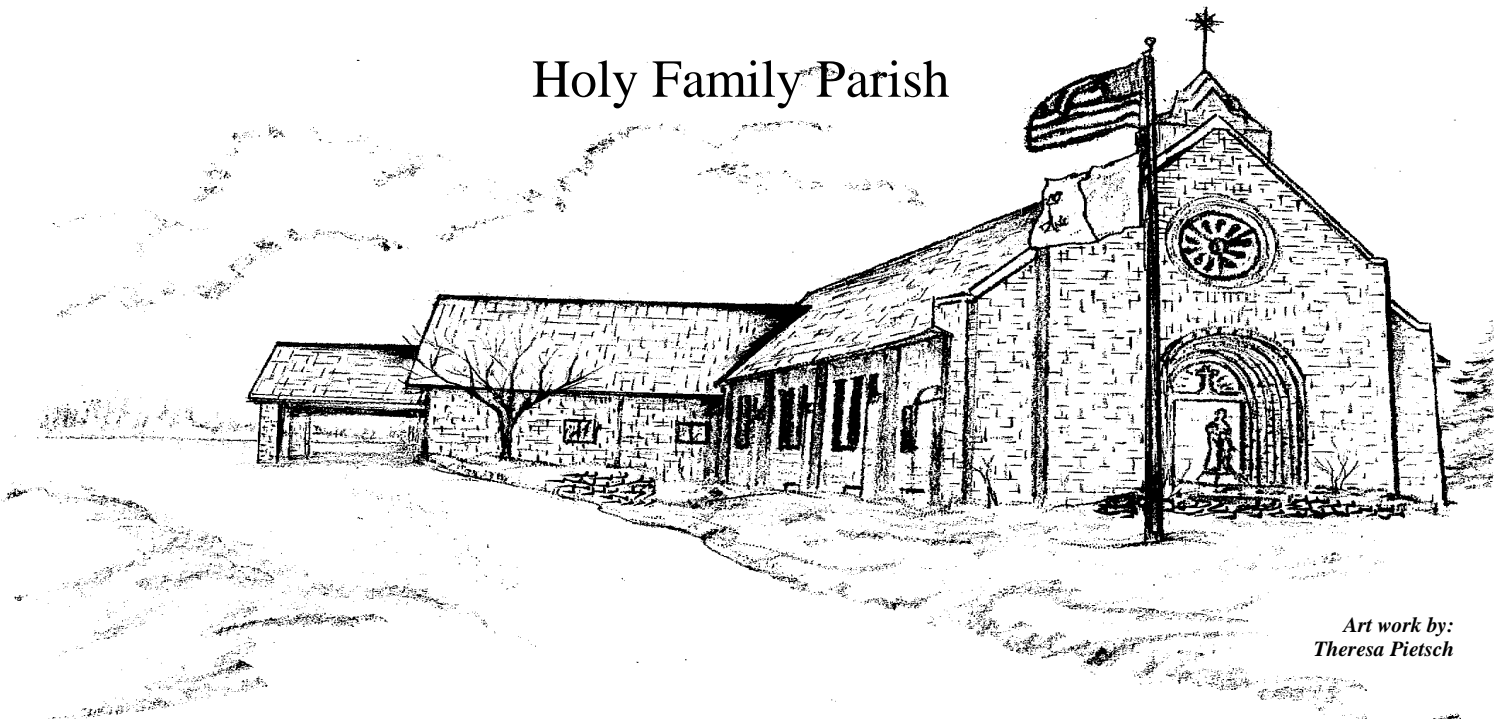


Holy Family Parish



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Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 2, 2017

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REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.
30 minutes before Daily Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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.

Mass Schedule for April 4th thru April 9th

Tuesday.....8:00 A.M.....Robert Valley
7:00 P.M.....Stations of the Cross
Wednesday....8:00 A.M.....Oliver Chenier
Thursday.....6:00 P.M.....Kathy Marcella
Friday.....8:00 A.M.....Janet Ostrander
Saturday.....4:00 P.M.....Doug Moss & Judy Belcher
Sunday.....8:00 A.M.....Walter & Rosemary Solis
10:00 A.M.....For the People of our Parish

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We will strive to imitate the Holy Family: by being a loving, welcoming, and forgiving community – fully alive in the Spirit of God; by teaching our children the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our parish; by celebrating the Liturgy as a joyful remembrance of our Lord’s Sacrifice for us; by being a family of prayer; by respecting all life, and by having our arms open always to embrace the sick and needy.

