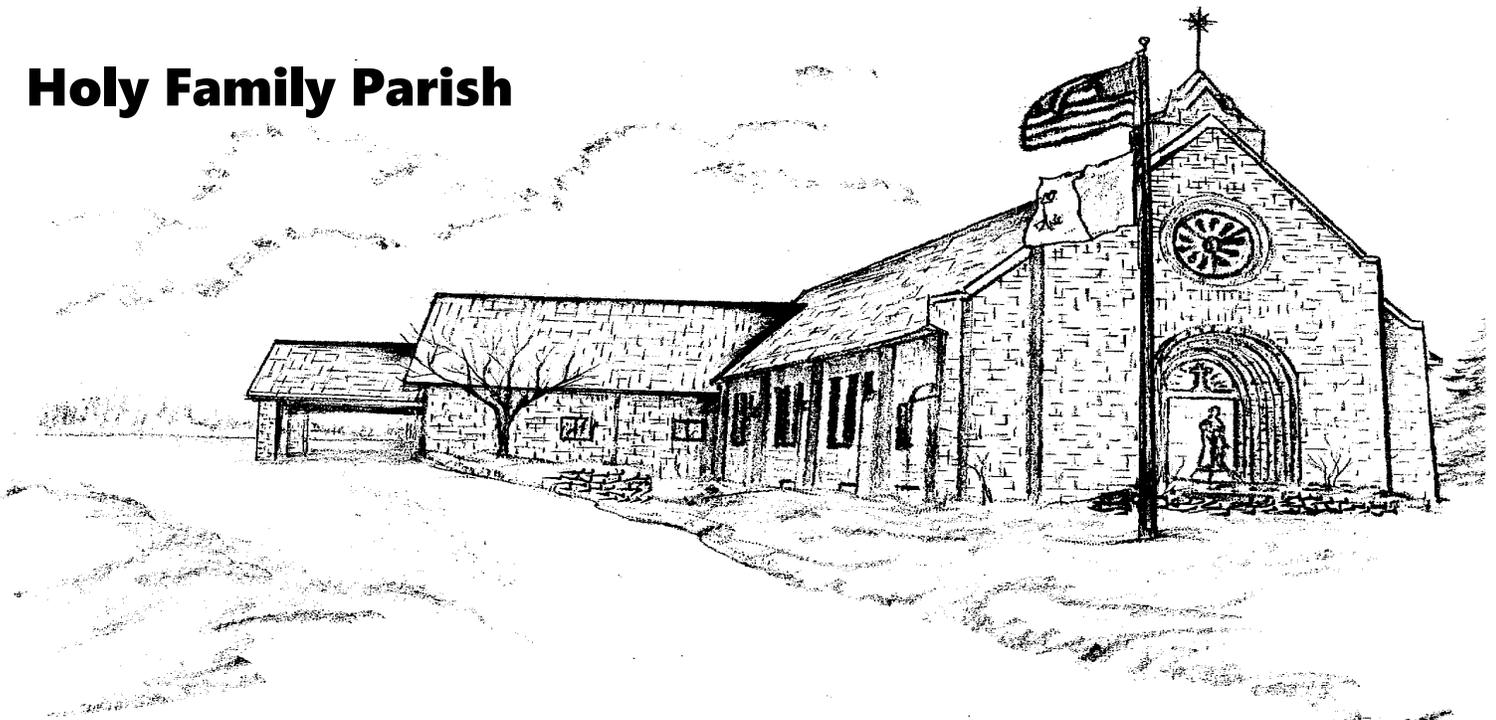


Holy Family Parish



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 11, 2021

Pastor

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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.

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

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, 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.)

Impediments: Impediments are legal obstacles, by the presence of one of them can make the marriage invalid. Let us see the impediments of marriage.

