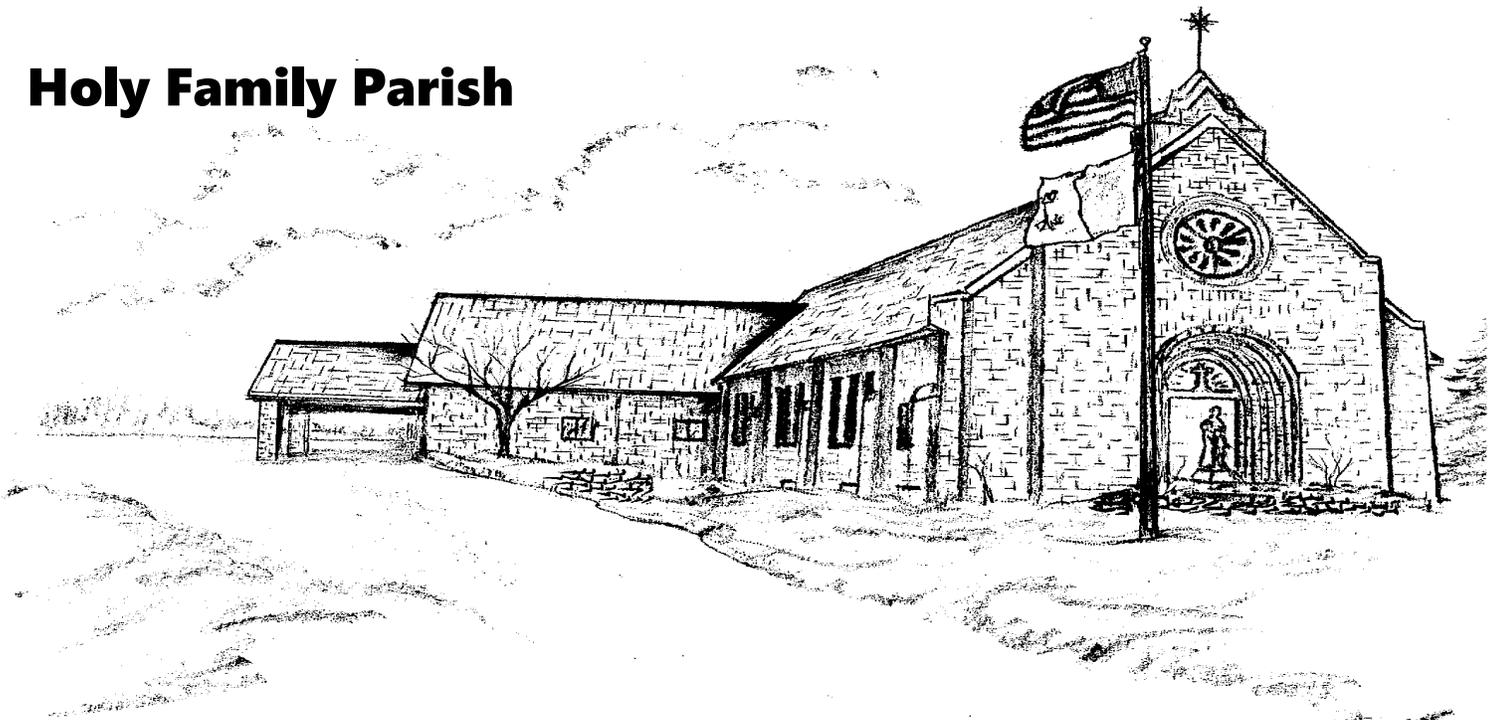


Holy Family Parish



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 27, 2021

Pastor

(906) 786-1209 Ext. 3

Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

Deacon

Deacon: Robert Berbohm 786-9082

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

Parish Secretary

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Bulletin articles should be submitted

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Faith Formation Coordinator

Chris Olesak 428-9431

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Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

Maintenance

Mike Rabitoy 786-1209

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.

