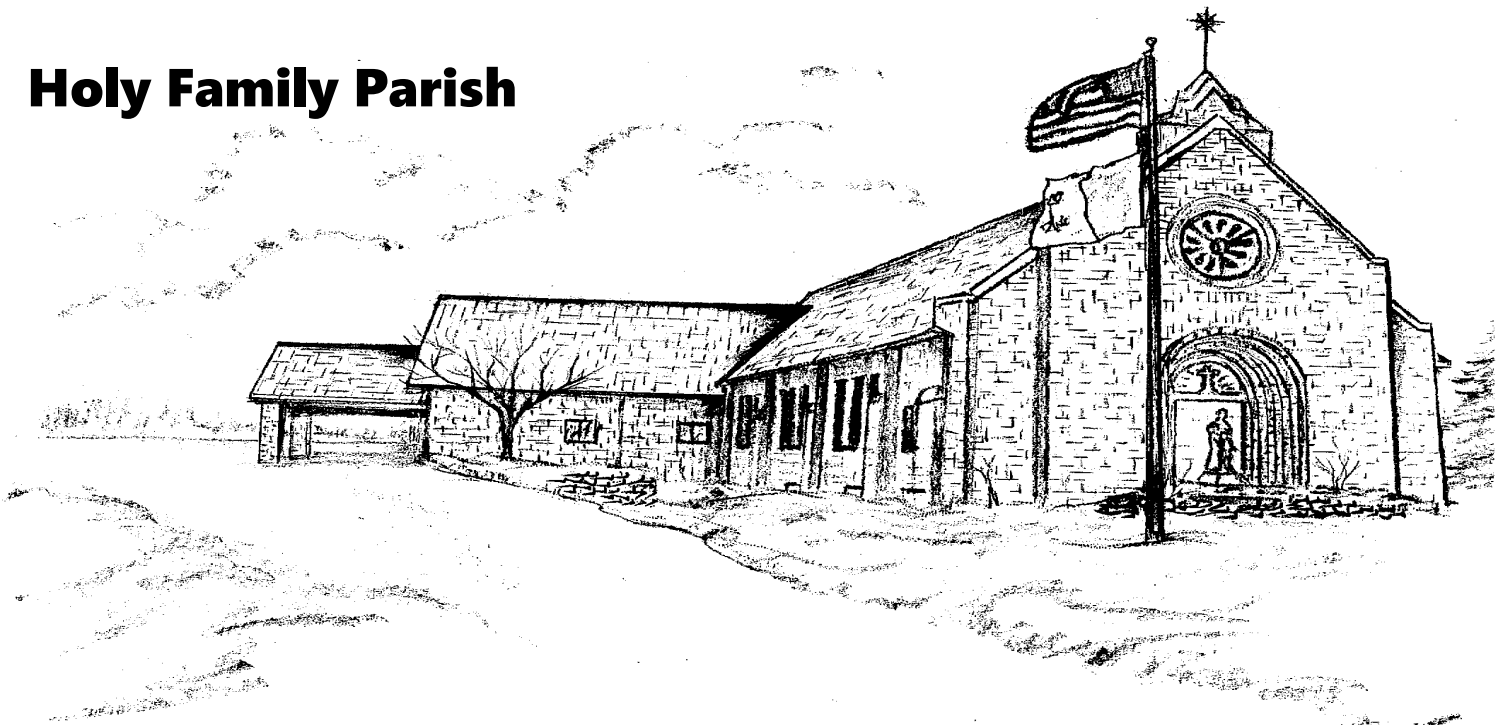


Holy Family Parish



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4011 Co. 416-20th Road, Gladstone, MI 49837

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 31, 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

E-mail Address: secretary@holyfamilyparish.net

Website: 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

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*

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

Greeting (Cont.): On the one hand, from the Scriptural perspective, the words, “*The Lord be with you*” reminds us of the high calling we have. As God’s children, each one of us has a particular mission to fulfill in the Father’s Plan. When we hear these words, we should realize that we are standing in the footsteps of the past Heroes and the same Lord is with us for completing our mission too. On the other hand, these words also assure us that we have access to a higher power that can support us through the trials and challenges of life and help us be faithful in whatever task God has entrusted to us. If we feel uncertain or inadequate in our tasks, we should remember that ‘The Lord is with us.’

