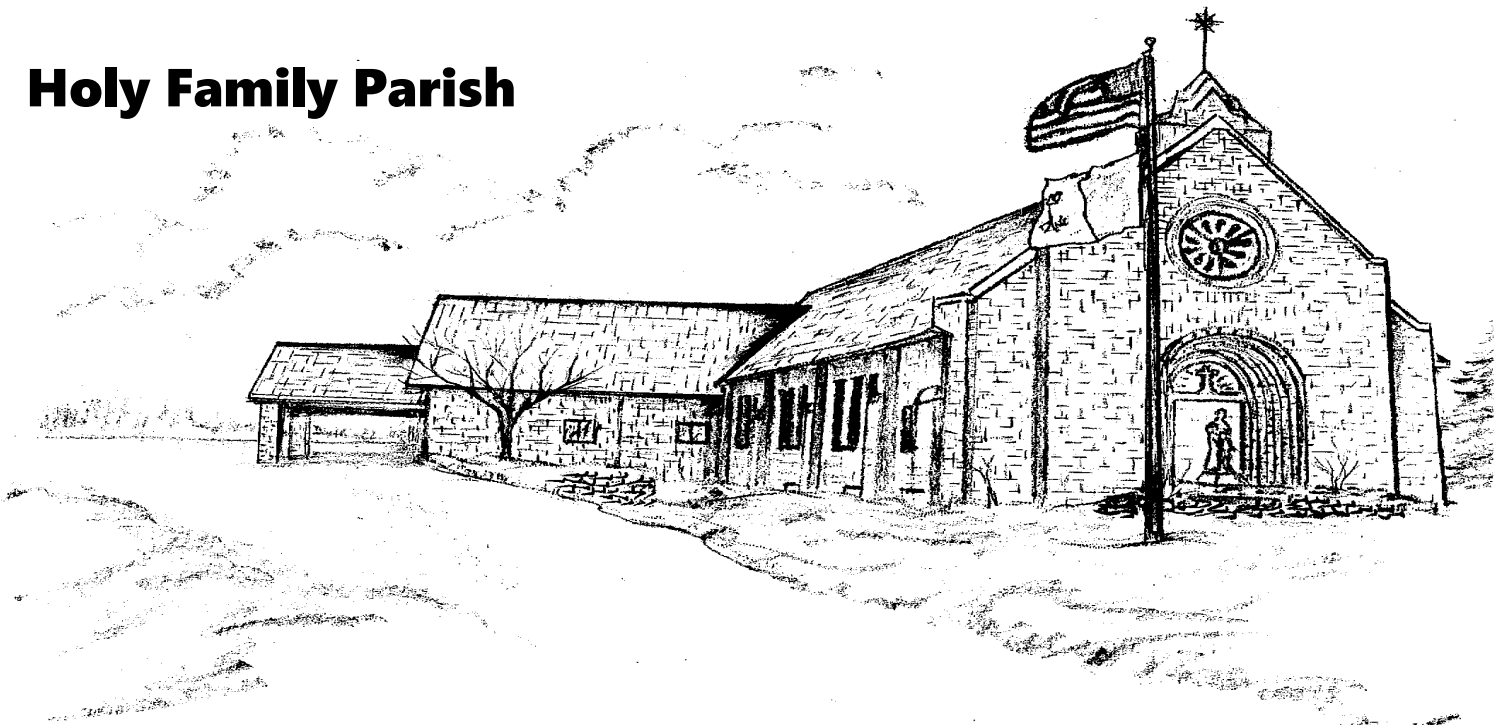


Holy Family Parish



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4011 Co. 416-20th Road, Gladstone, MI 49837

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 4, 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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Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

Bulletin articles should be submitted

by Noon on Wednesdays

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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

Email: colesak@allsaintsgladstone.org

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.)

Last week we concluded with the three characteristics of Matrimony, such as: **It is an Intimate union of life and love; an Exclusive union; and Indissoluble. Let us see the rest of its characteristics.**

Entered by man and woman:- God created a woman and united with Adam to be his companion. He could have created another man for Adam. So it is very clear that it is in the original plan of God that only a man and woman should be united in marriage. In other words, the so called same sex marriage was not in the intention of the Creator.

For the purpose of their own good:- God said to Himself, “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen. 2:18). Thus it is for their own good, for their benefit, enrichment, and ultimately their own salvation, that a man and woman join their life in covenant of marriage.

Procreation and Education of children:- Of course, God meant marriage to provide friendship to man and woman by which they become a mutual support to each other. But God didn't stop there; rather He wanted the mankind to continue in the world through multiplication. That is why He commanded to Adam and Eve, “Be fertile and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it” (Gen. 1:28). So it is the intention of God and man and woman should procreate the children for God.

