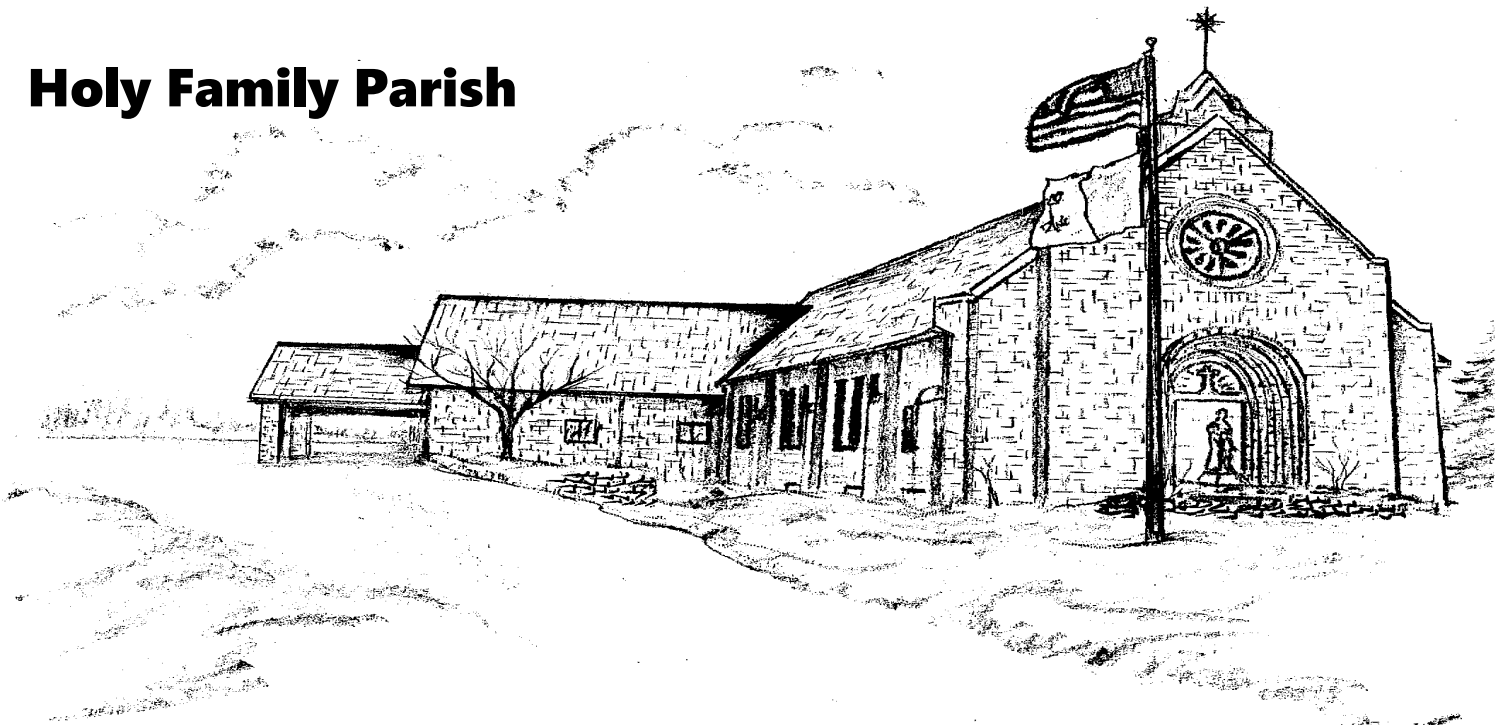


# Holy Family Parish



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## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15, 2021

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### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy Bill Smith  
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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

### Sacrament of Matrimony (Cont.)

#### Catholic Church and Abortion

Abortion has been one of the most divisive issues in America since states were forbidden to outlaw abortion after the 1973 *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court decision. Since that time, over 50 million abortions have been performed in the United States with an average of 3400 abortions being performed each day. On one side of this contentious issue, those who call themselves “pro-choice” believe that abortion is a private medical decision that should take place between a woman and her doctor, without interference from the government or anyone else. On the other side, those who describe themselves as “pro-life” believe abortion is the killing of children before they are born and therefore should never be tolerated in a free society. So where does the Catholic Church stand in the debate between “pro-life” and “pro-choice?”