The second option of the greeting, “*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all*” comes from the Epistles of Paul to different churches (see Rom. 1:7; 1Cor. 1:3; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2) which gives the same assurance of God’s presence with us. These words in particular underscore the fact that our faith comes to us from the apostles, to whom Christ entrusted his mission and authority, and who later passed that authority on to their successors. When we hear the salutation, ‘Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Love of God the Father, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit,’ we become aware of our fellowship with the saints throughout the Church’s history who have been greeted with these words ever since the time of St. Paul.

And with your Spirit: This response is different from the old response we had in the previous text. This more adequately reflects the Latin text of the Mass and the language of St. Paul (Gal. 6: 18). Most of all it brings out more fully an important theological point. In the previous translation, when we said, ‘and also with you,’ we might get the impression that our response was merely intended to express a basic reciprocity- ‘May God be with you, too.’ But there is much more going on in this response. By saying “And with your spirit,” the people are acknowledging the Holy Spirit’s unique activity through the priest during the sacred liturgy by virtue of his ordination. In this response the people are addressing the ‘spirit’ of the priest; that is, that deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in this sacred action. They are saying in effect, ‘Be the priest for us now, aware that there is only one priest, Christ himself, and that this one who represents him now much be finely turned to perform his sacred duties well.’

Penitential Rite: After the greeting next the priest invites the people to repent over their sins with the Penitential rite so that they may be able to participate in the Mass and receive Communion worthily. You are familiar with the two types of Penitential Rite, one long form and another short form. The long form begins with **I confess or the Confiteor.**

Penitential Act in the Bible: In the Old Testament whenever God appeared to Israel on different occasions, we find people reacting to the divine presence in different ways. Very often they responded with holy fear and awe, sometimes even throwing themselves on the ground or covering their faces, as they acknowledged their unworthiness to stand in His presence (Genesis 17:2; 28: 17; Exodus 3:6; 19:16). We see similar response from Peter, James and John at the Transfiguration of Jesus (Mt 17:6). However, when the people were given advance notice of God’s coming among them, they took time to prepare carefully for His holy encounter. For example at Mount Sinai, Israel had three days to get ready to meet the Lord, who would come to them in thunder, lightning, and cloud. They had to purify themselves spiritually and physically, including washing their garments.

(We will continue next week).

On Tuesday, Nov. 2nd is All Souls Day. At the 8:00 AM Mass we will be remembering all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We remember in particular those who have died this past year as we remember all the dead at this Mass.

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 1 st	All Saints Day - Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Nov. 2 nd	All Souls Day - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Chouinard (1st Anniv.) and all of the Faithful departed from Nov. 1, 2020 to Oct. 31, 2021 ----- Parish Office closed
Wed.	Nov. 3 rd	Saint Martin de Porres, Religious 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Earl Miron 6:30 P.M. - Religious Education at All Saints Church grades 1-9
Thurs.	Nov. 4 th	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lawrence Viau 7:30 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 5 th	6:30 P.M. - Peeling Vegetables for the Pasty Sale 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Frank Kudwa & Children ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 6 th	8:00 A.M. - Start of making pasties 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Nov. 7 th	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Richard Bougie

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

78 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Oct. 24th

Adults.....	\$ 3,550.00
Loose.....	170.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	35.00
Pasty Donations.....	500.00
Total.....	\$4,275.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,658.66
Overage..... \$ 616.34

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



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. Don't forget to have your donations here by Thursday, Nov. 4th!



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.



Happy Birthday
Fr. Sebastian
May the Lord bless you with many more happy years here!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Oct. 31st** - Good intentions are no substitute for action; failure usually follows the path of least persistence.
- Nov. 1st** - Lord, you are patient with me - even though I am slow to respond.
- Nov. 2nd** - In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6
- Nov. 3rd** - In seeking happiness for others, you find it for yourself.
- Nov. 4th** - In labors of love, every day is pay day.
- Nov. 5th** - A poor listener seldom hears a good sermon.
- Nov. 6th** - He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity, will revolutionize the world.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

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 \$26,535 in pledges leaving us with a shortfall of \$11,433 with 99 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
Rv 7:2-4,9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44

ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST

Please join us for Breakfast at St. Thomas Parish Hall on Sunday, Nov. 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.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND DON'T FORGET.....



