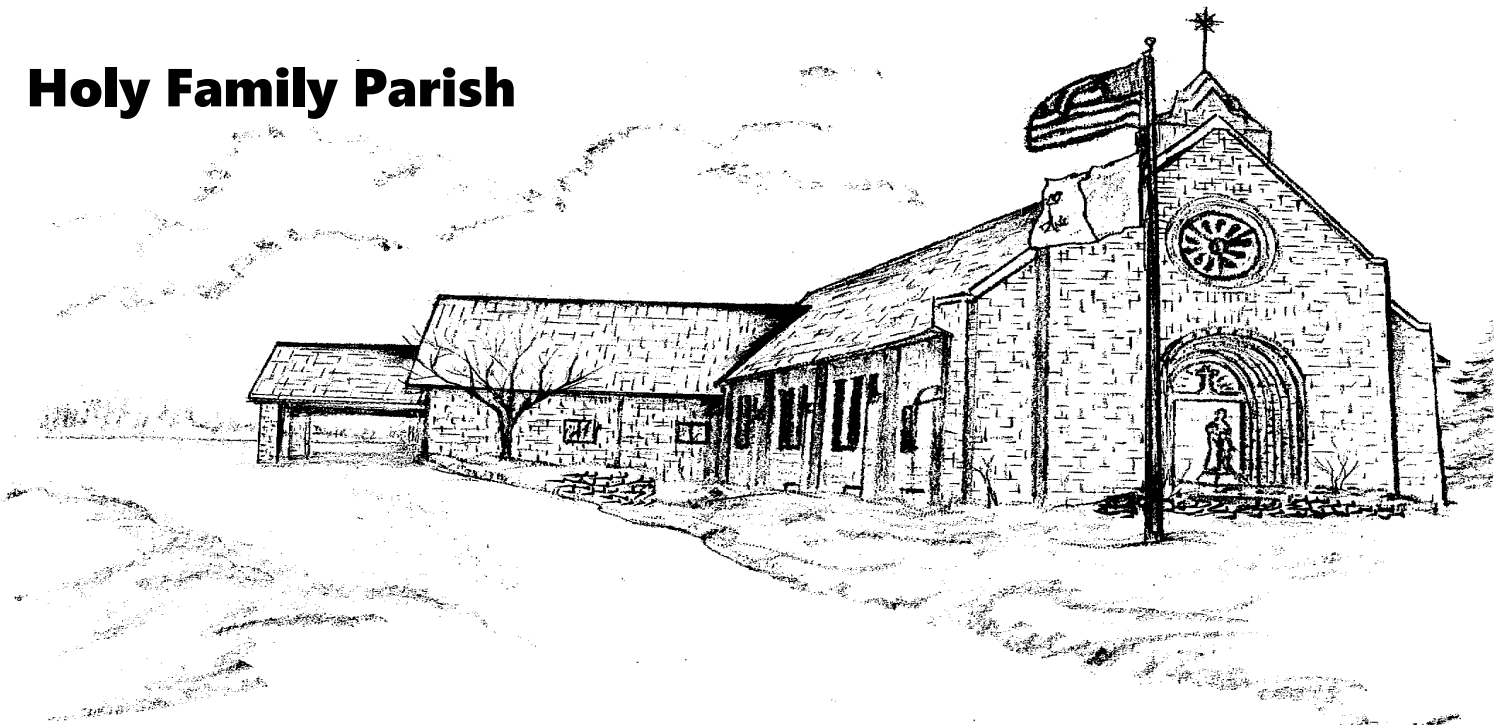


Holy Family Parish



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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.....

*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

The Sign of the Cross (Cont.): We Catholics don't merely sign the cross on our bodies; rather while signing ourselves, we call on God's name saying, '**In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**' In the Scripture, to call on the name of the Lord denotes worship and is often associated with prayer and sacrifice. It is an ancient practice found among the earliest followers of the Lord. The great patriarch Abraham calls on the name of the Lord when he is erecting altars to God and consecrating the land promised to him (Gen. 12:8; 13:4). His son Isaac calls on the Lord's name when he built an altar at Beersheba (Gen. 26:25).

In the Scripture, a name is not merely a conventional way of referring to a particular person. A name mysteriously represents the essence of a person and carries the power of that person. Therefore, to call upon God's name is to invoke His presence and His power. That is why the ancient Israelites frequently called upon the name of the Lord, not only to praise Him and thank Him, but also to seek His help in their lives. Whenever we sign the cross on us we call upon the name of God by which we invoke His divine presence and ask for His assistance. The Psalmist says, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Ps 124:8). This sheds a lot of light on the power and meaning of the sign of the cross.