The Catholic Church’s position on abortion is clear. In the magisterial document *Donum Vitae* (The Gift of Life) the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith affirmed that, “The human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception; and therefore from that same moment his rights as a person must be recognized, among which in the first place is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life,” (Sec I.1) Direct abortion, or the intentional killing of a human being living in the womb, is always seriously immoral because as persons the right-to-life is the most basic and fundamental right we possess. Even in light of this clear teaching, some questions that afflict people of conscience include:

#### **Q: Does the Catholic Church oppose abortion if it is needed to save a woman’s life?**

A: We may never perform an intrinsically evil act even to bring about a great good. For example, a just society cannot intentionally kill innocent civilians in a war, even for the praiseworthy goal of ending a conflict quickly and saving many lives. Likewise, in the context of pregnancy, a woman may not be killed in order to save the life of her child, and a child may not be killed in order to save the life of his mother. However, the Church does permit morally neutral medical procedures designed to save a pregnant woman’s life that may have an unintended side-effect of causing a child to die in the womb, such as the removal of a cancerous uterus. (For a more detailed treatment of this topic,

#### **Q: Does the Catholic Church oppose abortion in the case of pregnancy due to rape or incest?**

A: In Romans 12:21 Paul says that we should not be conquered by evil but that we should conquer evil with good. The act of rape is a grave sin and an injustice that claims too many people, most often women and children, as victims. The Church teaches that victims of rape deserve immediate medical, emotional and spiritual care. The *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* (#36) states that Catholic healthcare providers have a duty to provide this care and to prevent the contraction of disease or the conception of a child. However, if a child is conceived in a pregnancy caused by rape, then this child is just as innocent and precious as the woman who was victimized and he or she should not be killed because of the actions of the rapist. The Church teaches that through mercy and love, a non-violent solution for both mother and child is far superior to helping a victim of violence (the raped woman) commit violence against her own child through abortion. If it is grave inconvenient for the unmarried mother to raise the children she is free to give the baby for adoption. It is the slogan of the Pro-lifers, “Adoption not Abortion.”

**(We Will Continue next week).**

*Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time*

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass –Larry Beauchamp
Wed.	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass –Eva Paquin (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
Thurs.	August 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Beauchamp
Fri.	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bert Meyette ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	August 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Saint Pius X, Pope</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Bobby Tourangeau (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Kathy LaCosse

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

80 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$ 3,081.00
Loose.....	86.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	80.00
Votive Lights.....	200.00
Mass Stipends.....	90.00
Roof Fund.....	<u>125.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,687.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,658.66**  
**Overage..... \$ 28.34**

**St. Vincent DePaul Corner**

In today’s Gospel, even the child in Elizabeth’s womb leaps with joy at the approach of Mary, the “lowly servant,” who by accepting God’s plan for her became blessed for all generations. **With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

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

**Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Job Opportunities**

Truck Driver wanted 29 hours/week  
Warehouse Worker wanted 29 hours/week  
Stop by 815 1st Avenue North, Escanaba  
or call Cindy at 789-1281

**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!

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>** - The light of God is more desirable than the greatest treasures owned in darkness.
- Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>** - The size of your troubles generally depends on whether they are coming or going.
- Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>** - A SMILE - It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friends.
- Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>** - One of the beautiful surprises of middle age is the discovery that mature love is not only richer and deeper, but every bit as breathtaking as it was in the beginning.
- Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>** - Casting our burden on the Lord frees us to help carry another's burdens.
- Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Sitting and wishing won't change your fate; God provides the fishing, but you've got to dig the bait.
- Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>** - He who forgives, ends the quarrel.

Don't come to prayer looking for extraordinary experiences. Com to visit your great friend Jesus, always present and waiting for you in the tabernacle. This is the friendship that strengthens us to fulfill our day-to-day ordinary duties with extraordinary love and devotion.~*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**

Jgs 2:11-19  
Mt 19:16-22

### **Wednesday**

Jgs 9:6-15  
Mt 20:1-16

### **Friday**

Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22  
Mt 22:34-40

### **Tuesday**

Jgs 6:11-24a  
Mt 19:23-30

### **Thursday**

Jgs 11:29-39a  
Mt 22:1-14

### **Saturday**

Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17  
Mt 23:1-12

### **Sunday**

Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32  
Jn 6:60-69

### **Knights of Columbus Council #640**

**Brother Knights**, you and your family are invited to our summer family picnic. It will be held at the Flat Rock Pavilion on August 22, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch and beverages will be supplied by the Council. Plan to attend, rain or shine.