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

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

Diane, Bob Gascon, Brevyn Willford, Barb, Dale

Betty Lou, 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 (Cont.)

Teaching of the Catholic Church: The [Catholic Church](#) teaches that God himself is the author of the sacred institution of marriage, which is His way of showing love for those He created. Marriage is a divine institution that can never be broken, even if the husband and wife legally are divorced in the civil court. As long as they are both alive, the Church considers them bound together by God. Holy Matrimony is another name for sacramental marriage. Marriage is intended to be a faithful, exclusive, lifelong union of a man and a woman. Committing themselves completely to each other, a Catholic husband and wife strive to sanctify each other, bring children into the world, and educate them in the Catholic way of life. Man and woman, although created differently from each other, complement each other. This mutual support draws them together in a mutually loving union.

The valid marriage of baptized Christians is one of the seven [Catholic Sacraments](#). The Sacrament of marriage is the only sacrament that a priest does not administer directly; a priest, however, is the chief witness of the husband and wife's administration of the Sacrament to each other at the wedding ceremony in a Catholic church.

The Catholic Church views that Christ himself established the Sacrament of marriage at the [wedding feast of Cana](#). Therefore, since it is a divine institution, neither the Church nor state can alter the basic meaning and structure of marriage. Husband and wife give themselves totally to each other in a union that lasts until death.

The Church believes and teaches that Jesus Christ elevated the marriage from a mere contract to *a Sacrament and a Sacred Covenant*. As all religions consider, marriage is a contract between a man and woman who consent to each other to enter into wedlock and thus the contract is sealed. This is a voluntary agreement a man and woman make to live together for the rest of their lives. From the two incidents in the gospels, John 2:1-12, 'The wedding at Cana' and Matthew 19:3-9, 'The question of the Pharisees about divorce' it is very clear that Jesus has high esteem for marriage and he held firmly the original plan of the Creator that a man and woman are united for life and no power on earth should separate them. Hence the Church believes that Jesus Christ elevated the marriage to a Sacrament. So naturally when a man and woman enter the contract of marriage in the Catholic Church in the presence of the ordained minister, they are receiving the Sacrament and the grace promised by it. The Council of Trent defines the marriage as Sacrament: **"If any one shall say that Matrimony is not truly and properly one of the Seven Sacraments of the Evangelical Law, instituted by Christ our Lord, but was invented in the Church by men, and does not confer grace, let him be anathema - excommunicated"** (Session XIV). Even from the very early writings of the Church Fathers, it is evident that they considered Marriage as a Sacrament. St. Augustine called it a Sacrament in many a passage. "It is certain, he says, "that a Sacrament is recommended to believers in wedlock when the Apostle says, "You who are husbands must show love to your wives, as Christ showed love to the Church.' St. Ambrose wrote: "We also do not deny that marriage was sanctified by Christ." Elsewhere he calls it a "heavenly Sacrament.

The marriage becomes Sacrament only when two baptized parties contract it in the presence of a priest. Once validly and worthily contracted the marriage becomes valid before the Church and even the Church has no power to declare a valid marriage, null and void. Then you may wonder, how come the Diocesan Tribunal declares every year at least a few marriages as null and void or invalid. I will deal with this issue later.

Strictly following the original intention of the Creator about marriage, the Church considers **marriage as the intimate, exclusive, indissoluble communion of life and love entered by man and woman at the design of the Creator for the purposes of their own good and the procreation and education of children. Let me explain the characteristics of marriage.**

Intimate communion of life and love:- Marriage is the closest and the most intimate of human friendship. Marital love is the deepest and the purest of all love. It involves the sharing of the whole of a person's life with his or her spouse. Marriage calls for mutual self-surrender so intimate and complete that the two spouses become one yet without losing their uniqueness and identity.

