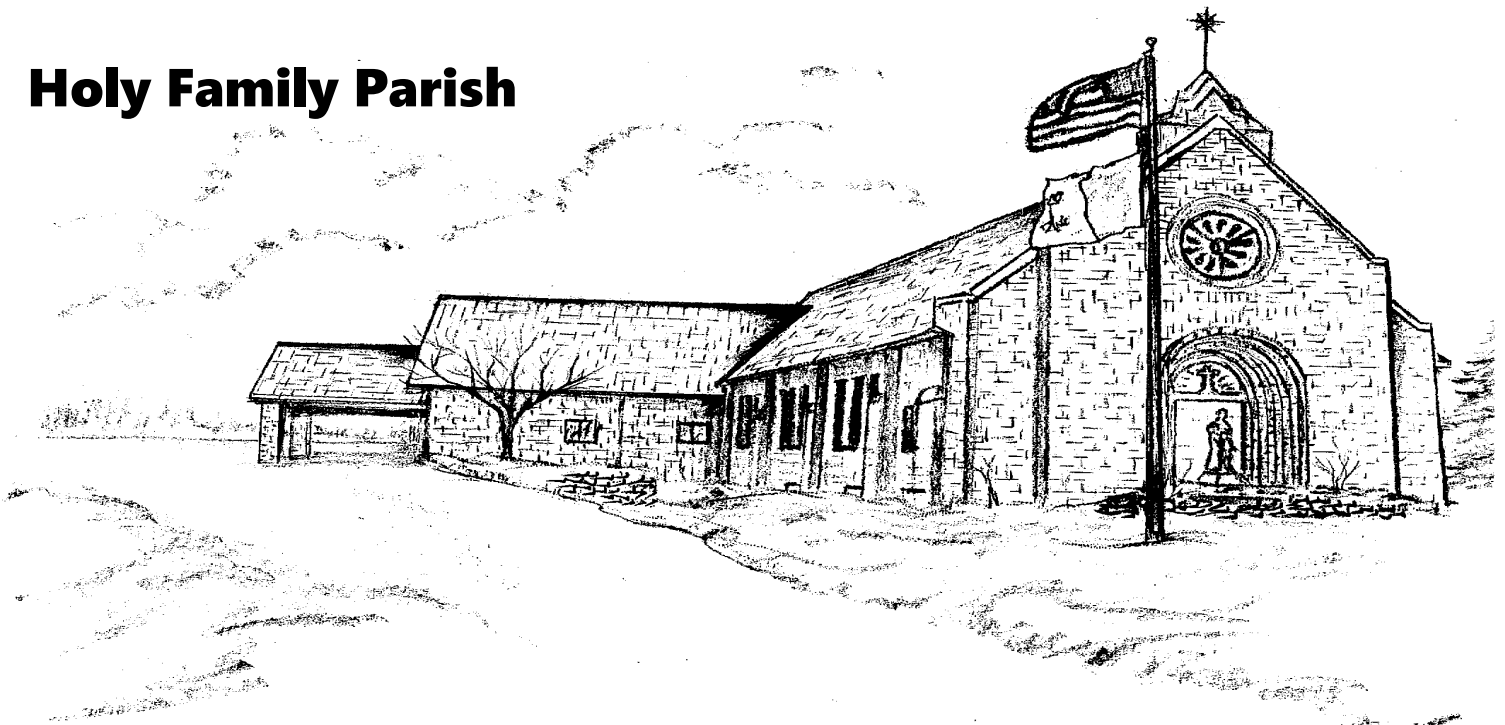


Holy Family Parish



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 10, 2021

Pastor

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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

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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.....

*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

Is the Mass Real Sacrifice (Cont.): Last week we saw that in Biblical language sacrifice has a special meaning. I repeat it here. Sacrifice is the offering to God of some sanctified object, made by a legitimate priest, who destroys or otherwise changes the object in acknowledgment of God's supreme dominion over man. The word sacrifice comes from the Latin words – **sacer means sacred and facere means to make**. Hence it means something made sacred or something consecrated and offered to God. In order to make something a sacrifice, there must be six distinguishing factors:

1. An external visible sign united to internal devotion. In the Old Testament these were lambs, goats, doves, bulls, oil, flour, bread, salt, wine and other things.
2. The Sacrifice must be offered to God alone
3. It must be offered in acknowledgment that God is the highest authority, and in profession of our complete submission to Him.
4. It must be offered by a priest and presented by him to God for and in the name of the people.
5. The purification of the victim should take place through prescribed external ceremonies as a preparation before the offering.
6. The victim must be partially or totally destroyed.