1. **Age:** A man under age 16 and a woman under age 14 cannot marry validly. But currently every nation has stipulated law concerning the minimum age of marriage which can be higher. Naturally, the Church is also obliged to follow the law of the country. Church always encourages the couple to be mature in age and understanding of the responsibilities of marriage.
2. **Impotence:** The marriage is complete only when it is consummated. If one of the parties is impotent (unable to have intercourse), he/ she cannot contract a valid marriage. But if the impotency happens to one party after the consummation of marriage, will not make that marriage invalid. On the other hand, sterility, though known to each other, will make a marriage valid, provided both parties agree and accept that condition. In some cases, the sterility of one of the spouses may be known only after the marriage. In that case, there is no intentional hiding of the fact. Please remember that one of the intentions of the Creator to unite man and woman is for companionship. At the same time procreation of children should not be overlooked.
3. **Previous marriage:** If there is a previous valid marriage remaining with one of the parties, then he/she cannot contract valid marriage unless the one is free from the previous marriage. It is the duty of the priest who interrogates the couple to check such impediments. For instance, if a Catholic who got married another Catholic or non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, that marriage is valid. The Catholic party, though secured a civil divorce, is not allowed to get married in the Catholic Church again, unless the Diocesan Tribunal declares the previous marriage as *null and void*. According to the law of the Church if two non-Catholics get married in a Protestant Church or even before the Justice of Peace, is supposed to have a valid marriage. So after the divorce, if one of the parties seeks to marry a Catholic man/woman in the Catholic Church, should apply for annulment in the Catholic Tribunal. Suppose a Catholic has a previous marriage remaining which he/she contracted before the Justice of Peace or in a Protestant Church (without the proper dispensation received from the Catholic Bishop), that marriage is invalid due to lack of 'Form' and without any formality of annulment the Catholic party is allowed to get married with another person in the Church.
4. **Disparity of cult:** A Catholic is not allowed to marry a non-baptized validly unless the local Bishop grants the dispensation from this impediment. Similarly, a Catholic who would like to marry a non-Catholic in a Protestant Church before the pastor of that Church cannot marry validly, unless the local Bishop grants the Catholic party the dispensation before the marriage.
5. **Sacred Orders:** Deacons, Priests and Bishops cannot marry validly as long as they remain in the Sacred Orders. Only the Holy See can dispense them.
6. **Abduction:** When a person is abducted for marriage, cannot marry validly as there is no voluntary consent of the abducted party.
7. **Crime:** When the previous spouse has been murdered with the intention of marrying another one, cannot contract a valid marriage.
8. **Consanguinity:** Blood relationship, including anyone closer than second cousins cannot contract a valid marriage.
9. **Covering up:** If one of the parties covers up the deadly sickness like HIV, cancer and other diseases from the future spouse and contracts the marriage, then that marriage is not a valid as cheating is involved.
10. **Lack of right intention:** If one party has an ulterior motive in mind to get married to a person such as for money, comforts etc. that marriage is not valid.
11. **Adoption:** A man or woman is not allowed to marry the adopted son or daughter. Similarly, step-father is not allowed to marry his step-daughter and vice versa. But he/she can marry the deceased wife's sister or husband's brother.

(We will continue next week)

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 12 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass - For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	July 13 th	<i>Saint Henry</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Nancy Marenger
Wed.	July 14 th	<i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Andrew & Rejeanne Menard
Thurs.	July 15 th	<i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Frank Kudwa & Children
Fri.	July 16 th	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	July 17 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	July 18 th	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dorothy Sylvester (20 th Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass - For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

80 envelopes were returned for Sunday, July 4th

Adults.....	\$ 3,378.00
Loose.....	147.00
General Maintenance.....	224.00
Funeral Lunch Reimbursement.....	96.99
Donations.....	1,300.00
Total.....	\$5,145.99

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 75.00

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.

~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!

We are in need of more people for the ministries of Readers, Ministers of Communion and Ushers. If you would like to help out in any of these ministries, please call the parish office at 786-1209. Training will be provided.

A high-ranking government official once said to me, "You are doing social work and we also do the same. But we are doing it for something and you are doing it for somebody." To do our work we have to be in love with God.~ Mother Teresa

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- July 11th** - You can never do a kindness too soon...because you never know how soon...it will be too late.
- July 12th** - Never mind yesterday, life is today! Never mind yesterday, lay it away! Never mind anything over and done, Here is a new moment, lit with new sun.
- July 13th** - If God is your Father through Jesus Christ, then you will know and feel that ALL of His children are your brothers.
- July 14th** - Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.
- July 15th** - With the kiss of the sun for pardon, And the song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on earth.
- July 16th** - It's not what you eat that causes ulcers; it's what's eating you.
- July 17th** - Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

 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.

Consider Donating your Elmer's Rewards Card points to Holy Family Parish When shopping at Elmer's County Market, present the Holy Family Parish Donation Card to the cashier and let them know how many of your Elmer's Reward Card points you would like to transfer to the parish. Ask at the service desk if you need a points card. This on-going service is a great way to support the parish! Thank you to those of you that continue to help in this way!

We just received \$100 check from this program that will go towards our Annual Harvest Dinner

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Ex 1:8-14,22
Mt 10:34—11:1

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6,9-12
Mt 11:25-27

Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14
Mt 12:1-8

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a
Mt 11:20-24

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20
Mt 11:28-30

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mt 6:30-34

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.