Exclusive:- As mutual gift of two persons to each other, this intimate union excludes such union with anyone else. It demands the total fidelity of the spouses. This exclusivity is essential for the good of the couple's children as well.

Indissoluble:- A man and woman are not joined in marriage by passing emotion or mere erotic inclination, which, selfishly pursued, fade quickly away. They are joined by God in an unbreakable bond of love through the firm and irrevocable act of their own consent. For the baptized, this bond is sealed by the Holy Spirit and, once consummated, becomes absolutely indissoluble.

(We will continue next week).

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	June 28 th	<i>Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	June 29 th	<i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - No Mass
Wed.	June 30 th	<i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - No Mass
Thurs.	July 1 st	<i>Saint Junipero Serra, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Kermit Larson
Fri.	July 2 nd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Frank Kudwa & Children ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	July 3 rd	<i>Saint Thomas, Apostle</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Bernard Maynard
Sun.	July 4 th	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lester & Helen Ness 10:00 AM - Mass - For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

76 envelopes were returned for Sunday, June 20th

Adults.....	\$ 3,300.00
Loose.....	129.00
Mass Stipends.....	40.00
General Maintenance.....	115.00
Total.....	\$3,584.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Shortage..... \$ 202.83

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	45.00
Diocesan Collection.....	10.00

Visit Aquinas College this summer!

Aquinas College welcomes high school students to our campus this summer to experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Visit opportunities include Personal Visits, Information Sessions and Twilight Tours. Come discover why small is mighty! Details and registration can be found at aquinas.edu/visit.

The Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Warehouse, 815 1st Avenue North, is having a sale on furniture and miscellaneous items Thursday, July 1st and Friday, July 2nd, 9am - 4:30pm

ASK BISHOP JOHN DOERFLER TO PRAY FOR YOU

A direct mailing was sent to all registered households from Bishop John Doerfler in mid-June. Helping to fulfill one of his primary obligations, to pray for the people of the Diocese of Marquette, Bishop John Doerfler invites parishioners to send personal prayer requests. Returned prayer cards are kept in his private chapel, where he will pray for your intentions for the next year.

I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God and silence are great friends. We need to listen to God, because it's not what we say, but what He says to us and through us that matters. ~ Mother Teresa

SPIRIT LIFTERS

June 27th - Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

June 28th - While looking for ways to serve and help others, you will find most of your own faults automatically corrected.

June 29th - Love does not consist of looking at each other, but in looking outward together, in the same direction.

June 30th - A golden wedding is when the couple has gone fifty-fifty!

July 1st - If you can't sleep, don't count sheep; talk to the Shepherd.

July 2nd - People who deal in Sunshine Are the ones who draw the crowds, They always do more business Than those who peddle clouds.

July 3rd - The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together.



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.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Gn 18:16-33
Mt 8:18-22

Wednesday

Gn 21:5,8-20a
Mt 8:28-34

Friday

Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67
Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Acts 12:1-11
Mt 16:13-19

Thursday

Gn 22:1b-19
Mt 9:1-8

Saturday

Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Sunday

Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a0

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

June 28th - ST. IRENAEUS, bishop and martyr --

Irenaeus was born around 135 at Smyrna in Asia Minor. He was a student under Polycarp, who in his time had been a student under the Apostle John. Irenaeus became a priest in Lyons, France, and later bishop of Lyons. He wrote theological expositions to defend the faith against Gnostic heresies, demonstrated a vigorous missionary spirit, and was martyred around 200.

June 29th - STS. PETER AND PAUL, apostles –

The Lord built His Church on the foundation of the Apostles. Today we celebrate solemnly the two greatest Apostles, Peter and Paul. Their role in salvation history was of basic importance. Their tombs and basilicas are in Rome.

July 3rd - ST. THOMAS, apostle –

Thomas is known among the apostles especially for his unbelief. That unbelief vanished before the risen Christ. Thomas gave us the exclamation of Easter faith: "My Lord and my God!" Apart from the Gospels, nothing certain is known of his life and ministry. The Christians of Malabar (west coast of India) honor Thomas as founder of their Church. The church of Syria takes its liturgy from St. Thomas and since 232 has honored him on this date.

