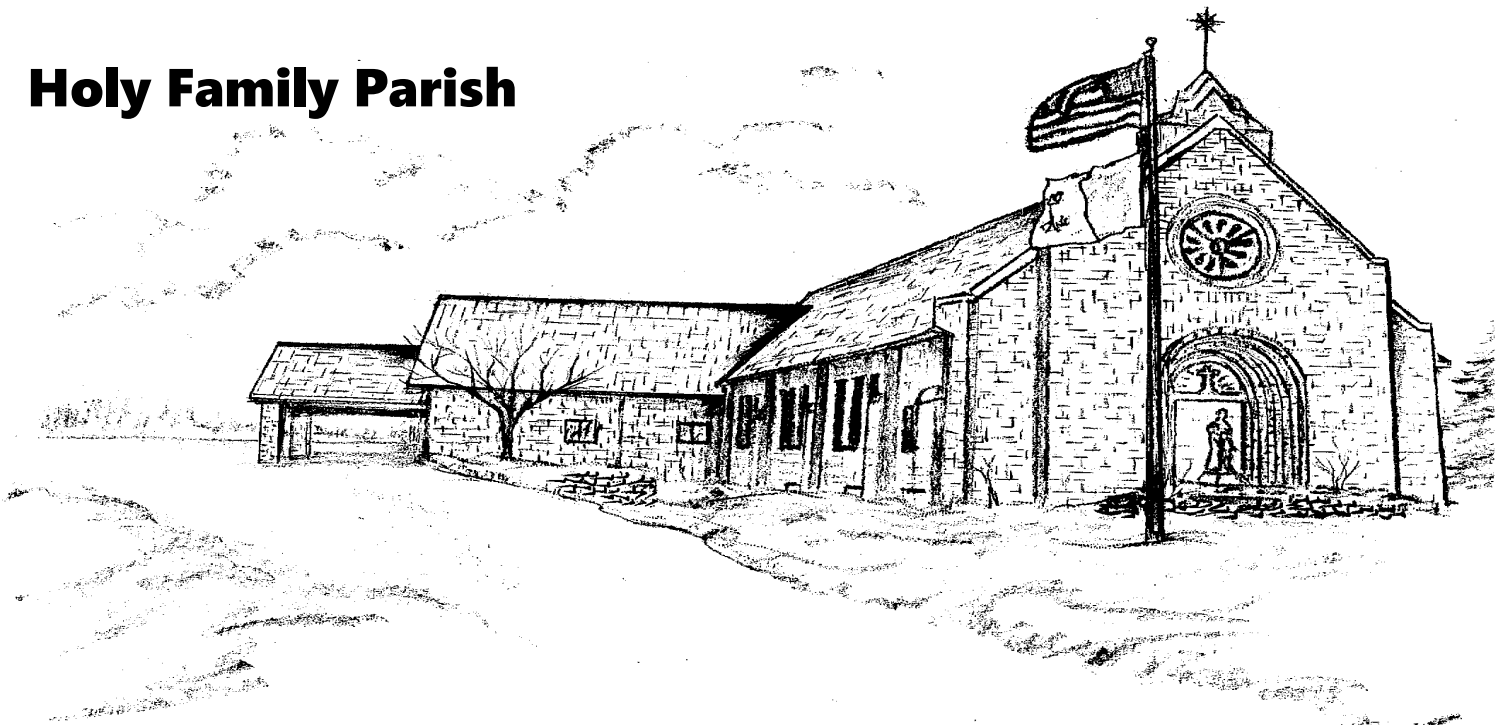


Holy Family Parish



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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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

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

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

Catholic Church & Contraception (Cont.)

A couple need not desire or seek to have a child in each and every act of intercourse. And it is not wrong for couples to have intercourse even when they know the wife is naturally infertile, as discussed below. But they should never act to suppress or curtail the life-giving power given by God that is an integral part of what they pledged to each other in their marriage vows. This is what the Church means by saying that every act of intercourse must remain open to life and that contraception is objectively immoral.

Are couples expected to leave their family size entirely to chance?

Certainly not. The Church teaches that a couple may generously decide to have a large family, or may for serious reasons choose not to have more children for the time being or even for an indefinite period (*Humanae Vitae*, no. 10).