When we make the sign of the cross in the beginning of the Mass we do not focus on the Son alone. **We call upon the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.** Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize everybody, 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' At every baptism the priest repeats the same formula. So when we make the sign of the cross hereafter, on any occasion, at the Mass or our private prayer, we need to keep these facts in our minds.

Greeting: After the sign of the cross the priest is not supposed to greet the people with 'good morning or good evening'; rather he greets the congregation in Biblical language of greeting. He normally says either, "**The Lord be with you**" or "**the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**" **Then people respond: "And with your spirit."**

From the Biblical perspective, "The Lord be with you" is no ordinary greeting as some priests do in the beginning of the Mass 'good morning or good evening.' If we truly know the Scriptural background of these words, we might approach this greeting with more respect and trust. On a basic level, these words convey the reality of Jesus' presence with the community of believers assembled in his name, for the celebration of the Mass. Jesus said, "When two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst" (Mt 18:20). This liturgical greeting also expresses the profound reality of God's life dwelling within our souls by virtue of our baptism. With these words the priest is praying that the divine life we received may continue to grow within us.

When we go through the Bible, we understand the depth and power of these greeting 'The Lord be with you' - especially in the lives of great Heroes who were called by God for special tasks. We see the assurance of God's presence with these Heroes when they were called. For instance, if we take the calls of Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Joshua, King David and all the Prophets, we see right in the beginning God assuring these men that '**He would be with them.**' These men, though initially were timid and unprepared for the mission, the assurance of God's presence with them gave them the power. In all these cases when God called them, either He or His angels addresses the person with the assurance that "The Lord is with you." Just take the example of Joshua; after Moses died, God called Joshua to the daunting task of leading the people into the Promised Land, through the powerful enemies. God said to Joshua, "**No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.**" When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, the first thing he did to her was the assurance of God's presence with her. **The angel said to Mary, "Hail, favored on! The Lord is with you" (Luke 1: 28).**

(We will continue next week).

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 25 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Oct. 26 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Don Anderson
Wed.	Oct. 27 th	8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass – Harry Nelson Religious Education at All Saints Church grades 1-7 <i>Kick off the year for Grades 8-11 and their parents</i>
Thurs.	Oct. 28 th		<i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Elaine Gareau 7:30 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Oct. 29 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Francis Beauchamp (2 nd Anniv.) Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 30 th	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Oct. 31 st		<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Happy Birthday Fr. Sebastian~</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Willie & Karen LaMarche 10:00 AM - Mass – Moe & Helen Ness 11:00 AM - Bucket Raffle Drawings

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

88 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Oct. 17th

Adults.....	\$ 3,220.00
Loose.....	161.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Pasty Donations.....	594.00
Total.....	\$4,025.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,658.66
Overage.....	\$ 366.34

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... \$ 10.00

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- 1st Place – Ron Nelson*
- 2nd Place – Holy Family*
- 3rd Place – Mike Jacques*
- 4th Place – Phil Dubord*
- 5th Place – Renee Hirt*



There are sign up sheets at the back of church for donations and workers for the PASTY SALE on Nov. 5th and 6th. Please look over the lists to see where you can help or donate. **You can also donate cash if you would like for us to purchase the ingredients.**

Thanking everyone in advance. We would like to make 2000!



Executive Director opening

Pregnancy Services of Delta County is seeking a full-time executive director to oversee the day to day operations and represent the pro-life organization. See *indeed.com* for a complete job description. Send resume and cover letter to director@pregnancyservicesdc.org. Deadline: November 7th.

CALLING ALL LADIES! Let's Make Notecards on Tuesday, Nov. 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Cost \$2 and there will be light refreshments. Sign up at the back of church by Nov. 8th.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Oct. 24th** - Whatever our race, creed, or background, we are all children of God.
- Oct. 25th** - Unless you can control yourself, you will never be able to control others.
- Oct. 26th** - An old man was asked what had most robbed him of joy in his life. His reply was “things that never happened.”
- Oct. 27th** - O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- Oct. 28th** - Do not worry about whether or not the sun will rise. Be prepared to enjoy it.
- Oct. 29th** - You shall judge a man by his foes as well as by his friends.
- Oct. 30th** - Take a tip from nature - man’s ears weren’t made to shut - his mouth was.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: “Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all.”

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

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 \$24,355 in pledges leaving us with a shortfall of \$13,613 with 89 responding out of a possible 198. If you missed placed your card and need another, please contact the parish office 786-1209.
Together we can do this!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Rom 8:12-17
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
Rom 8:18-25
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday
Rom 8:26-30
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Friday
Rom 9:1-5
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday
Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29
Lk 14:1,7-11

Sunday
Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28
Mk 12:28b-34

BUCKET RAFFLES

You will be able to purchase tickets for the buckets for the next two weekends. The drawings will take place after the 10:00 AM Mass on October 31st.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF DELTA COUNTY RESPECT LIFE POSTER CONTEST

Right to Life Delta County will sponsor the 8th annual Respect Life poster contest this month for grades 3-8. For more information, please call Joan at 428-4457 or Mary at 428-1169.

ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST

**Please join us for Breakfast at
St. Thomas Parish Hall on Sunday,
November 7th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes,
Toast, Coffee & Juice will be served.**

\$8.50 ages 13 & up

\$5.50 ages 6-12

5 and under are FREE!

Please join us!

Just a little note to mark your calendar! Fr. Ben Rivard will be here at Holy Family celebrating the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 13th. We will also have a light reception following Mass.

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Oct. 24th 2021
Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

During the three years of his public ministry, so many people approached and followed Jesus with diverse interests and intentions. Most of them had physical and material interest, as Jesus was a miracle worker. Sometimes we see the followers and crowd getting a bit self-centered and trying to monopolize Jesus. At least on couple occasions the apostles too kept the same attitude. For instance, once when the parents brought their children to Jesus for blessing, the apostles prevented them; another time their target was the Canaanite woman who came to Jesus with a loud cry for healing her daughter. In both cases it is Jesus who came to the rescue of the victims. In today's incident of the blind man, Bartimaeus, it is the crowd that is becoming a hindrance in his way to Jesus. Remember, Jesus was on his last journey to Jerusalem and also it was the occasion of the Passover Feast. Naturally, a lot of pilgrims were on their way and they were gathered around Jesus with interest to listen to him. So the loud cry of Bartimaeus interrupted with their hearing and good time with Jesus and he was considered to be a nuisance. They didn't have any concern for this blind man at all. On the other hand Bartimaeus was very persistent and he didn't give any attention to the crowd; rather he wanted to draw the attention of Jesus. For this was his last chance to get a healing. So the intimidation of the crowd didn't affect him; rather his focus was on Jesus. It is clear that Jesus was annoyed by the indifferent and uncharitable attitude of the crowd and he took the initiative to call the blind man and his wish was granted.

In the crowd apparently, the only blind man was Bartimaeus. But there were a lot of blind people in the crowd, who were spiritually blind and failed to see the dire need of a poor beggar. Instead of leading him to Jesus they thought only of their convenience and selfish advantage. So they failed to see the blind Bartimaeus. Fr. De Mello, the Jesuit writer tells a story of a hermit. *One day he asked his disciples: "When do you say that the night is ended and it is morning? The first one said, "I say that it is morning when I can distinguish an oak tree from the maple." The hermit said, 'No.'* *The second one answered, "I know it is morning when I can distinguish a cow from a sheep at a distance." The hermit once again nodded his head in negation. The third one replied, "It is morning when no star is visible in the cloudless sky."* The hermit disagreed with this answer too. All the answers seem to be reasonable. Finally the hermit explained, **"I know it is morning when I can recognize a person as a son or daughter of God, and**

hence my own brother or sister.” In this context, the failure of the people was the same that they failed to see the poor blind beggar as their ‘brother,’ the son of God.

By the Grace of God, though many of us have a little bit loss of our eye sight, we are not totally blind. But many of us don’t notice our spiritual blindness by which we fail to recognize our brother and sister as children of God. We fail to recognize them as they are. We can be happy that we live in a materially affluent nation and as a result very often we are independent and don’t need the help of others. We feel it as humiliating to depend on somebody. As a result the wrong attitude of *‘I and me’* mentality is creeping into our hearts. Very often our sense of independence and self-sufficiency cast blindness in our eyes to see the need of our brothers and sisters. These days many keep the attitude, *‘I don’t want your help and I don’t care for you.’* It is sad that, living in the same community, many are totally blind towards the genuine needs of other members. Sometimes, their cry for help also becomes a nuisance in our ears as the cry of Bartimaeus. In my previous parish, I used to visit an elderly couple regularly and gave them communion. One day the man made an eye opening comment, **“My wife and I are old now and we were once very active in the parish and involved in many things; but today nobody cares to pay a short visit and spend a little time with us.”** The uncharitable attitude of the crowd was a hindrance to Bertimaeus to reach Jesus. Similarly, we have to examine and see whether our unwelcoming and uncaring attitude towards our brothers and sisters may prevent them to reach Jesus. Let us keep our eyes open towards the physical and spiritual need of our less fortunate brothers and sisters who may not be very often looking for our material help; rather the moral support or our company. **As the hermit says, when we recognize our brother or sister as son and daughter of God, it is morning in our life; the darkness has vanished from us. The moment I ignore or disown them darkness descends upon me and I won’t be able to see them but only myself.**