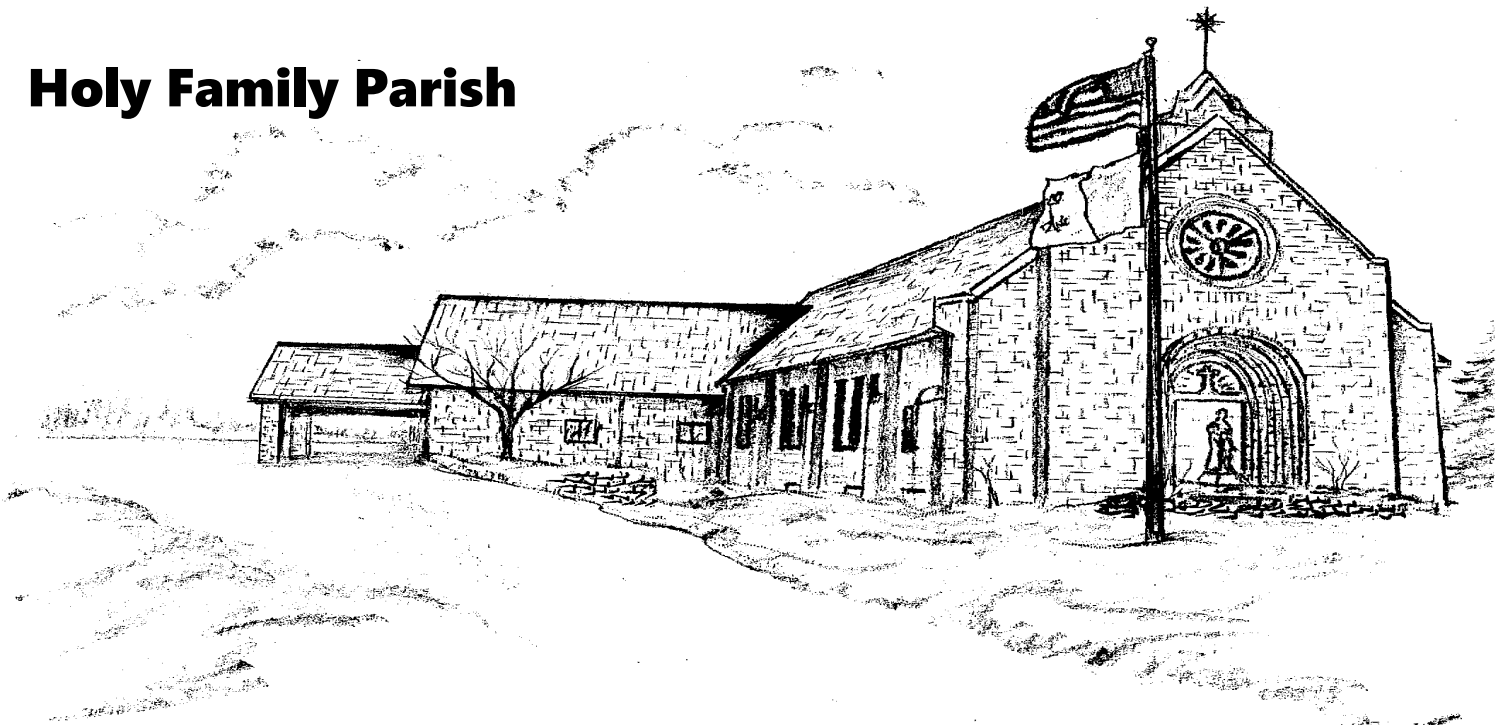


# Holy Family Parish



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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 26, 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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Website: [www.holyfamilyparish.net](http://www.holyfamilyparish.net)

### 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](mailto: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.....

*Lincoln Noel, Diane, Brevyn Willford, Barb  
Betty Lou, 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 Mass

With the episode of last week I have finished the lessons on all the seven Sacraments, including Sacramentals. This week we are going through the structure of the Mass in details so that the faithful may have a better understanding of what they are doing during the one hour in Church. This understanding will help us to participate in Mass better with more zeal and piety. We will be going through the structure of Mass starting from the entrance hymn up to the recessional hymn. During these episodes I will be explaining the four parts of the Mass which are:

1. Introductory Rites – includes the Opening Prayer, Penitential Rite and the Gloria
2. Liturgy of the Word – includes the Readings, Gospel, Homily and Prayers of the Faithful
3. Liturgy of the Eucharist – includes the Eucharist Prayer, the Our Father and Holy Communion
4. Concluding Rites – includes the Concluding Prayer and Dismissal

Let us begin with the history of the Mass.