Mark your calendar! Benefit for the Carmelite Sisters One Day Only! September 18, 2021 Join us at the Carmelite Monastery at the Junction of US2 & M-95 in Iron Mountain Annual Silver Tea Iced Tea—Lemonade—Cookies —Their famous Homemade Bread Sale! Homemade Craft Items, & Misc. Décor Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, Major Raffle, Bread Sale. Purchase your Raffle Tickets at any Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Marquette for a chance to win: Kayak with Paddle and Vest—Big Screen TV—Gas Grill—Diamond Earrings—Baby Stroller/Car Seat Combo—Handmade Quilt. Suggested donation is \$1.00 Each or 6 for \$5.00

ASK BISHOP JOHN DOERFLER TO PRAY FOR YOU

A direct mailing will be 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.

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; July 11th 2021
Amos 7:12-15; Eph. 1: 3-14; Mk 6: 7-13

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

After the siege of Rome in 1849, Garibaldi, the patriot, issued the following proclamation to his followers: “Soldiers, all our efforts against superior forces have been unraveling. I have nothing to offer you but hunger and thirst, hardship and death; but I call on all who love their country to join with”- and they came in their hundreds. Winston Churchill, the late Prime Minister of England took the office while the country was in war. He offered his country - “blood, toil, sweat and tears.” Suppose, a presidential candidate offers you more intense economic recession, more job cuts and bleak future for the country, what will be your reaction? No doubt, that candidate will never get a single vote. Yes, we all like to hear the promises, though they may remain empty promises. We don’t want to hear the plain truth, for truth is very often bitter.

When Jesus called his twelve men out of many who followed him, they had their secret and material agenda. They were ambitious and had their dreams about the kingdom of God Jesus preached. Unfortunately they mistakenly took the kingdom as a material and political kingdom. When they heard him say, “*If any one wishes to follow me let him deny himself and take up his daily cross and follow me*” - they were literally shocked. As the apostles expected, Jesus never promised them a soft cushioned office chair, staff around, rather **cross, persecution, blood and martyrdom**. According to Matthew when the apostles were sent out for the first time Jesus does not promise any sort of security arrangements rather **he says: “Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves.”** We may wonder, how the disciples could continue to stay with Jesus.

The apostles, who were fighting for the first position in the cabinet of Jesus, soon came to know what the expectation of Jesus was. As we have heard in the gospel, for the first time these twelve men were sent out to proclaim the gospel to the world. Thus the ones who expected to become secretaries of state; finance and defense had to go out into the villages proclaiming the gospel and even being rejected by people. This simple trial run Jesus made with the apostles was the pre-figuration of the *giant leap* they would make later in their missionary endeavor. In the very beginning Jesus made a set of rules or job description for his apostles as what should be their life style to bear witness to the gospel. As it was customary to the rabbis, the disciples were not supposed to carry a collection bag to make provisions for their life or a wallet with full of money. In other words, in order to

proclaim the gospel they need to travel light and not to depend on material strength, rather in God's providence and the hospitality of the people. Jesus knew right away that the more they would trust in money and material things for their missionary work, the more they would be entangled by them. **For, the Gospel is to be preached based on one's personal faith; not by the strength of money.** If we go through the early history of the Church, we know that how little the material possession of the apostles and Church was. The missionaries traveled very light. Bishop Baraga, our first Bishop brought just only a small wooden box when he came from Slovakia to America.

Unfortunately, in course of time the poor Church became rich with big structures and material possessions. As a result the method of preaching the Good News, dreamed by Jesus and implemented by the early Church suffered a setback. Many bishops and priests including missionaries started thinking that only with material strength and modern technology and media the evangelization is possible. *Evangelization is possible only when we are filled with faith and are ready to share that faith with others personally. If we have couple million dollars in hand we can build a church. But only with faith we can build a community of believers.* Remember, the day we were baptized, we are called to be missionaries in different capacities. Living in your own life situations you can be great missionaries by sharing your gift of faith with others through your good life and deeds. You don't have to go to India or Africa for missionary work. Your own family will be the first place to start with. Your words can be rejected or ignored. You may not find any fruit of your effort. Don't worry about fruit; it is the work of the Holy Spirit. What we need to do is to sow the seeds; if they sprout in our time, that is good enough, and if not we should not get disappointed. But still we should not step back from bearing witness to Jesus. Please listen to the words of Mother Theresa, **"You can do what I cannot do and I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do something beautiful for God."** *That something beautiful is nothing but sharing of our faith with others. During your entire life time, if you can bring a few individuals back to faith, you are called blessed by the Lord and you are considered to be great missionaries.*