The Old Testament has full of references to sacrifices as prescribed by God Himself. The most important of these was the Jewish Pasch, a sacrifice in memory of the deliverance of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt. If we examine the world religions we know that every one of them has had a system of sacrifice; therefore, sacrifice is an essential feature of man's relation with his Creator. Naturally enough, if Christianity is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant, there should be some sort of sacrifice in the New Covenant. Indeed the New Covenant is founded on the Sacrifice of the Cross, from which it receives its life and meaning. In the New Covenant Jesus Christ himself was the victim and he made the supreme sacrifice on the cross. Before he died on the cross he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and gave his Body and Blood to his disciples as their food and drink. And also he commanded his disciples to continue the celebration of his Body and Blood in remembrance of him; **“Do it in memory of me.”**

As we have already seen, the only celebration the disciples had was the Eucharist which they considered to be the repetition of the Sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Catholic Church, from the very beginning of the century believed that the Holy Eucharist is not only a Sacrament, but also One Sacrifice of the New Law, and as a Sacrifice, we call it the Holy Mass. But the natural question arises in us is that, how is Holy Mass related to the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary? There is no doubt that Christ was the victim on the Cross. He too is the victim of the Mass. In the Mass Christ is offered to the Heavenly Father under the species of bread and wine in a manner in which no bloodshed takes place, as he did on the cross. We have already seen the six factors which make an act a real sacrifice. In the Mass the Victim is Jesus himself, in the visible form of bread and wine. The oblation takes place at the time of the Consecration. Jesus offers himself through his priest and the faithful. By that he gives honor and praise to the Heavenly Father. The Sacrifice of Christ is manifested in the Mass today by the separate Consecration which symbolizes the actual separation of his body and Blood, or the death. At the Last Supper Jesus gave his apostles his Body and Blood separately which is the symbol of sacrifice.

At the same time the Mass differs from the Sacrifice of the Cross in the following ways: **In the manner of offering:- on the cross Jesus really shed his blood and offered his very life. But in the Mass he offers himself in a manner where there is no bloodshed. By reason of the one offering:- on the cross Christ offered himself alone and directly. In the Mass he offers himself along with us through the ministry of priests. By reason of Victim:- on the cross his humanity was visible while in the Mass Christ's humanity is hidden. By reason of the effects:- on the cross Christ merited once and for all the price of Redemption for a fallen mankind. On the altar nothing new is merited, but now the satisfaction and merits of the cross are applied on us.**

The Sacrifice of the Mass is offered by Christ himself, by ordained priest, by each person assisting and by the whole church. But each one has got different role to play in the celebration of the Mass. The four objects of all sacrifice are found in a super eminent way in the Sacrifice of the Mass. **It is offered, 1. To honor and glorify God. 2. To thank God for his goodness. 3. To make atonement for the sins. 4. In supplication.** When the Mass is offered for individuals, they certainly benefit. But God has made it hidden as to what extent one will benefit.

(We will continue next week).

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 11 th	<i>Saint John XXIII, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Oct. 12 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting
Wed.	Oct. 13 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Beauchamp 6:00 P.M. - Religious Education Kick Off at All Saints Church grades 1-7
Thurs.	Oct. 14 th	<i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe 7:30 P.M. - Smear League organization/fun night
Fri.	Oct. 15 th	<i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Chouinard ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 16 th	<i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	Oct. 17 th	<i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Kathy LaCosse 2:30 P.M. - Harvest Dinner Raffle Drawing

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

73 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Oct. 3rd

Adults.....	\$ 3,080.00
Loose.....	103.00
General Maintenance.....	155.00
Fuel.....	325.00
Votive Lights.....	195.00
Total.....	\$3,858.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,658.66
Overage.....	\$ 199.34

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... \$ 120.00

Don't forget to buy or sell the raffle tickets for our Raffle on October 17th. Please turn in all monies and ticket stubs to the parish office. There are still quite a bit outstanding! DRAWING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCT. 17TH AT 2:30 PM

Religious Education - Holy Family and All Saints Kick Off – Wednesday, Oct. 13th grades 1-7

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



Congratulations!

Marissa Leisner and Ethan Nault celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at Holy Family on Saturday, October 2nd.

May God bless them with many happy years.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Oct. 10th** - The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated.
- Oct. 11th** - Love is like a bazaar. The admittance is free, but it costs you something before you get out.
- Oct. 12th** - The rich and poor gather together, the Lord is the maker of them all.
- Oct. 13th** - To lose your wealth is much, To lose your health is more, To lose your souls is such a loss that nothing can restore!
- Oct. 14th** - The preacher does better when you are there; 'Tis hard to preach to an empty chair.
- Oct. 15th** - Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.
- Oct. 16th** - Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene, One step enough for me!