Marriage is a Covenant: Catholic Church agrees that marriage is a contract. But she considers it as a sacred contract as it was instituted by Christ. As we have seen in the beginning, marital union is the oldest institution established by God. What makes a contract a covenant? In the Old Testament we read about the Covenant God made with the people of Israel. God made the first Covenant on Mount Sinai with Moses. Though it was a contract, God didn't call it as a mere contract. In an ordinary contract, it is enough that both parties who enter into a contract should agree the terms and conditions and give the consent with their signatures. It is not necessary that the parties should know each other beforehand. In the marriage contract it is a contract made for life. It makes a covenant for the reasons that, first of all, it is a sacred union between a man and woman which is supposed to last for life. Secondly, the contracting parties love each other and thus they enter into this contract. The contract which is sealed by the LOVE of both parties makes it a covenant. God made Covenant with Israel, not contract, for God loved the people of Israel.

Conditions of Valid Marriage: Marriage is brought about by the legitimately manifested consent of properly qualified bride and groom. As marriage is a voluntary act, the **consent** of both parties should be **free** of any inside or outside force. But at the same time they should be free from all the impediments (legal obstacles) stipulated by the Church. The couple should be open to children and the refusal to have children (*except on medical reason*) will never allow them to have a marriage in the Catholic Church. If they hid the fact from the priest and got married, that marriage will not be valid in the first place. A Catholic can get married validly to another Catholic or non-Catholic only before a Catholic priest, following the proper form of the Sacrament. The couple should be in a mental capacity to exchange the vows. They need to consent to what Church intends by marriage, that is: *fidelity, indissolubility, and openness to children*. If one of the parties has any hidden intention which is against the teaching of the Church, the marriage will become automatically invalid. In the Catholic marriage the ministers of the Sacrament are the spouses and not the priest. The priest is only an official witness appointed by the Church. But at the same time the presence of the priest, together with two other witnesses is a must, to make the marriage valid.

(We will continue next week).

~RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE~

Please grab a couple of packets and start selling!!! We have 3,000 tickets that we would like to sell for our annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar on Sunday October 17th!

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 5 th	<i>Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;</i> <i>USA: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	July 6 th	<i>Saints Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – John Marcella
Wed.	July 7 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe ----- Parish office closed
Thurs.	July 8 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Prayer Shawl Ministry ----- Parish office closed
Fri.	July 9 th	<i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – J.W. Pascoe ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	July 10 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Art & Brother Clem Tourangeau 13 th Anniversary
Sun.	July 11 th	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Kathy LaCosse

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

82 envelopes were returned for Sunday, June 27th

Adults.....	\$ 3,063.00
Loose.....	95.00
Total.....	\$3,158.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,786.83
Shortage.....	\$ 628.83

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	499.00
Diocesan Collection.....	30.00



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ALL SAINTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 12TH - 16TH
9 AM – NOON**

FOR AGES 4 TO GRADE 4

For more information call All Saints Parish Office 428-3199 or kkohtala@allsaintsgladstone.org to Sign Up!!



*Our parish sympathies and prayers are extended to the family and friends of
Lorraine Nelson*

May she rest in peace!

If you listen with your heart, you will hear and you will understand...Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you, you cannot begin to know who He wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him. ~ Mother Teresa

SPIRIT LIFTERS

July 4th - Be thankful for America...In humbleness we pray Please God, watch over our dear land And keep it safe from day to day.

July 5th - This day must be remembered, The stars and stripes unfurled; Ours is a glorious heritage, So bless the whole wide world.


July 6th - Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

July 7th - The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions - the little soon-forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heart-felt compliment....

July 8th - You are often sorry for saying a harsh word, But you will never regret saying a kind one.

July 9th - To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. Eccl. 3:1

July 10th - It is always commendable to get in and dig, but be careful where you throw the dirt.

 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 28:10-22a
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21,23b-29:
45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7,28-30
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Am 7:12-15 Eph 1;3-14 Mk 6:7-13

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

July 5th - ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA, priest –

Born at Cremona in north Italy in 1502, today's saint practiced as a medical doctor before priestly ordination in 1528. Even before the Council of Trent he also had a dream of priests who would be neither monks or mendicants, but living under a rule of life with vows. He founded such a Congregation at Milan. Because they lived first at the Church of St. Barnabas, these religious priests were referred to as the Barnabites. Anthony died prematurely in 1539. The order did much to inspire clergy and evangelize the people.