**History:** In the Catholic Church very often you hear the terms, **Eucharist, Eucharistic Celebration, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Holy Sacrifice, Holy Mass and Holy Communion**. Very often our Protestant brethren get a little confused over the meaning of all these terms. If we go back to the history of the early Church we hear the terms, **breaking of the Bread, the Lord's Supper, Sacrament of the Altar and the Memorial of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection**. We Catholics know that all these terms are centered on one great mystery 'The Eucharist and its celebration. Preferably, the best term for the Mass is **Holy Sacrifice or Eucharistic Celebration**. But popularly it is known as *The Mass* where the Eucharist is the center of it. All Catholics know what the Eucharist is. The literal meaning of the word Eucharist is thanksgiving which comes from the Greek word *Eucharistia*. Eucharist is nothing but the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. The term Eucharistia is given for the very fact that at the last Supper Jesus took the bread and cup of wine in hands and thanked and praised the Heavenly Father and then blessed them and gave to his disciples saying, **"This is my Body and this is my Blood."** According to the synoptic gospels, (the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke) Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper or the last Passover meal he celebrated with his disciples. And according to Luke's gospel Jesus commanded the disciples **"Do it memory of me."** So the disciples continued the celebration after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Thanks to the detailed account of John on the Eucharistic discourse of Jesus (John 6: 25-35, 48-58), we Catholics are well aware of the importance of the Body and Blood of Jesus in our spiritual journey. As I explained you the Sacrament of the Eucharist, I have gone through the Eucharistic discourse of Jesus in great details and I am not repeating the same in this episode.

If we go through the early history of the Church we know that long before the celebrations of Christmas and Easter in the Church, the only celebration the apostles and the early Christian communities had was the Eucharistic celebration. But at that time they have never called it Eucharistic celebration rather it is known as the "Breaking of Bread" described in the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2: 42 which says, **"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."** As the early Christians were mostly Jewish converts they found the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and covenant in the person and mission of Jesus. So the Christian Eucharistic celebration had deep roots in the Hebrew Passover, the ritual meal commemorating the original Passover in Egypt. Christian communities believed that within the setting of a Jewish Passover meal, the Lord instituted the Eucharistic Sacrificial meal of the New Covenant.

**(We will continue next week).**

***Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time***

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Chouinard 6:00 P.M. - St Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tom & Steve Lippens ----- Parish Office closed
Thurs.	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 P.M. - Organizational Smear League Captains meeting ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Paul Weber 5:00 P.M. - Eucharistic Adoration until 6:00 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><i>12:00 Noon Wedding – Marissa Leisner &amp; Ethan Nault</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass –For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Richard Bougie

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

79 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$ 3,255.00
Loose.....	127.00
General Maintenance.....	50.00
Fuel.....	120.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,552.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$3,658.66</b>
<b>Short Fall.....</b>	<b>\$ 106.66</b>
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$ 20.00

***Religious Education - Holy Family and All Saints  
Kick Off – Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>***

***6:00 PM – Tailgating, Pizza in the Church Parking  
Lot or Church Hall***

***6:30 PM – Kick Off Prayer Service in Church***

***7:00 PM – Students meet their Catechists and  
Parents huddle with Fr. Jamie & Fr. Sebastian***

***7:30 PM – Game Over, head for home***

***Just a reminder to please return your Religious  
Education enrollment form as soon as possible to  
All Saints.***

*It is with much sadness to say that we have made the  
decision to **CANCEL** this year's **HARVEST  
DINNER**. We will still have the raffle and bucket  
raffles. Please keep posted!*

*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

- Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** - You are young and useful at any age if you are still planning for tomorrow.
- Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** - Knowledge is folly unless grace guides it.
- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Got any rivers you think are uncrossable? Got any mountains you can't tunnel through? God specializes in things thought impossible. He does what others cannot do.
- Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** - It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little; do what you can!
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** - You can't "wait on the Lord" and "run with the Devil" at the same time.
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** - It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man.
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Age is a matter of the mind; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Job Opportunities

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

### 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.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Monday</b> Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50	<b>Tuesday</b> Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56
<b>Wednesday</b> Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Jn 1:47-51	<b>Thursday</b> Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 Lk 10:1-12
<b>Friday</b> Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	<b>Saturday</b> Bar 4:5-12,27-29 Mt 18:1-5,10
<b>Sunday</b> Gn 2:18-24    Heb 2:9-11    Mk 10:2-16	

Fr. Sebastian is planning to start the **First Saturday Mass** here at Holy Family. Please call the parish office or let Fr. Sebastian know your thoughts. This would start November 6, 2021.

### You are invited to an Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #640 Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Right to Life** of Delta County thanks each and every person who volunteered or gave donations to help make the CHOOSE LIFE booth at the U.P. State Fair a success. We are grateful for your continued support promoting the Sanctity of Life in our Area.

