



# Holy Family Parish



**Fr. Ben Rivard will be celebrating Mass on  
November 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM  
Light reception following in Church Basement**

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## **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 7, 2021**

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Notice of six months is required

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### **Maintenance**

### **Pastoral Council Members**

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### **Finance Council Members**

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Mary Kay Nolde      Frank Chenier

### **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*

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

### Penitential Rite (Cont.)

**I Confess (Confiteor):** Last week we started with the significance of Penitential Rite in the Old Testament and saw how people of Israel were asked to prepare for the appearance of God. They prepared not only spiritually but of also physically. Similarly, we too are called to prepare ourselves for a sacred encounter with the Lord every time when we go to Mass, where the great mysteries take place. Here we encounter Jesus in the form of bread and wine and are invited to eat and drink his Body and Blood. So it is very important that we are to be spiritually prepared especially by removing the stain of sins in us.

The literal meaning of **Confiteor (Latin)** means **I confess** which has got the Old Testament foundation where we see people confessing their sins on several occasions. The practice of confessing one's sins continued in the New Testament, which begins with crowds following John the Baptist and confessing their sins in John's baptism of repentance. The New Testament elsewhere exhorts Christ's followers to do the same. Apostle John teaches that we should confess our sins with confidence that the Lord may forgive us. John writes in 1 John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Apostle James also asks his community to confess their sins to another. He says, *"Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed"* (James 5:16).

Since confessing sin was a common practice in ancient Israel and in the New Testament period, it is not at all surprising that the early Christians confessed their sins before partaking in the Eucharistic Celebration (Breaking of the Bread). In the Confiteor not only we confess our sins to God, but also to you *'my brothers and sisters.'* The prayer thus follows the exhortation of Apostle James, *'confess your sins to one another.'* It also highlights the social impact of sin. Our sins affect our relationship with God and our relationship with each other. The Confiteor also challenges us to consider seriously four areas in which we may have fallen into sin: **"In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do."** These four points serve as an excellent examination of conscience. Let us see these four areas in details.

- a. **In my thoughts:** St. Paul exhorts us to guard our thoughts, keeping them focused on what is good: *"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"* (Phil 4:8). Jesus warns in the Sermon on the Mount more than once about ways we can fall into sin in our thoughts. For example, without even physically harming someone, we can sin through our anger toward others (Mt 5:22). Without ever physically touching someone, we can fall into adultery of the heart through our lustful thoughts (Mt 5:27-28).
- b. **In my words:** the letter of James warns us that the tongue is a fire. The spoken word can be used to bless and to curse, and when it is used for evil, it causes great turmoil. "How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire"- and the tongue has that power. The Bible mentions many ways our speech can be used to harm someone. For example, **gossip** (1Cor 12:20; 1Timothy 5:13; Rom 1:29), **slander** (Rom1:30; 1 Timothy 3:11), **insult** (Mt 5:22), **lying** (Col 3:9; Wisdom 1:11; Sirach 7:12-13). Those above sins come under our thoughts.
- c. **In what I have done:** This area encompasses what most people commonly think about sin- actions that directly hurt other people or our relationship with God. Along these lines, the Ten Commandments are often used as the basis for an examination of conscience. These are the **sins of commission-means that which are committed.**
- d. **In what I have failed to do:** This is the most challenging part. Not only are we responsible for the selfish, prideful, and evil actions we have committed, but we also will be held accountable on the Day of Judgment for the good that we failed to do. Apostle James teaches, "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (James 4:17). These are the sins of omission- means the good act which we intentionally omitted to do. The part of the Confiteor reminds us that Christian path is not merely just of avoiding sinful thoughts, words, desires, and actions. Christianity is ultimately about the imitation of Christ. We must put on Christ and his virtues. It is not enough that we should avoid committing sin but we should do something good.

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

## *Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time*

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Paul Sundberg (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) 6:30 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Beauchamp 6:30 P.M. - Religious Education at All Saints Church grades 1-7 and Grades 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> – Confirmation class
Thurs.	Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – John Marcella 7:30 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Kathy LaCosse

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

87 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

Adults.....	\$2,938.00
Loose.....	173.35
General Maintenance.....	15.00
Fuel.....	40.00
All Souls Envelopes.....	118.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,284.35</b>
<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$3,658.66</b>
<b>Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$ 372.31</b>
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$ 398.00

*A huge thank you to all who donated to the BUCKET RAFFLES. We made a profit of \$1,494.00.*



**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@pregnancy servicesdc.org*. Deadline: November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Optimism is the handmaiden of faith.  
Together, they help us see the light at the  
end of tunnels yet to be built.

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** - We lose the peace of years when we hunt  
after the rapture of moments.

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Faults are thick when love is thin.

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Christianity is the highest perfection of  
humanity.

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Great occasions for serving God come  
seldom, but little ones surround us daily.

**Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** - My grandfather once told me that there  
are two kinds of people; Those who do the  
work and those who take the credit. He  
told me to try to be in the first group; there  
was much less competition there.

