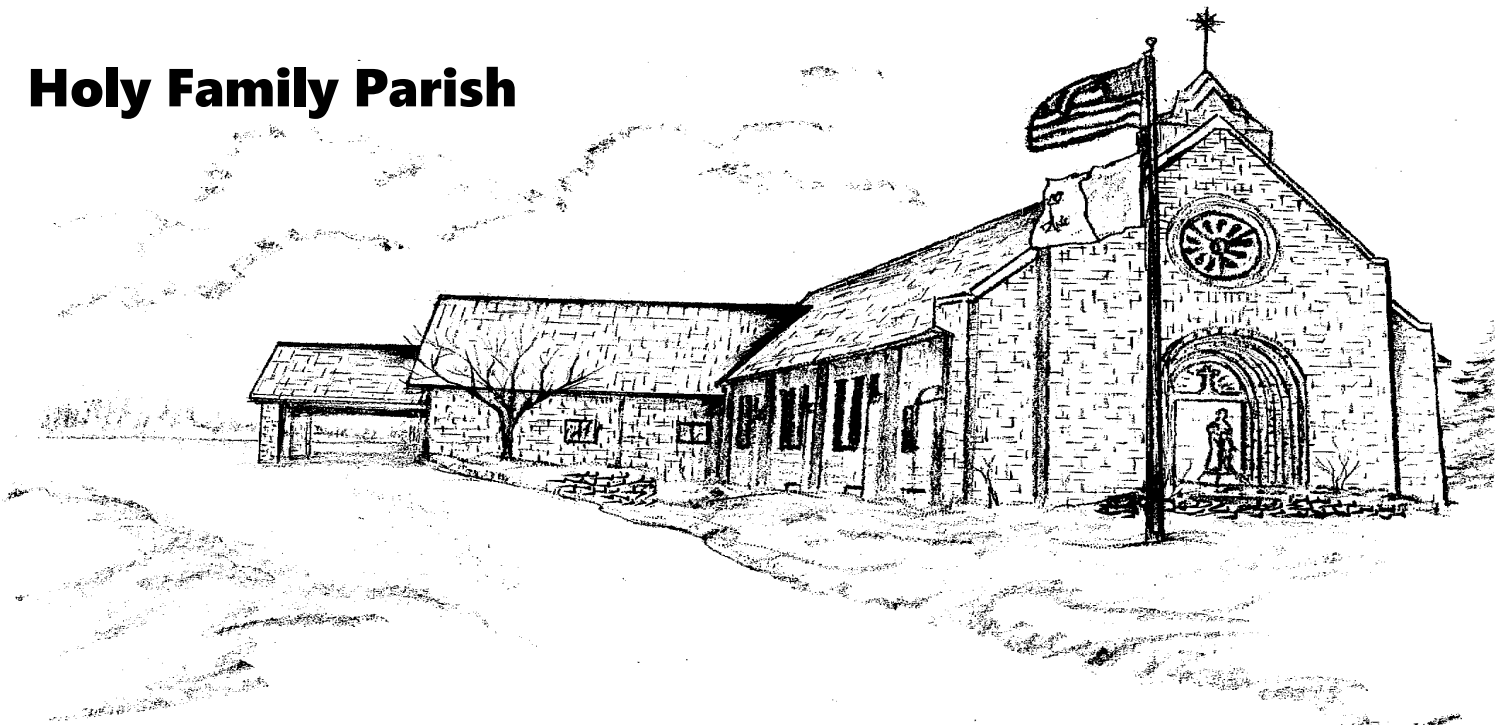


Holy Family Parish



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 12, 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.....

Bob Miller, Lincoln Noel, 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

The Sacramentals

We have already learned about what the Sacraments are. In short, the seven Sacraments are the outward signs of inward grace conferred by Jesus Christ. And also we saw that the seven Sacraments were instituted by Christ, in the sense that these signs have direct or indirect connection with the life and ministry of Jesus. But many may not be familiar the word Sacramentals though they use them in their day today Christian practices. In addition to the Sacraments, they are in use in the Church which are lesser signs or visible rites, and also not as important as the Sacraments, yet based on the same principles and sanctioned by the blessing of the Church. The Sacramental can be defined as any object set apart and blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts, to increase devotion and thus to remit venial sin. The Sacramentals are not like Sacraments, because they only produce grace indirectly through the suffrage of the Church and by causing devotion in the mind of the user. They are Holy objects or visible signs. In this lesson we will go through some of such signs which we use in the Church.

The Sign of the Cross: In the Catholic Church the most frequently used Sacramental and one of the most important signs is the Sign of the Cross. Remember, the Protestants don't make the Sign of the Cross any time; so it is strictly Catholic. If you see anyone making the Sign of the Cross you can right away conclude that he/she is a Catholic. If we mark a sign of the cross on somebody's forehead, it is also called a sign of the cross. But most usually by the Sign of the Cross here we mean the Cross made upon oneself from forehead to chest and shoulder to shoulder while the words, **"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are said.** Such a gesture is also obviously a profession of faith. It reminds us of the Blessed Trinity by the words that are used. It also reminds us of the death of Christ by the very form that used. So it indicates belief in the most basic doctrines of Christianity – the unity and Trinity of God.