In married life, serious circumstances—financial, physical, psychological, or those involving responsibilities to other family members—may arise to make an increase in family size untimely. The Church understands this, while encouraging couples to take a generous view of children.

What should a couple do if they have a good reason to avoid having a child?

A married couple can engage in marital intimacy during the naturally infertile times in a woman's cycle, or after child-bearing years, without violating the meaning of marital intercourse in any way.

This is the principle behind natural family planning (NFP). Natural methods of family planning involve fertility education that enables couples to cooperate with the body as God designed it.

(Is there ever a time “contraceptives” may be used for medical reasons?)

Catholic teaching does not oppose the use of hormonal medications – such as those found in chemical contraceptives – for legitimate medical purposes, provided there is no contraceptive intent.

But artificial hormones typically treat only the medical symptoms. They do not correct the underlying disease or condition. They also carry the same physical health risks as hormonal contraceptives.

Thankfully, with growing advancements in understanding fertility, knowledgeable gynecologists can often prescribe non-contraceptive drugs and recommend safer and healthier treatments to correct underlying problems or eliminate discomfort.

What is Natural Family Planning (NFP)?

Natural Family Planning is a general name for the methods of family planning that are based on a woman's menstrual cycle. A man is fertile throughout his life, while a woman is fertile for only a few days each cycle during the child-bearing years. Some believe that NFP involves using a calendar to predict the fertile time. That is not what NFP is today. A woman experiences clear, observable signs indicating when she is fertile and when she is infertile. Learning to observe and understand these signs is at the heart of education in Natural Family Planning. When a couple decides to postpone pregnancy, NFP can be very effective. NFP can also be very helpful for couples who desire to have a child because it identifies the time of ovulation. It is used by many fertility specialists for this purpose. Thus a couple can have marital relations at a time when they know that conception is most likely to take place.

The young couples who are planning to practice NEP should seek the classes from the experts who may be available in any big Catholic Parish in the town or in your area.

(We will continue next week).

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	August 9 th	<i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	August 10 th	<i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass –For the Canonization of Frederick Ozanam 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meeting
Wed.	August 11 th	<i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass –For the Intentions of Frank Kudwa & Children
Thurs.	August 12 th	<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Prayer Shawl
Fri.	August 13 th	<i>Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	August 14 th	<i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – 50 th Wedding Anniv. of Edward & Deborah Gregson
Sun.	August 15 th	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Rita McNair

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

80 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Aug. 1st

Adults.....	\$ 3,446.00
Loose.....	137.00
General Maintenance.....	297.00
Fuel.....	214.00
Mass Stipends.....	285.00
Donation.....	400.00
Total.....	\$4,779.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,658.66
Overage..... \$1,120.34

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	10.00
National Church Collection.....	5.00

~RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE~

Please grab a couple of packets and start selling!!!

CCD REGISTRATION

Parish Faith & Family Classes.....If you have a child/ren that have not been in our CCD program before, please call the parish office to register them. Registration materials will be sent out in the next couple of weeks and we want to make sure we reach everyone! We are also looking for catechists for all grades!

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God. During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them.

For more information you can contact Rosemary Beauchamp at 786-9442.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Aug. 8th** - If you can laugh at your troubles you will never run out of something to laugh about.
- Aug. 9th** - The torch of Christianity may be lit in the church, but it does its best burning in the shop and in the street.
- Aug. 10th** - If we appreciate what we have, it always becomes more. If we belittle what we have, it always becomes less.
- Aug. 11th** - Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
- Aug. 12th** - The early morning has gold in its mouth.
- Aug. 13th** -We know that all things work together for good to them that love God...Romans 8:28
- Aug. 14th** - We flatter those we scarcely know, And please our fleeting guest, But render many a heartless blow, To those we love the best.

It is easy to smile at people outside your own home. It is so easy to take care of the people that you don't know well. It is difficult to be thoughtful and kind and to smile and be loving to those you live with day after day. This is especially true when we are tired and in a bad temper or bad mood. We all have these moments and that is the time that Christ comes to us in a distressing disguise. ~*Mother Teresa*

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 for the registration form.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

Friday

Jos 24:1-13
Mt 19:3-12

Tuesday

2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Mt 18:21—19:1

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Knights of Columbus Council #640

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.