July 6th - ST. MARIA GORETTI, virgin and martyr –

The early church gloried in the young virgin martyr who preferred death over the loss of chastity. This was the story of Maria Goretti on July 6, 1902. Only twelve years of age, she was killed by fourteen knife wounds. The attack took place at Nettuno, near Rome, in the region of the Pontine Marshes. Pope Pius XII in 1950 canonized Maria Goretti a saint, with her aged mother in attendance.

THANK YOU!..... Thanks to our faithful partners, over \$53,000 was raised this year during our 7 Days to *Walk for Life*. Leading by example, Holy Family Parish raised **\$1,075** to bring care, help, and hope to women and families in our community experiencing an unplanned pregnancy! Our sincere gratitude to all who walked, donated, and sponsored Fr. Sebastian who was one of the top 5 sponsored pastors in our area! We are so grateful that you were able to join us, and for bearing witness that we *Love Them Both*. Thank you!

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; July 4th 2021
Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2Cor. 12:2-7; Mark 6:1-6

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

The evils of prejudice and contempt and their consequences of slander and rash judgment are as old as Adam and Eve. The prejudice and hatred of Cain prompted him to kill his brother Abel. Ever since, the same is inherited by whole mankind in different degrees. People get easily prejudiced against one another and act upon it. For instance, Albert Einstein, the great atomic scientist, did not speak till he was four and could not read till he was nine. So his teacher had judged him as mentally slow, unsociable and adrift in his foolish dreams. Thomas Alva Edison, the great inventor of electric bulb was dismissed from school at the early stage, for his teacher considered him as ‘too stupid to learn anything.’ As a result his mother had to give him home schooling. John Maria Vianney was dismissed from the seminary almost towards the end of his studies, just because he was poor in Latin. By the mercy of the Bishop Vianney became a priest. Today he is the patron saint of the parish priests. Six million Jews were assassinated due to the prejudice and hatred of one man, Adolf Hitler.

Though God sent many Prophets to Israel, they were not treated by the people well. The people were prejudiced against each one of them. In today’s first reading, from the Book of Ezekiel God warns the prophet against the rebellious and obstinate nature of the people. But despite all that, he had to take this role. Finally God sent his own Son among the people, but he too didn’t get any better treatment. John the Evangelist comments, “**He came to his own but his own didn’t accept him.**” Though the simple and ordinary people accepted Jesus as a great Prophet, the elite class looked down upon him with contempt and prejudice. For the people of Nazareth Jesus was still a carpenter and no matter how wisely and eloquently he spoke and taught; they didn’t want him to go beyond the carpenter’s career. So as we have heard in today’s gospel, his own people were not even ready to accept him as a Rabbi, let alone the Messiah. They would have been more comfortable and happy to see Jesus as a carpenter among them. Mark says in the gospel: “**And they took offense at him.**” The reason was that, an ordinary carpenter who never enjoyed any social status came out one day preaching as a Rabbi. Mark says that the people were astounded and amazed by Jesus’ wisdom and knowledge. But due to their prejudice, they could not appreciate his qualities rather they were stuck with his simple origin. From their question, “**Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?**” their contempt is very evident.

At the end of today's gospel Mark comments, **“So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.”** This is one of the most shocking comments in the gospels- *that Jesus could not perform mighty deeds!* Is it impossible for Jesus to work any miracle who healed the lepers, cured the blind and even raised the dead? Mark says that in certain situations even Jesus becomes helpless to act. **In other words, where there prejudice and unbelief persist, even God becomes helpless.**

The maxim is true: **“Familiarity breeds contempt.”** This was exactly the problem of the people in Nazareth. They knew too much about Jesus, about his birth, poor family background, his career, growth and so on. Among the politicians a lot of prejudiced speeches and spreading of slander pop up during the election time. These are the deadly weapons by which they try to destroy their opponents. Prejudice against the Catholic Church is not uncommon. Many so called Catholics claim that they know all about the Church, her past and present and many are prejudiced against the teachings and policies of the Church. Sometimes somebody come out of a community qualified to do certain jobs, many find it hard to accept it and they dig out his/her past. It is very common in parishes that whenever a new parishioner joined the parish and when he/she wanted to involve in the parish activities, many long standing members become prejudiced and would never allow the new comer to do anything. So the community loses the new talents. **Prejudice is a big log in our eyes which can prevent us from seeing the good qualities in others.** As a result many initiatives and talents are destroyed from its budding stage. What we need to consider is not what the *person was in the past* rather what he is today. Once we remove the big log of prejudice from our eyes we will be able to see the good qualities in our brothers and sisters and appreciate them. And also we will ignore their shortcomings.