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.

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; June 27th 2021
Wisdom 1:13-25, 2:23-24; 2Corinthians 8:7-9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Mark's gospel is the shortest of the four gospels. But the miracle stories in Mark are very lengthy and contain great details. For instance, in today's gospel we have two miracles woven together, which he narrates in 22 verses. But Matthew summarizes the same miracles in 9 verses (Mt 9:18-26). In Mark's the miracles are spread through chapters **1-10 by which he unfolds the personality, mission, compassion, authority and power of Jesus**. And also Mark gives us 16 of such miracles which involve diverse characters.

In all his miracles two elements are found in common, such as, the faith of the beneficiaries in the power of Jesus and on the other hand the great compassion of Jesus towards the sick. Jesus treated all the sick with the same gentle attitude and tender love, no matter whether one was socially or ritually outcast. The woman in today's gospel was ritually unclean and she was not supposed to come into the crowd. In healing miracles, *sometimes we see the sick persons themselves take the initiative and approaching Jesus for healing; in some cases their friends brought them to Jesus with the request; in certain cases, like healing the demoniac, Jesus himself took the initiative.* Coming back to the miracles of today's gospel, both the woman and the Synagogue official Jairus took the initiative by themselves and approached Jesus. But they had barriers to cross before they could reach him. The woman was ritually unclean, but she ignored the law and forced herself to Jesus. Jairus enjoyed high social ranking and dignity. It was a bit humiliating for him to approach a wandering Rabbi who was labeled by the scribes and Pharisees as a law breaker. So, in other words he had to break the barrier of his pride and prejudice to reach Jesus.

Like any other healing miracles, in these miracles also we find the profound faith of the woman and Jairus. Both cases seemed to be rather impossible from human point of view. The 12 years of suffering, made the woman lose her hope in any physician and she sought the help of Jesus as a last resort. Jairus had some hope so far his daughter was living. But the sad news of her death wiped out the little trust he had in Jesus. But their perseverance was paid off. **In other words, when the impossible fell in the hands of Jesus it became possible.**

Napoleon Bonaparte, the French Emperor believed that there isn't anything called '*impossible in the world.*' But finally he was defeated and driven out of his

own country and died in isolation in a lonely Island. Perhaps, for the first time he realized that there were impossible things in the world. We are living in a highly advanced world. Many things which we considered impossible 25 years ago are simple things for the modern science and technology. ***Modern man is forced to believe that anything is possible with money, science and technology.*** Today everything is available just on a mouse click, a button press and a 911 call. ***Yes, there is only ONE in whose dictionary there is no word 'Impossible' and that one is our compassionate Jesus Christ.*** Unfortunately, our over confidence in medical science and technology keep us away from seeking help from Jesus. **No doubt, the doctors, nurses, technicians, councilors, medicine, material goods, all are God given facilities and gifts for us. They work well in the hands of Jesus, provided we have full faith and trust in him.** When we try to make use of them, leaving aside Jesus, they become ineffective. Once we place our absolute trust in Jesus, good things will happen to us; the impossible becomes possible; even when all the doors seem to be shut against us, Jesus will open at least a window for us at the right time. We read in **Ps 2:11b** **“Happy are all, who take refuge in God!”** Again in **Ps. 91:15**, the Lord says, **“All who call upon me I will answer; I will be with them in distress; I will deliver them and give them honor.”** We should never seek the help of the Lord when all helps seem to fail; rather seek his help first before we go for human help. Like the woman and Jairus, we too have many barriers blocking us from approaching Jesus. When we break our barriers of pride, overconfidence and lack of faith, we will be able to reach Jesus and then we will hear his voice, **“Do not be afraid, just have faith.”**