NATIONAL CHURCH COMBINED COLLECTION – AUGUST 14/15, 2021

This collection combines three special causes that aid the Church in America.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collection remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Learn more at: usccb.org/cchd/collection.

National Retirement Fund for Religious

Like many Americans, religious communities face rising retirement and healthcare costs and often struggle to provide for elderly members. Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass. Learn more at: retiredreligious.org.

Catholic University Collection

Your contributions will strengthen the work of our top scholars. Located in Washington D.C., the University provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition. Please support this institution in preparing students to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; Aug. 9th 2021
1Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

This week we continue with our reflection on the Eucharistic discourse of Jesus in John chapter 6. Last week we heard Jesus concluding the passage with the saying: **“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”** As we have just heard in the gospel passage, the Jews who gathered there got upset with Jesus. First of all, they knew that Jesus was not going to work another miracle by multiplying the bread. Secondly, he started speaking in very abstract terms, like **‘I am the bread of life.’** But what scandalized them the most was Jesus’ statement, **“I am the bread came down from heaven.”** The cause of their murmuring was that Jesus claimed that *he came down from heaven*. They ignored the saying of Jesus ‘I am the bread of life;’ **rather tried to catch him on his claim that he came down from heaven.**

In the Old Testament, the Prophets were believed to be sent by God. But they never claimed that they came down from heaven. According to the belief and expectation of the Jews the only one who would come down from heaven would be **the Messiah** and when he would appear, nobody would come to know where he came from. So according to the Jews when Jesus claimed that he came down from heaven, he was blaspheming. For, apparently as the son of the carpenter Joseph, he was pretending to be the Messiah. For this claim, in Jewish Law there was only one punishment and that was death. Indeed, finally, Jesus was awarded death penalty for the reason that he claimed to be the Son of God.

Very often when ordinary people read John’s gospel, it is hard for them to understand. Perhaps many of you have experienced the same problem. The reason for that difficulty is due to the abstract sayings of Jesus in John. This is what exactly the Jews were facing here. Perhaps, if **Jesus had said, ‘I am the life, or I am the source of life, instead of ‘I am the bread of life,’ people would have understood better.** Later, in John chapter 11, on the occasion of raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus says to Martha, **“I am the resurrection and life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live.”** It isn’t that hard to understand the saying. But in this chapter Jesus repeatedly says, **‘I am the bread of life.’** It is very evident that all those who heard this discourse of Jesus for the first time, got confused. The apostles understood the saying of Jesus fully, only when Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

One thing we notice in the Eucharistic discourse of Jesus in John that step by step he becomes intense and deeper in his teaching. Kindly notice the difference in the saying of Jesus in today's gospel: **"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever."** *Remember, last week Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst."* That means, Jesus is asking his followers to satisfy their spiritual hunger and thirst by just approaching and believing in the bread of life. But here he assures them that **those who eat this bread will never die.** In the second part of the same verse Jesus says, **'I am the living bread'** and **whoever eats this bread will live forever.** *The phrases, 'I am the bread of life and I am the living bread' have different meaning.* I am the bread of life means – Jesus is the source of life. **On the other hand 'I am the living bread' means – Jesus is the bread of life that is always living.** He uses it in present continuous tense, *'I am the living bread.'* Hence, in past Jesus was the living bread, today he is the living bread and tomorrow he will be the living bread. So those who ate that bread in past still lives; those who eat in the present will live and those who will eat in the future will live. Of course Jesus was speaking about the eternal life, not our earthly life.

For 1500 years, in the Church the Eucharist remained unquestionable as the crown of all Sacraments and source of eternal life. When the Church was split and hundreds of Christian denominations came into existence, the Eucharist was interpreted very wrongly, against the original teachings of Jesus. Today many Protestant denominations don't have the Eucharistic celebration and those who have it, hold a different understanding of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. These days many Catholics think that there isn't much difference between the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations. But the two major factors that distinguish the Catholic Church from other denominations are ***the Sacramental life and the Eucharistic celebration and devotion we have.*** **If the Sacraments are the crown of the Catholic Church, Eucharist is the crown of all Sacraments.** The main source of our grace is the Sacraments. But when we receive the Eucharist not only we receive the grace but also the author of grace, Jesus Christ himself. Catholic Church has given the due respect and importance to the six chapter of St. John and believes that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith.