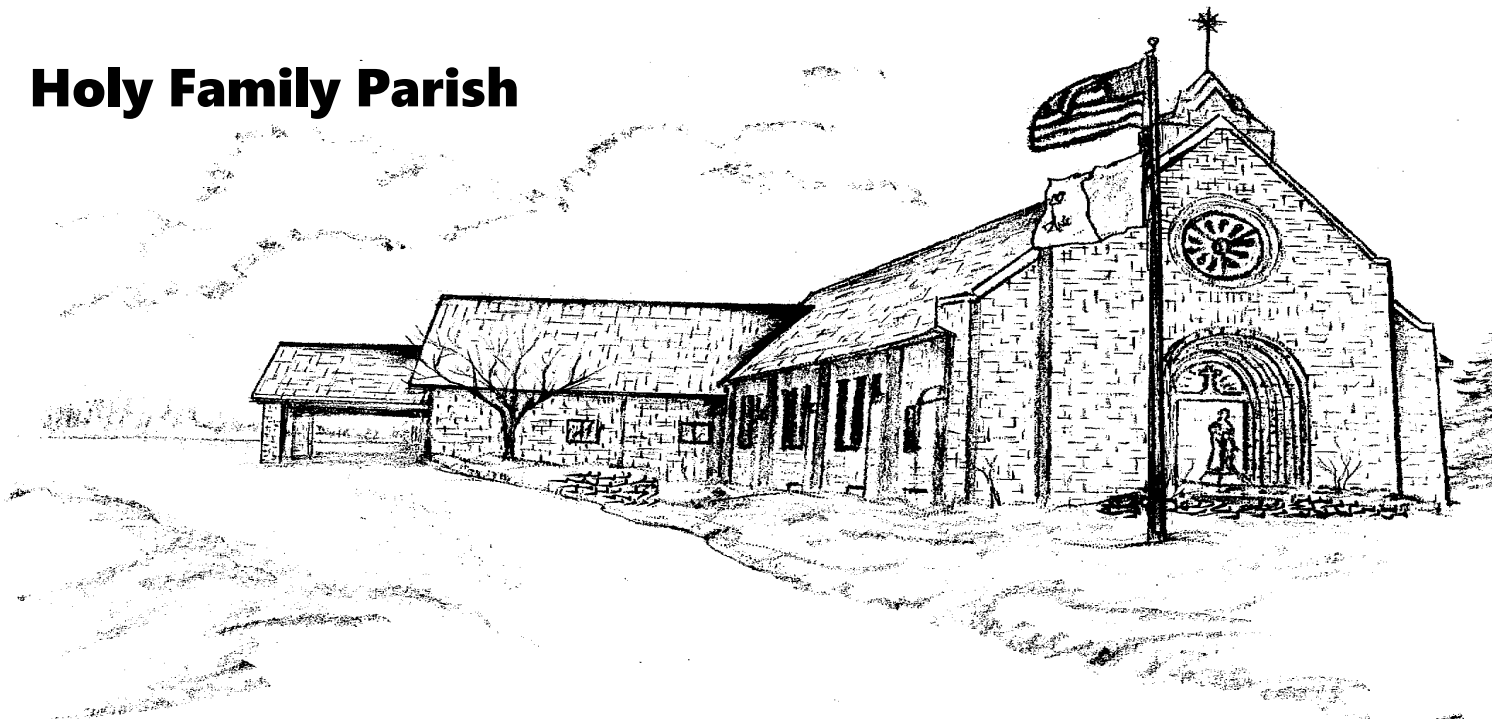


# Holy Family Parish



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## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 29, 2021

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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

### Sacraments

#### Holy Orders

The Sacrament of Holy Orders or Priesthood is the Sacrament by which **bishops, priests and deacons of the Church** are ordained and receive the power and the grace to perform their sacred ministries for the people of God. Here they share the ministerial Priesthood of Christ. In other words, by ordination these men are incorporated into the priesthood of Christ, at one of three levels: the episcopate (bishop), priesthood and diaconate. The basis for the Sacrament of Holy Orders is Christ's own priestly ministry on earth, and the revealed fact that he associated others with him to learn his teachings, acquire his spirit, receive his powers, and thus continue his work of salvation until the end of time. The Sacrament of Holy Orders is the continuation of Christ's priesthood, which He bestowed upon his apostles; thus, the Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the Sacrament of Holy Orders as "*the sacrament of apostolic ministry*." Christ actually instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the Last Supper. After he had consecrated the bread and wine, and changed them into his own Body and Blood, he told the apostles to "**Do this as a memorial of me**" (Lk 22:19). By this he was conferring on the apostles and their successors the principal power of this Sacrament, namely to consecrate and offer his Body and Blood in the Sacrifice of Mass. At the Last Supper three great events took place which we commemorate on Holy Thursday. First of all he instituted the Eucharist; secondly he instituted the Priesthood and thirdly by washing the feet of the apostles he gave them a new commandment of love and service.

#### The Priesthood of Christ

The priesthood goes back to the time of Abraham, the Patriarch. The first priest figure to appear in the Old Testament is Melchizedek, who offered a sacrifice of bread and wine on behalf of Abraham (Gen. 14:18-20). Later from among the people of Israel God chose the brother of Moses, Aaron and his sons to be priests for the people. Then God chose the entire tribe of **Levi** as priests for the nation. Their primary duties were the offering of sacrifice and prayer for the people.

But these priests were unable to provide the fullness of salvation or definitive sanctification for the people. Only the sacrifice of Jesus Christ could bring this about. The priesthood of the Old Testament found perfect fulfillment in the Priesthood of Christ. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was a priestly act of perfect self-offering accepted by the Father and culminating in his Resurrection from the dead he continues to offer salvation to all. By baptism, all the members of the Church share in Christ's holy Priesthood. **It is called "The common priesthood of the faithful"** because the entire Church shares it. To build up this common priesthood, Christ gives his Church the ordained ministries of bishops, priests and deacons. They share the **ministerial** Priesthood of Christ. It differs in essence from the common priesthood of the faithful because it confers a sacred power for service of the faithful.

#### How did Jesus confer the priesthood to his apostles?

Jesus didn't give his apostles the fullness of the Sacrament of priesthood at once. He did it gradually. First of all he placed them above his other followers. Then at the Last Supper he gave them the Eucharistic power of *transubstantiation*. On Easter Sunday evening, according to John's gospel he gave them the power of the Holy Spirit and conferred on them the power to forgive sins. **Jesus says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained"** (John 20:20-23). Finally, before ascending to heaven he gave them the power to baptize people. He commanded them, **"Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you"** (Matt. 28: 19-20).

(We will Continue next week).

*Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time*

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For our Special Intentions
Tues.	August 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Gerald & Lorraine Nelson
Wed.	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Larry Chouinard
Thurs.	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Jean Lancour
Fri.	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the intentions of Nick Nolde & Family
		6:30 P.M. -	Eucharistic Adoration until 7:30 PM
		-----	Parish office closed
Sat.	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the people of our parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass - Nancy Marenger

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

83 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Adults.....	\$ 3,379.00
Loose.....	139.00
Fuel.....	30.00
Donation for the Chalice.....	566.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,114.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$3,658.66</b>
<b>Overage.....</b>	<b>\$ 455.34</b>

Diocesan Collection.....	25.00
St. Vincent DePaul Envelopes.....	50.00

**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. We are also looking for catechists for all grades!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI**

As we pray for those afflicted by the recent earthquake in Haiti that struck on Saturday, August 14, our bishop, Most Rev. John F. Doerfler, asks that all parishes and missions in the diocese take up a special collection. This collection will support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. Funds collected will be for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, intercede for us that this special appeal will be successful and provide for the needs of the people and the Church in Haiti.

*Don't forget to buy or sell the raffle tickets for our Annual Harvest dinner on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please turn in all monies and ticket stubs to the parish office.*

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Trouble is usually produced by those who produce nothing else.

**Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Love is never afraid of giving too much.

**Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>** - A parent cannot in simple justice demand from any child a standard of conduct which he does not himself fulfill.

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>** - The way you go must be your decision.

**Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.

**Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - When God allows extraordinary trials, He also prepares for His people extraordinary comfort.

**Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** - I saw tomorrow look at me from the little children's eyes, and I thought how carefully we'd teach, if we were really wise.

Jesus loves you. Even more – He longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you, even when you don't feel worthy..

*~Mother Teresa*

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self - giving for the sake of others. As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

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

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

1 Thes 4:13-18  
Lk 4:16-30

### **Wednesday**

Col 1:1-8  
Lk 4:38-44

### **Friday**

Col 1:15-20  
Lk 5:33-39

### **Tuesday**

1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11  
Lk 4:31-37

### **Thursday**

Col 1:9-14  
Lk 5:1-11

### **Saturday**

Col 1:21-23  
Lk 6:1-5

### **Sunday**

Is 35:4-7a  
Jas 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-37

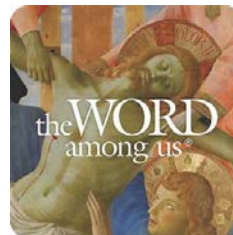
First Friday Adoration is back. We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Please take some time out of our busy schedules to spend with our Lord.

