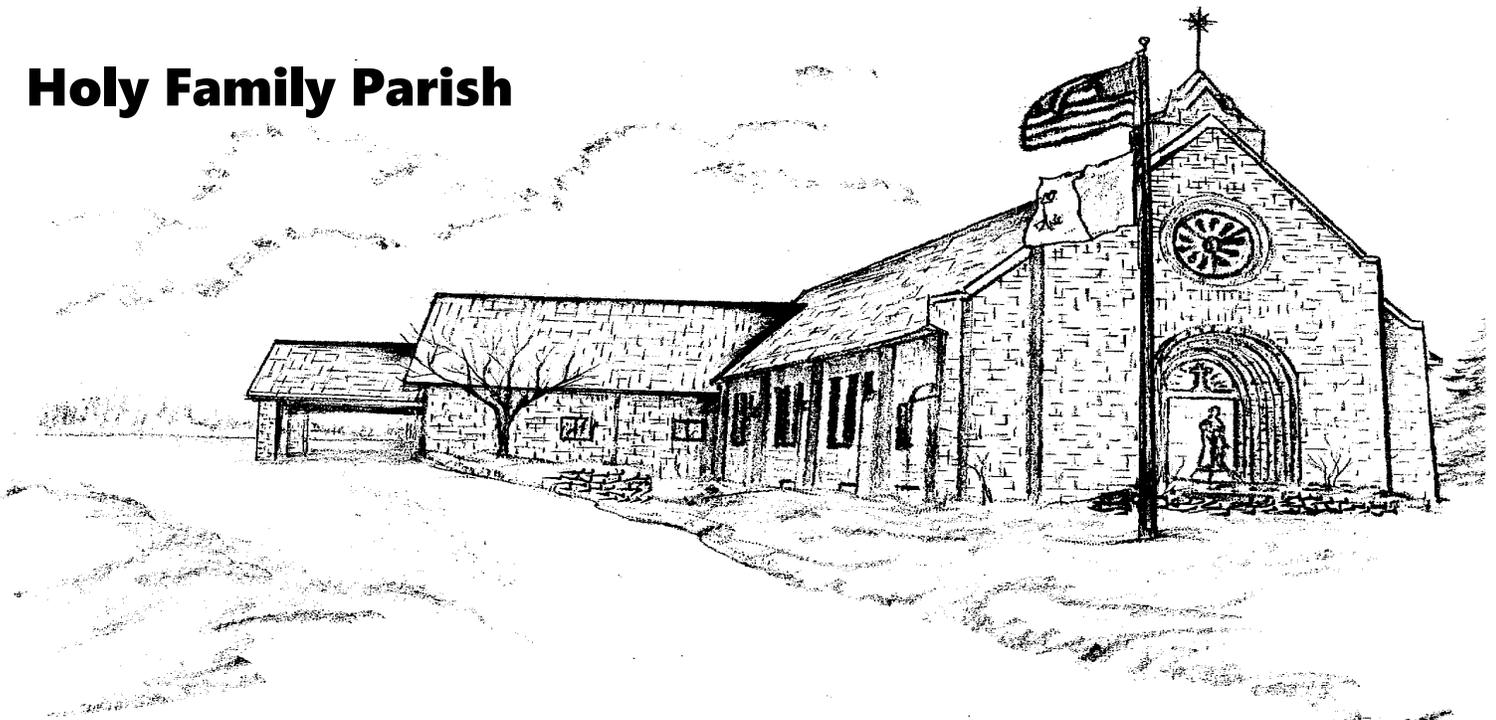


Holy Family Parish



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 25, 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

Pam Leisner (906) 786-1209 Ext. 1 (H) 789-1710

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

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, Brevyn Willford, Barb

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

Annulment (Cont.)

Commonly asked Questions and Concerns (Cont.)

- 1. Does my ex-spouse have to agree or participate for an annulment to be granted?** What if my ex-spouse is not Catholic and wants nothing to do with the process? What if I do not know where my former spouse is living?

It's not true that both spouses have to agree to petition to receive a Declaration of Nullity. Tribunal judges can hear the case, and grant an annulment even if the ex-spouse is against the idea of an annulment, or does not want to participate at all in the process. While it is always better for the case to have both parties as active participants; still the case can proceed without the ex-spouse's consent or participation. However, they will be notified by the tribunal that the case is proceeding, and will be given every opportunity to respond and participate.