The Sign of the Cross dates from the apostolic times. In the second century Tertullian wrote of it as follows: **"In all our travels and movements, in all our comings in and going out, in putting on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, in lighting our candles, in lying down, in sitting, whatever employment occupies us. We mark our foreheads with the Sign of the Cross."** Today the Sign of the Cross is used continuously in our worship – **50 times in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 14 times administering Baptism, regularly in the Divine Office, and as a symbol of blessing.** The picture of the Cross appears in many objects we use for Divine Worship such as the altars, altar linen, corporal and pacificators, books etc. Above all on the Church structure of Catholic Church we see the Cross on the outside or pinnacle. Many of us begin the day with the Sign of the Cross and conclude the day with the same. It is true that as it has become a routine in our prayer and worship, very often we make the Sign of the Cross very mechanically, even without giving much attention to the richness of this great sign. The saints have called the Sign of the Cross a reminder of the price of our redemption, for Christ redeemed us on the Cross. So it is highly advisable to keep at least a crucifix on the wall of our house.

Holy Water: Like the Sign of the Cross, the Catholics are very familiar with the Holy Water. When they enter the Church any time, first they go to the Holy Water bowl and dip the finger and make a Sign of the Cross on the forehead. The Holy Water is ordinary water till the priest blesses it in the name of the Church. In the old Catholic custom the Holy Water to be sprinkled over the people before each Sunday Mass. In the modern time, only during the Easter Season of 8 weeks the Holy Water is sprinkled on people before the weekend Mass. The Catholics are also allowed to take Holy Water to home for their personal prayer, provided it will be preserved in a place of respect and used for good purpose. And also the use of Holy Water reminds us of our own Baptism in which we are baptized. The priests use the Holy Water on different occasions such as, in the blessing of the religious articles, at the funeral, at the committal service in the cemetery and they can use it even when they bless the people or individuals. The devote use of Holy Water undoubtedly brings us many blessings from God. It is powerful especially against the evil spirits and temptations. The great St. Theresa of Avila tells us the following, **"I have often found by experience that there is nothing from which the devils fly more quickly and return not again than from the Holy Water."**

(We will continue next week).

Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 13 th	<i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For our Special Intentions
Tues.	Sept. 14 th	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Deceased Poor 6:00 P.M. – St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Sept. 15 th	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer
Thurs.	Sept. 16 th	<i>Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marjorie VanDamme ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	Sept. 17 th	<i>Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Richard DeMay ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Sept. 18 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Sept. 19 th	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rudy Marcella 10:00 AM - Mass - Kathy LaCosse

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

89 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Sept. 5th

Adults.....	\$ 3,845.00
Loose.....	82.00
General Maintenance.....	265.00
Fuel.....	460.00
Donation for Holy Water Pot.....	815.00
Donation.....	200.00
Total.....	\$5,667.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,658.66
Overage.....	\$2,008.34

Diocesan Collection – Haiti.....	581.00
St. Vincent DePaul Envelopes.....	63.00

You are invited to an Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #640
Sunday, September 26th, 12:00 PM
at St. Thomas Parish Hall.

Deacon Bob Berbohm will speak on Fathers and Family.
Knights of Columbus information will be presented.
There will be games and door prizes. Please join us!

Your Ticket to Fall Fun!!

BINGO - Friday, September 17th, 2021 – 7:00 PM –
Doors open at 6:00 PM at the Nahma Township Hall.
Paper Bingo Cards....No Buttons Needed. Raffle
Drawing at 9:45 PM Come hungry, our concession
stand will be serving brats, hot dogs, sandwiches,
chips, popcorn, desserts, pop and water! All proceeds
to benefit St. Andrews Catholic Church.

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

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Sept. 12th** - Nothing we wear makes as much difference as the expression on our faces.
- Sept. 13th** - Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best.
- Sept. 14th** - Help me overlook others faults in the hope that they will overlook mine.
- Sept. 15th** - ...we know that he hears us in whatever we ask. I John 5:14
- Sept. 16th** - The Christian faith is never a guarantee against trouble, but it is a guarantee against defeat when trouble comes.
- Sept. 17th** - He that will not command his thoughts will soon lose command of his actions.
- Sept. 18th** - the world has weary hearts That we may bless and cheer, And a smile for every day Makes sunshine all the year.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus says "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help

For more information contact Rosemary Beauchamp at 786-9442.

HARVEST DINNER NEWS!

Don't forget to return your RAFFLE TICKETS as soon as possible. We have about 2,700 tickets out and only half of them back.

Also don't forget that we are still in need of baskets for the bucket raffle.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday
1 Tm 3:14-16
Jn 19:25-27

Thursday
1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50

Friday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

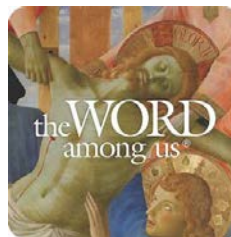
Sunday
Wis 2:12,17-20 Jas 3:16—4:3
Mk 9:30-37

ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST RETURNS!

Please join us for Breakfast at St. Thomas Parish Hall on Sunday, September 12th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice will be served. \$8.50 ages 13 & up \$5.50 FOR ages 6-12, 5 and under are FREE!

ATTENTION SMEAR TEAM CAPTAINS

There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday September 30, 2021 AT 7:00 PM to see what needs to be done to start this year's SMEAR LEAGUE. Any questions, please contact Bob Tourangeau at 786-6811.



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.

Prayer is not about asking for things. Prayer is about putting yourself in the hands of God. Make yourself available to Him and learn to listen to His voice in the depths of your heart. ~Mother Teresa