**POSTER CONTEST:** Right to Life will sponsor the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Respect Life poster contest in October for grades 3-8. For more information call Joan at 428-4457 or Mary at 428-1169.

BE A PUBLIC WITNESS FOR THE UNBORN.  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 1:30-3:00**  
MEET NEAR BAY BANK AT 1:15  
VISIT **LIFECCHAIN.ORG**

Don't forget you return your U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Card. We need 100% participation if we are to make our \$37,968 goal.

**ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, October 3rd**

**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Numbers 11: 25-29; James 5: 1-6; Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Here is the story of two businessmen who were arch rivals. Their unhealthy competition broke the boundaries of reasoning and logic. For instance, when one opened a new showroom in one city, immediately, the other one did the same; when one purchased a new car, the other one bought more expensive than that. In a way, day by day, their rivalry and jealousy grew worse. One night an angel appeared to one of them and asked him to make a wish and it would be granted instantly. However, the angel added, “Your rival will be given the double of what you ask for.” The man made it clear from the angel, “You mean, if I ask for one billion dollars, my enemy is going to get two billion?” The angel said, “You are absolutely right.” The man asked for some time to make a decision. The following night the angel appeared again. The businessman asked, “Let one of my eyes become blind.” Of course, it is a story but it spreads light on the jealousy and intolerance rooted in every human being.

The evils of jealousy, intolerance, and hatred are as old as Adam and Eve. Out of jealousy and hatred Cain killed the innocent Abel. Sarah was jealous over Hagar, the slave girl who became the mother of Abraham’s son. Moved with jealousy Sarah forced Abraham to drive out Hagar from the house and Abraham had to do yield. Aaron and Miriam, the brother and sister of Moses became jealous over the divine power of Moses and they started grumbling against their brother. Though, young David saved Israel from the attack of Philistines by killing Goliath, Saul, the king, became jealous over the popularity of David. He did everything to destroy David. But his vengeance and jealousy paved the way for his tragic end. In today’s first reading we have just heard how intolerant and Jealous Joshua was over the two elders. Though they were not present in the gathering with the other elders when God bestowed His Spirit upon them, they too received the Spirit in the tent and started prophesying and Joshua could not appreciate that. He wanted Moses to stop them. But Moses corrects Joshua that God is generous and He can do a favor for anyone whom He chooses.

In today’s gospel we see two different themes running and we will reflect over the first theme. In the first part we meet a man casting out demons in the name of Jesus and this is the only incident of this nature. The disciples could not appreciate and tolerate this act because he refused to join their group. Perhaps they were jealous over that man’s power of healing. If we go through the gospel of Luke 9: 37-43 we will understand better why the disciples became so upset over this incident. According to Luke a man approached the disciples with the request to cast out the demons from his son, while Jesus

was still on Mount Tabor with his three disciples. But due to the lack of faith the disciples failed and they were humiliated before the crowd and also Jesus scolded them in public for their little faith. So naturally, they could not tolerate this guy, who was not even a disciple of Jesus but could cast out demons in Jesus' name. It was a little too much for the apostles and they were burning with jealousy and rivalry. Humanly speaking none of the apostles had any qualification or quality to become the disciple of Jesus. But still Jesus chose and elevated them. But now and then their jealousy, rivalry and intolerance came out in the open. It seemed that they wanted to monopolize the healing power of Jesus for themselves.

As we read in the Church history, we know how much damage was done to the Church due to the attitude of intolerance and jealousy of some Church authorities and members. In good olden times the Church kept a court of inquisition to try the heretics and they were very severely punished. The Church officials were very intolerant to Martin Luther who thought differently, though in many things he was right. As a result the Church was divided. There was a time the Catholics condemned the Protestants to hell and vice versa. Very often we see intolerance and jealousy creeping into the communities. When some members start comparing themselves with others, they feel that they don't have the qualities and talents others have. They start burning with jealousy and that turns into intolerance. But out of their jealousy they totally miss to see the many good things they are blessed with. Each person is created differently and blessed with different talents and gifts. *What you have, I may not have and vice versa. But when both our talents and gifts mingled together, something great and different will come out and that will help the community to grow.* For the growth of the community we need people with different gifts; we need people who think differently; we need members with different ideas. Very often our problem is that we always think about what I could have had, instead of what I have. **Bill Cox, the motivational speaker says, "Focus on what you have instead of what you don't have; on what is right in your world instead of what is wrong; on where you are going instead of what you have been through."** Then there is no room for jealousy, rivalry and intolerance. *Let us be content with what we have and what we are; then we will be happy and will appreciate the qualities, gifts and differences of our brothers and sisters*