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; October 31st 2021
Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

The scribes and Pharisees always accused Jesus of breaking the Mosaic Law. But in today's gospel, the encounter of Jesus with the scribe is a clear example that Jesus respected the Commandments which were the only Laws given to Israel through Moses. This same story is written also by both Matthew and Luke with slight variation. From the account of Mark and also Matthew it seems that the scribe was very satisfied with the answer of Jesus who quoted the first Commandment as the greatest of Laws. But if we read the same account given by Luke in chapter 10, we come to know that the scribe had a real problem to understand who his neighbor was? So Jesus narrates the famous parable of the *Good Samaritan*.

For the people of Israel the first and greatest law is the first Commandment which Moses gives in the Book of Deuteronomy. **"Hear O, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone!"** That single sentence is the real creed of Judaism. The Synagogue service always began with the declaration of the first Commandment in full which is called the *Shema*. As a pious Jew, Jesus too considered this Commandment as the first and the greatest. So he simply quoted to the scribe the Commandment from Deuteronomy 6:4. But here Jesus did something different which no Rabbi had ever ventured to do. In other words, Jesus took a directive from Leviticus 19:18, which read, **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"** and put together with the first Commandment. Thus he summarized the 10 Commandments into two; *'Love of God and Love of neighbor.'* From the response of the scribe it is evident that he had no difficulty to accept the second law as another Commandment and he leaves Jesus with compliment. But it is very clear that the scribe left the scene without understanding the concept of neighbor meant by Jesus. The question of the scribe in Luke chapter 10, **'Who is my neighbor?'** gave Jesus the opportunity to explain through the parable of the Good Samaritan as who the neighbor is. In this parable we see the fundamental difference between Jesus and the scribe in understanding the neighbor. For a Jew his neighbor was supposed to be another fellow Jew and all others outside of the Jewish community were Gentiles and as such to be considered as the enemies of the Jews. Jesus explained to the scribe as who is to be considered as his neighbor. It is very clear from the parable that the *"Good Samaritan"* was a Gentile and the wounded man was a Jew. For Samaritans were Gentiles. **So in the view of Jesus, anyone who is in need of your help is supposed to be your neighbor no matter who he/she is.**

As Jesus had put these two great laws together, it is very clear that they are the two sides of the same coin and the one without the other is not complete. In other words, we cannot love God and at the same time hate fellow beings and vice versa. Unfortunately, many Christians keep separate compartments between the love of God and love of neighbor. They think that loving or hating our neighbor has nothing to do with their love for God. These Christians are Church goers and very active members of the community too. They have full respect and love for God. But coming out of the Church they are different people. Some of them even refuse to look at the face of some members, let alone talking to them; they find it very hard to forgive their fellow Christians. They wrongly conclude that they are united to Christ and they walk in the true light who is Jesus Christ. St. John in his letter warns such people; he says, **“Whoever says he is in the light, yet hates his brother, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother remains in the light, and there is nothing in him to cause a fall” (1John 2:9-10).**

I hear people sometimes say, *“It is not that easy to love and appreciate people who are mean to you and hurt your feelings; so it is Ok I hate them.”* To such people St. John says again in his letter: **“God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him” (1John 4:16 & 20).** Jesus is the only religious leader in the entire history commanded his followers, *“Love your enemies and pray for them.”* But when he says so, he does not mean that we have to love them as we love our spouses, children or siblings; rather, at least we should keep a benevolent love towards them and should not wish anything bad to happen in their lives. In order to love everybody around us, there is an easy way, that is: first of all I should consider me as an imperfect human being and then I will see all others as imperfect human beings. I can fail, forget and overlook things; you can do the same things. So both of us are on the same page and deserve encouragement correction and sympathy. When I consider as myself I am OK and look at you, then you are not OK in my eyes. *Please remember, God lives in the hearts where there is love; whereas, God dies in the hearts which are filled with ill feelings, hatred and unforgiving attitudes.*