### **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.



We are starting to work on the subscriptions for next year's The WORD AMONG US. If you currently have the subscription and would like to keep it you need to do nothing.

If you would like to start receiving The WORD AMONG US please call the parish office. The cost will be \$20 for the year.

**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21, 22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By Mosaic Law what the scholars mean, were the *Ten Commandments* and other laws and directives given to Israel through Moses. In today's first reading we find Moses strictly instructing the people to observe the Commandments and they shall not add or subtract anything to them. It is true that besides the Commandments, the Pentateuch, (The first five Books of the Bible) contain a certain number of detailed regulations and instructions; but, in the matter of moral questions, what is laid down is a series of great moral principles which the individuals must interpret and apply for themselves. For a long time the Jews were content with that practice. But in the 5th century B.C. (before Christ) there came a class of legal experts known as Scribes and they were not satisfied with the general application of the laws rather wanted to have clear definitions and interpretations. *Thus they multiplied the regulations in Mosaic Law into rules and precepts and finally made 613 precepts to observe; 365 actions from which people must restrain and 248 laws to obey.* These rules and precepts were handed down to the next generation, orally. During the time of Jesus the oral laws were more predominant than the written laws. Those who failed to observe all these regulations were dealt with penalties. Thus they made the life of ordinary people hard and religion became a burden for them. That is why Jesus accused the Scribes and Pharisees, saying, **"They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them."** (Mt. 23:4). The ritual washing of the hands described in today's gospel was one of the precepts which every Jew had to observe. This has nothing to do with the physical hygiene rather it was ritual or ceremonial. As the disciples of Jesus didn't observe this rule, in the view of the Scribes, they became unholy before God.

As Jesus didn't give over importance to such oral traditions and external observances, he was accused of breaking and disrespecting the traditions of the elders. In fact, Jesus respected the Commandments and encouraged people to observe them. In Matthew's gospel 5: 17 Jesus answers against the accusations of Pharisees, **"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."** What does Jesus mean by that? He means that he came to give the **real meaning and spirit of the Law and Commandment.** Jesus believes that without understanding the spirit of the Law, if someone merely follows the letter of the Law, he/she will not be justified before God. The Scribes and Pharisees gave so much importance to the external

observances of the Law and their hearts were not involved in that at all. Consequently, these observances never helped them to come closer to God or people. That is why in today's gospel **Jesus accuses them quoting Isaiah 29:13, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, in vain do they worship me."**

The Scribes believed that by not observing these precepts one becomes unholy before God. But here Jesus makes a startling statement that the mere observances of certain rituals neither make them holy or unholy rather what comes out of their hearts, good or bad, makes a person holy or unholy. All evil designs come out of one's heart or mind, not from outside. Thus Jesus makes it very clear that all evils come out of one's heart. *If the religious practices we observe do not come out of the real love of God, they are not going to justify us.* Jesus too went to the Synagogue to pray and went to the Temple to worship. He did them out of the love of his heavenly Father; not to just to fulfill certain rituals or obligations.

In the Catholic Church we don't have 613 precepts to observe. But at the same time we too have got the Commandments to follow and certain rules and precepts of the Church to observe which are not burdensome for the members. Sometimes many Catholics too fall into to the category of the Scribes and Pharisees. We are also so much worried about the fulfillment of obligations. It is a fact that many Catholics are in the Church on Sunday because it is made obligatory. Let us turn to ourselves and ask, **"Why am I here today? Is it because participation in Sunday Mass is made mandatory or am I here to thank God for the blessings I received during the week and I want more grace and spiritual strength from the Eucharist to begin another week?"**

Many consider even the Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation as ritual to be fulfilled in children's life. Many parents hang around practicing their faith till their children receive these Sacraments and together with the children then they disappear from the Church. If our religious observances do not rise, out of the love of God, they are not going to bring us any good at all, other than wasting our time. Our prayers and worship should help to love God better and love our fellowmen better. In today's second reading **St. James says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world."** The true religious observances in spirit will reflect in our lives in the *form of love of God and love of neighbor.*