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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 (906) 789-1281

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. To date we have received \$16,460 in pledges leaving us with a shortfall of \$21,508, with 61 responding out of a possible 198.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday
Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday
Rom 2:1-11
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday
Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

Friday
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday
Rom 4:13,16-18
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday
Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

ATTENTION MEN

There will be a Smear League Organizational Fun Night on Thursday, October 14th starting at 7:30 PM. We are in need of four more men to make up a team so there will be 12 teams. Any men are welcome to attend or for more information contact Bob Tourangeau at 786-6811.

BUCKET RAFFLES

The buckets will be on display for the next four weekends. This weekend is just display and the next three weekends you will be able to purchase tickets for the buckets.



There are sign up sheets at the back of church for donations and workers for the PASTY SALE which will take place on November 5th and 6th. Please look over the lists to see where you can help or donate. Thanking everyone in advance. We would like to make 2000!

You are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for physicians, healthcare providers & their spouses celebrated by Most Reverend John F. Doerfler Bishop of Marquette at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, MI on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 5:15 pm et, Mass.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; Oct. 10th 2021
Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

History bears witness to the evil of greed and its consequences. The greed in human beings is as old as Adam and Eve and we know about the price they had paid for the greed they had. Greed in any form in any area of life can bring only disasters in individual life, community and nation as a whole. We read in the history the story of many Kings and emperors who simply lost everything due to their greed for power and wealth. They could have lived peacefully for years, had they abandoned their greed. Alexander the Great is the typical example of excess greed for power which took away his life at the young age of 33.

In contrast to Alexander we have the story of another ancient king Solomon. According to 1Kings 3: 5-14 God gave him the chance to ask for anything he wanted. But instead of asking for riches, long life, treasures, glory and the heads of his enemies Solomon asked from God the understanding heart to judge the people and to distinguish right from wrong. In other words, he sought wisdom from God. Being pleased by Solomon's wise choice God made him not only the wisest king in the world but also gave him riches. In today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom, Solomon feels that he made the right choice and praises the greatness of wisdom. He considers wisdom as priceless and the source of happiness. **Solomon says, "I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her."** On the other hand in today's gospel we find a young man who thinks that his riches are everything in his life. Here Jesus makes a futile attempt to free this young man from his material bondage so that he may be able to serve God better. It is very clear from the gospel that the young man was a good person who observed the commandments and wanted to do more to attain eternal life. But at the same time he was a slave of his possessions and he didn't want to share some of them with others. **In a way we can say that he didn't possess the wealth rather the wealth has possessed him.**

When we read this passage, we may get the impression that Jesus demanded the young man to sell everything and keep nothing. Again we may reach a conclusion that the rich people are destined to eternal damnation. But in fact none of the above views is right. First of all, Jesus does not say that one should not possess any material riches at all. We know that without material possessions it is impossible to live in this world. In reality God has created everything in the world for man to enjoy and make use of it for a better living. Here, the problem of the

young man was that he was so selfish and didn't want to share his goods with anyone. He was looking for only his comforts and joy. Jesus was condemning that attitude. The rich people are justified, provided they are generous with their wealth and make use of it to make a difference in others who are less fortunate. Here Jesus implies that wealth which is not shared with the needy is a curse and it will take one away from God and fellowmen. The selfish use and hoarding of wealth will never bring joy to one rather the worries and sadness.

The founder of Buddhism, Gautama Buddha says, "The attachment to the material things is the cause of misery in one's life." So he advised his followers to free themselves from the shackle of the material things. St. Gregory the great says, "The more we are involved in temporal things the more we are insensitive to the spiritual things." *Jesus himself says, "But, seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given you besides."* (Mt. 6: 33). That is what happened in the life of King Solomon who only sought wisdom and understanding from God and he was given all riches as well.

The Jewish people always considered the abundance of wealth as the sign of God's blessing. Indeed, our wealth, talents and time are the gifts from God. Perhaps, what you have may be the fruit of your sweat and hard work. I hear people justifying their extravagance saying, "It is my money and I can spend it the way I want and nobody can question me about it." But it is not the plan of God that you waste your wealth rather you may make use of it for your enjoyment as well as to make a little difference in somebody's life, who is less fortunate. The gap between the have and have not is very wide in the world. So it is the duty of those *who have* to shorten that gap with their generosity. If our material things become a hindrance to serve God and see our fellow beings with compassion and love, they are a curse for us. *Whereas, the joy of sharing our time, talents and wealth with the community or someone who is in need will not be snatched away from us in this world or the world to come.* **St Basil the great gives us the importance of sharing in the following words: "When someone steals another's clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The extra bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor."**