First Friday Adoration is back. We will have Adoration on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Please take some time out of our busy schedules to spend with our Lord.

### **BARAGA DAYS, SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2021**

The Bishop Baraga Association and the Diocese of Marquette will be hosting the annual Baraga Days event September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at St. Peter Cathedral.

Please contact the Bishop Baraga Association at (906) 227-9117 for additional information and to register. Visit [www.dioceseofmarquette.org/baragadays2021schedule](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/baragadays2021schedule) for schedule.

*Please Consider... Spiritually adopting an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. There are brochures in the rack at the back of church explaining how to go about it. Please take one home with you.*

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY; 2021**  
**Vigil: 1Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2; 1Cor15: 54-57; Lk 11: 27-28**  
**(Day: Revelation 11: 19a,12:1-6, 10; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56)**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

In human point of view, Mary was the most privileged woman in the world. Naturally, we expect that Mary could enjoy a better material and social life. In the world standard when one is elected to hold an office or special position, he/she is entitled to enjoy the privileges attached to post. For instance, when a man is elected to be a chairman or mayor or representative, he/she gets all the rights attached to the position. But we don't see Mary enjoying any big benefits other than the suffering which started in Bethlehem and concluded in Mount of Calvary. Perhaps, Mary didn't understand the words of Simeon, **“And you yourself a sword will pierce.”** She had to wait over 33 years to comprehend the meaning of that prophecy. In front of your eyes when her son breather his last, she understood the meaning of the prophecy of Simeon.

It is clear that when God chooses somebody for a specific mission he/she is not offered any material advantages rather *the crown of joy and cross of sorrow*. Their reward is not material rather it is heavenly. Very often the people who try to do something good in the world face a lot of oppositions and struggles more than others who do things for their selfish motives. We have the life stories of many before us. Some of them even had to sacrifice their very lives for the good cause they stood for. Mary had to pay a very heavy price for her 'yes' to the plan of God on earth. Though she was not given any worldly award or recognition, God blessed her with great spiritual recognition. First of all, God elevated her to be **'Blessed' in all generations; secondly after Jesus she is the only one assumed into heaven, body and soul.**

If Mary were given all the earthly pomp and glory, perhaps she would not have come in touch with the ordinary human beings whose lives are filled with sufferings and struggles. Even after 2000 years, if Mary is highly honored by millions of Catholics, it is because of her qualities of humility and the sensitivity towards the need and suffering of people. Today without any hesitation, people approach her in their dire needs and they don't find it difficult to identify themselves with her. For ordinary people, it doesn't matter whether Mary is assumed into heaven or died and buried. But they can see in her a simple and humble Mother who is ready to assist them in their sufferings.

In the gospels we have got only a brief history of Mary and in that we have examples of the sympathy and sensitivity of Mary to the needs of people. We see Mary rushing to the hill country of Judea to help Elizabeth, though she was not asked to do so; we find Mary stepping in at the wedding at Cana; again, without being asked of her help. In another occasion, when the scribes and Pharisees were accusing Jesus of many things, Mary comes to the scene to support her son. The last we see her on Mount of Calvary under the foot of the cross. Traditions show that Mary was constantly with the apostles in their initial struggle to settle down. Even when the Church as a whole was in struggle, the leaders and people approached Mary for help and they could see the immediate intervention of Mary with help. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century when there was a mass exodus of Christians from the Church, Mary appeared to a farmer in Mexico and through him brought thousands back to the Church. The history has witnessed number of apparitions of Mary on different occasions and different places with the intention of keeping the Church together. So the devotion to Mary is not something outdated or old fashioned. Even today she is ready to intercede for us, provided we seek for her intervention. So let us turn to her without any hesitation especially when we are in troubles. In order to receive a favor from Mary, the best means is the recitation of the rosary. She has expressed the same to the children at Fatima. The Catholics in the past recited the rosary very regularly at home. Millions of people received favors through the devotion of the Rosary. Unfortunately such good devotion is taken away by the computer and TV. If you have lost the habit of reciting the rosary, please start now and you will see the difference in your life and families.