On occasion, a respondent cannot be found. The case can still proceed, and the respondent in that case is declared legally absent from the case. However, you will likely be required to make a good faith effort to provide a current address for your former spouse, or at the very least show what efforts you made in trying to locate him or her.

There can be situations in which a petitioner has a legal reason, such as a civil restraining order, to not want the other party to know of their whereabouts or to give them any information about themselves. In these circumstances, Canon Law Professionals can work with the tribunal to explore legal methods of protecting our client's safety while fulfilling the requirements of the law.

- 2. What if my ex-spouse strenuously objects to an annulment being granted?** What if I strenuously object to having my marriage declared null, though my ex-spouse files the case? As I mentioned it before still the case will proceed. Does the tribunal ever issue a negative decision? In fact, if the marriage is valid beyond any doubt, the tribunal will never give the verdict as the marriage null and void, even if the civil divorce is in place.

- 3. If my former spouse petitions for and receives an annulment, does it allow me to remarry as well, or do I have to also go through the process?**

A declaration of nullity declares the marriage invalid, so once it is declared invalid, both parties are free to marry. It is not possible for one party to be free while the other is still bound by the former marriage. However, in some cases a "condition", called a *Monitum*, is put on one or both parties. A *Monitum* usually calls for some action to be performed by the party before he or she is allowed to remarry in the Catholic Church. This *Monitum* usually consists of some form of counseling or a requirement that a person meet his or her child support obligations before they can remarry. These conditions may be placed on only one of the parties instead of affecting both parties equally.

- 4. Why do I need witnesses? Who should I choose?**

Canon law requires that the testimony of the parties be corroborated by witnesses since the rights of two persons, the sanctity of marriage and the good of the community are all involved. The witnesses are asked about the backgrounds and personalities of the parties and about the marriage, though the questionnaires are usually not as extensive as those of the parties. Sometimes they are asked to be interviewed by the tribunal. Witnesses do not need to be experts. They just need to be people, generally family or friends, who knew you or your former spouse before or during the marriage and the problems of the marriage. Both the petitioner and the respondent are asked to provide witnesses for each case.

(We will continue next week).

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 26 th	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	July 27 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass –Joseph, Emma & Barbara Neuens
Wed.	July 28 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass –For the Intentions of Frank Kudwa & Children
Thurs.	July 29 th	<i>Saint Martha</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lela & Kent Dubord
Fri.	July 30 th	<i>Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Andrew Menard (35 th Anniv.) ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	July 31 st	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Aug. 1 st	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass –For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Nancy Marenger

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes were returned for Sunday, July 18th

Adults.....	\$ 2,842.00
Loose.....	120.00
Votive Lights.....	236.00
Total.....	\$3,198.00

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 35.00

~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 also still looking for people to donate baskets for the raffles. Just call the parish office if you would like to make one or donate money towards one and we will do it for you.

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.

I feel that we too often focus on the negative aspects of life, on what is bad. If we were more willing to see the good and the beautiful things that surround us we would be able to transform society. It begins in the family. From there, we can help transform our next-door neighbors with loving service, then others who live in our neighborhood and city. We can bring peace and love to the world. The whole world is hungry for these things, and we can each play a small role in feeding this great hunger.. ~ Mother Teresa

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- July 25th** - Youth is not a time of life, It is a state of mind. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; People grow old by deserting their ideals.
- July 26th** - Half our trouble comes of wanting to have our own way, and the other half is due to failure to face the facts.
- July 27th** - Salvation is given....not gained!
- July 28th** - There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks all of them.
- July 29th** - The surest way to go broke is to sit around waiting for a break.
- July 30th** - A Christian is one who makes it easier for others to believe in God.
- July 31st** - Instead of waiting upon the Lord, some people want the Lord to wait upon them.



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@holymfamilyparish.net.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th or above anniversaries, as well as newlyweds are invited along with their families to the annual Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Due to last year's cancellation, those celebrating last year and this are included. Golden anniversary couples are additionally invited to submit information and photos for publication in The U.P. Catholic newspaper. The celebration will be at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, beginning with Mass at 3:30 p.m. ET. [Please visit www.dioceseofmarquette.org/mwa](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/mwa) for the [registration form](#).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Ex 32:15-24,30-34
Mt 13:31-35

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

Friday

Lv 23:1,4-11
Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28
Mt 13:36-43

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21,34-38
Jn 11:19-27

Saturday

Lv 25:1,8-17
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24
Jn 6:24-35

St. Anthony Pasty Sale!

\$5.50 each

August 19th and 20th

Pick-up 2:00-5:00 PM at St. Thomas Church, 1820 9th Ave. North, Escanaba. To pre-order, call or text Debbie Clairmont, 399-4259.

Knights of Columbus Council #640

Council members and community, mark your calendar for a Mass scheduled in honor of our past Chaplain, Father Gil Neurohr's 7th anniversary on Tuesday evening, August 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joe & St. Pat's Church in Escanaba.

All Third Degree members; There is a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. Contact Harold Flagstadt for more information at 786-5034. Forms need to be turned in by September 8, 2021.

Elmer's Rewards Card

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!

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

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; July 25th 2021
2Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Last week we heard in Mark chapter 6, how concerned Jesus was towards the spiritual need of the people and even forgetting the needed rest of the apostles he started preaching to the crowd. Jesus always concentrated on the overall welfare of the people, both spiritual and physical. The miracle of the multiplication of the bread described in John which we have just listened to is the clear sign to show how concerned Jesus was towards the physical need of the people.

The same miracle we see in the Synoptic gospels too. But then we may wonder why Church uses the account of John instead of Mark? The reason is that John's account is more important for the Scripture Scholars as it stands as a prelude to the great Eucharistic discourse of Jesus. *In John the multiplication of the five barley loaves and two fish, by which Jesus fully satisfied the physical hunger of 5000 men, is the pre-figuration of the Eucharistic meal, by which Jesus will satisfy the spiritual hunger of millions of men and women in future.* Only John connects this miracle with the Eucharistic meal. In John chapter 6 Jesus unfolds the mystery of the Eucharist step by step which we are going to reflect in the following four weeks.

Normally, we never see Jesus seeking the advice or the opinion of somebody before he worked a miracle. **But in this miracle, on the contrary, Jesus asked Philip whether he could find a way to feed the crowd.** Philip seems to be sympathetic towards the concern of Jesus, but he looks to be more practical and logical in his opinion. Andrew's revelation that a boy has five loaves of barley bread and two fish is also apparently a useless one as the crowd was huge. But Andrew seems to be more optimistic than Philip. Perhaps he remembered the wedding at Cana, where Jesus converted the water into wine and thought that Jesus could do something. In this miracle, we have a few characters involved. We see Jesus on one side; the helpless Philip and Andrew on the other side. *Finally we have the little boy who is the hero and ready to part with his five loaves and two fish, which he kept for his dinner. Thus he made this miracle happen.*

Unlike in the other healing miracles of Jesus in the miracle of feeding the 5000 he sought the help of somebody and he accepted the 5 loaves of a poor boy. John specifically says, **"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish."** Barley bread was the poor man's food in Palestine. Jesus could have asked for the rich man's food, the wheat bread. Perhaps, the rich who were gathered there

were not willing to part with their bread; we don't know. **It is a very clear example that in order to work a miracle sometimes Jesus is looking at you and me for our contribution.**

In our dire needs, when we stand before the Lord, we too expect a miracle from Jesus. Very often, we never imagine that Jesus is expecting our co-operation to work the miracle for us. In fact he is looking for the **five loaves from us**. We may wonder, what can we offer to Jesus? But we forget the fact that *our sufferings, frustration and anxieties, physical ailments, untimely loss of a dear one, financial burdens etc. are the five barley loaves we have with us. Together with these we can also offer our gratitude, praise and glory to the Lord.* When we offer them to the Lord he can convert them into blessing and healing for us.

Sometimes, people complain that they don't get anything out of the Mass in which they participate or the prayer they offer. *But they have to examine and see what they have brought to the Church to offer Jesus.* When we come to the Eucharistic celebration, if we can offer ourselves to Jesus with our strength and weakness, no doubt, he will have something to offer us in return. Then we will never go out of the Church empty handed and we will find meaning in the Mass and prayers. When Jesus called Peter to be his apostle, what he had with him to offer Jesus was only **his sinful life**. But Jesus made him the head of the Church; the woman who came to anoint Jesus offered him something more pleasing than the perfume and **that was her tears of repentance** by which she washed the feet of Jesus and she went back blessed; the prostitute woman had nothing to offer Jesus other than **her utter shame and humiliation**; she too went back as a new person. Indeed, they offered their weakness to Jesus and he converted it to be their strength. **Yes, when you and I are ready to part with our five barley loaves, the good Lord will work a miracle for us.** But we should willingly part with them. If we come to him empty handed, we will go out of the Church empty handed and the Eucharist or personal prayers will never give us any meaning.