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** - Ideas are funny little things, They won't  
work unless you do.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you  
to observe that this poor widow contributed more than  
all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave  
from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want,  
all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my  
surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society  
of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are  
suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

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  
\$29,260 in pledges leaving us with a shortfall of  
\$8,708.00 with 108 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**

Wis 1:1-7  
Lk 17:1-6

### **Wednesday**

Wis 6:1-11  
Lk 17:11-19

### **Friday**

Wis 13:1-9  
Lk 17:26-37

### **Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12  
1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

### **Thursday**

Wis 7:22b—8:1  
Lk 17:20-25

### **Saturday**

Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9  
Lk 18:1-8

### **Sunday**

Dn 12:1-3    Heb 10:11-14,18  
Mk 13:24-32

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



Join St. Joseph & St. Patrick  
for their Harvest Dinner  
Festival this Sunday Nov. 7  
from 11 am—3 pm

Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00 6-12, Under 6 free.  
New Family Rate is \$30.00 (Parents or Guardians and  
minor children living in the same household)  
Serving Meatballs, Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes,  
Carrots, Coleslaw, Rolls and Dessert. Take Out  
Available.

The Right to Life of Delta County will meet  
Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Room 901 of  
the Joseph Heirman University Center. The Poster  
Contest winners will be given their awards before the  
business meeting.

Plans will be made to mark the tragic 49<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the January 22, 1973 Supreme Courts,  
Roe v. Wade decision. This ruling legalized abortion  
in this country up until birth of over 61 million  
precious unborn babies. Your help is needed to make  
known to the public the heart breaking consequences  
of this decision. For more information call Carol at  
906-786-4795 or visit us on Facebook at Delta  
County Right to Life.

**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**1Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

One day as Mother Theresa was winding up her day's activities, somebody informed her that a widow and her three young children were starving in the neighborhood. Immediately she went to the widow with a bag of rice. As she was thanking Mother for the help, she split the rice into two bags and then she excused herself to go out for a moment. Mother Theresa was curious and asked her where she was going with the half bag of rice. To her great amazement the woman told her, "*There is a family next to my house starving and perhaps they are in the worse situation than I am.*" If the woman had kept the full bag of rice, she could have pushed a few more days feeding her children. But her generosity didn't allow her to be selfish. It is a fact that only the one who has undergone hunger can understand the hunger of others; the only one who suffered pain can feel the pain of others.

Quite unusually, we have two widows in today's Scripture readings. Both are very poor, but extremely generous. In the ancient time as the man was the only bread winner, naturally his family would starve if he had died young. In the first reading we find Prophet Elijah approaching a poor widow in Zarephath during the worst famine in Israel. As she was getting ready to prepare the last loaf of bread for her starving son and herself, there comes a stranger, Elijah, with the request for some bread. She had only two options left; either refuse to give him the bread or to give him the bread and then she and her son go starving. But she was generous enough to offer that loaf to Elijah and as a result God became generous towards her. And we have heard in the reading: "**She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well, the jar of flour did not empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.**" Here, the poor widow never thought about her dire need and gave everything what she had, to Elijah, without even knowing who he was.

In the gospel we meet another widow who offered to God her whole saving, though worth a few pennies, by which she could have sustained her life. Among thousands of people who were making the offering in the Temple during the great Feast of Passover, Jesus didn't miss this widow's generosity. **It is clear that where one offers something to God in full generosity and good will, God will never fail to see that offering.** Jesus praised the action of the widow, for the reason that she was willing to offer everything to God, though it was a very small

amount. He did not appreciate the generosity of the rich as they were just offering only a small fraction of their surplus wealth.

St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: **“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2Cor. 9:6-7).** In the eyes of God generous giving is not counted in terms of the quantity of one’s giving rather the **quality, such as love, goodwill and sacrifice attached to the giving.** If the giving to God or the needy does not come out of our sacrifice, it will not hold much value before God. *In other words, our generosity should not be the surplus we contribute; rather the fruit of our sacrifice.* Again when we speak about generous giving, it does not mean that it should be always something material. **We can be generous to God and fellow beings with our time and talents too.** Wherever our material support is needed, we should be generous even if it hurts our need. *We can give God and our fellow beings different things in different ways; To God we can give our best time, though it may be a little hard on the material point of view; to our enemies our generous forgiveness; to a friend our loyalty; to the sick our kind words, visit and prayer; to a child, our good example; to the parents our respect and love and to a neighbor our helping hand.*

These days many think that holding back everything selfishly for themselves will only help them to have a decent living. So people hesitate to give or when they give, they do it sparingly. Many keep the same attitude towards God too. For instance, God gives us 168 hours a week and we are free to do anything what we want. But out of which He is asking us to give Him at least one hour in every weekend. But many people find all sorts of excuses not to give God that one hour. Some people may give that hour to God when they don’t have anything else to do and then they may come to Church. In other words, as we eat the leftover food, we give our leftover time to God. That is why, St. Paul warns the Corinthians: **“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.”** In other words, if we have the best to give to God, He has the best for us. If we have priority for God, He will have priority for our needs. If we give God our leftover time, God too will offer us His leftover gifts. If we give the best to our fellow beings, God will be pleased by that and will reward us for our generosity. There is a poem, the author of which is unknown which speaks about the great generosity of God: **“We ask for a flower, He gives us a bouquet. We ask for a drop of water, He gives us a lake. We ask for a grain of sand, He gives us a beach. We ask for a blade of grass, He gives us a lawn. We ask for something to eat, He gives us His body and Blood.”**