jesus in Mark is sympathetic, sad, frustrated, hungry, loving, angry and tired.* We have quite a few incidents in Mark to show the human emotions of Jesus.

In today's gospel we have another beautiful human picture of the *worn out Jesus*. After a long day of preaching and working miracles Jesus asked his disciples to take him to the other side of the Lake of Galilee and in the cool breeze of the lake he fell asleep. This is the only occasion we see Jesus taking a nap. Mark also says that Jesus was sleeping comfortably *on a cushion*. Of course, Matthew and Luke repeat the same incident in their gospels which they borrowed from Mark. Besides his human characteristics, Jesus in Mark is the Divine Son of God who is the Messiah. Mark gives the miracles of Jesus in great details to prove that Jesus indeed is the *Messiah* who has got authority over sin, sickness and evil. The stilling of the sea described in today's gospel has the same purpose i.e. to show Jesus, as the Messiah has power and control over the natural forces too.

Many early Church Fathers considered this miracle story as an allegory of the early Church. *The boat in the stormy lake is a symbol of the Church facing challenges from inside and outside.* Even while Mark was writing his gospel, the persecution started tossing the little Christian community in Rome. There were moments when the Christians wondered whether Jesus was with them at all. But through this miracle story Mark wanted to assure the Christians that Jesus would wake up in time to act and the storm would be stilled. So they should not lose their faith and courage. Indeed, Jesus calmed down the storm of persecution. In 325 A.D. Christianity gained the full religious freedom and it was declared to be the official religion of Rome by Emperor Constantine. In the modern age the Church faces many challenges from within and outside. Many wonder, how far the Church is going to survive these storms. But so far Jesus is in the boat, though at times

apparently sleeping, there will be peace and he can still the storm and waves. He has been doing the same for more than 2000 years.

If we take the story of the stilling of the storm in its physical sense, it is a wonderful incident and we have to marvel at the power of Jesus and the helplessness of the apostles. Among the disciples, at least four of them were seasoned fishermen in that same lake and they were familiar with such storm. But there came the moment that things didn't remain under their skill and control. Being fear stricken and frustrated, they approached Jesus and within no time the storm became calm. We have got another incident of Jesus calming down the storm described in Matthew (14:22-33) Mark (6:30-44) and John (6: 16-21). The context is Jesus walking on the water while the disciples were being tossed by the big storm. In that incident **none of the disciples recognized Jesus** in the first place. But both Matthew and Mark give us an eye opening fact. They say, "**He got into the boat with them and the wind died down.**" This should be a great lesson for us. Perhaps, none of us may have the experience of being stuck in a boat on a stormy day in the Lake Superior. **But all of us are sailing through the sea of our life, starting from the shore of our birth to the shore of the eternal life.** *At times we face the violent storms like physical ailments, anxiety, frustration, anger, depression, alienation and sorrow. Many a time we don't have control over things happening in our lives. There are moments you and I ask, Jesus, are you sleeping? Do you not care that we are perishing?*" Let us remember, so far we keep Jesus in our lives, he will never let our little boat sink. In our frustration we may think that Jesus is sleeping and is not caring for us. But he is aware of our needs. What we need is nothing but faith. When we are shaken and feel like perishing, Jesus asks us, "**Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?**" Let us humbly pray to Jesus, 'Lord increase our faith and trust in you.' At times due to our overwhelming frustration, we may not recognize Jesus standing with us. Let us remember the words of Matthew and Mark, "*He got into the boat with them and the wind died down.*" Definitely, when Jesus gets into our little boat the wind will die down. But we need to allow Jesus to get into our boats.