READERS: April 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Tom Desy (N)
Christy Nelson (Lector & Voice)
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Beverly Plimpton (N)
Audrey Herioux (Lector & Voice)
10:00 AM – Bob Berbohm (N)
Jodi Gardner (Lector & Voice)

MASS SERVERS: April 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Gabe, Daniel & Ben Smith
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Tyler, Nick, & Michael Rivard
10:00 AM – Alesha, Emily & Trent Marenger

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: April 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Nichole Silverstone
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Donna Richer
10:00 AM – Rosemary Beauchamp

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: April 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Kevin Dubord & Stephen Janchenko
Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Dale Richer & Ron Germain
10:00 AM – Harold Young & Eugene Marenger

VIDEO LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: April 8th – 9th

Sat. at 4:00 P.M. – Doris Newhouse Sun. at 8:00 A.M. – Phyllis King Sun. at 10:00 AM – Karen Berbohm

The Pastor’s Mind’s Eye

And so – how great is Lent?

As seen by a Non-catholic Irishman

We need to be shaken out of our habits now and then – and oddly enough, traditions can be a really superb way to affect that. It seems counterintuitive in a way, doesn’t it? But I think we have holidays to emphasize that something is different than it is on the rest of the days. We reconnect with important concepts and internalize them. Lent is about internalizing – well, sacrifice is one word for it, but I don’t like the martyring overtone of that word even if the point is the commemoration of a martyr. When we act out Lent symbolically it can simply be about reminding ourselves that we have more than we need, that we are stronger than believe we are, and that we can do more with less. Whether you observe it in a highly literal and deeply Christian manner (some people in the Philippines actually crucify themselves – I don’t recommend trying this at home), or whether you take a pagan or irreligious, choose your own adventure type of attitude toward it, the Lenten season is worthy of your attention because it helps to remind you that you live a better life when you make mindful choices.

Abstinence? It can be difficult and that’s exactly why it’s rewarding. We do many things, eating perhaps in particular, mindlessly. Pushing yourself to commit to making a mindful sacrifice for a set period of time (giving up meat, giving up sugar, giving up alcohol, whatever your thing is) changes your decision-making process and that alters your neural architecture. Not to mention that after 40 days when you finally get to order that cappuccino you’ve given up for Lent – it’s the best darn cappuccino you have ever had.

We reawaken our senses when we fast or even when we make small omissions from what we put into our mouths. Reawakening – resurrection – is the essence of this part of the year whether or not you associate it with the Jesus of the New Testament. It’s the transit from winter to spring, from austerity to abundance, from dormancy to new life, freeze to thaw, suspension to animation.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Tues.	April 4 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass 7:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross 7:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets
Wed.	April 5 th	8:30 A.M.- Cleaning Palms in church basement 6:15 P.M. - Class for 3 rd graders 6:15 P.M. - Adult Education Class
Thurs.	April 6 th	6:00 P.M. - Mass 6:30 P.M. - Smear League Banquet
Fri.	April 7 th	8:30 A.M. - Adoration until 9:30 AM ----- - First Friday Calls
Sat.	April 8 th	11:00 A.M. - Confessions heard until 12:00 P.M. 2:30 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus, you are God's gift of healing love. While on earth, you healed the sick who came for help. We believe that you continue to heal the sick today. Heal all those for whom we pray, and those on our prayer list:

Marion Sodergren, Joanne Stefl, Junior Lippens
Heather Jarvis, Dwaine Taylor, Lynn Johnson
Karen Welch, Richard Ostrander, Debra Taylor
Betty Spring, Pat DeMenter, Larry Chouinard
Carol Katch, Pat Hughes, Betty Lou Tourangeau
Donald Pellegrini, Joyce VanDrese, Tom Neuens
Duane & Nancy Marenger, James Paquin, Matt Smith
Laurie Gascon, Denise Seymour, Ron Briggs
Cecilia Terrien, Paula Pare, Tina Kelloniemi
Jean Way, Jim Vandermission, Clarence Roberts
Pat McGlynn, Ruth Chouinard, Amy Plouff
Michael & Rita Dawson, Frank Novak, Pam Houle
Peggy Verbrigghe, Kathy McGinn, Susan VanDrese
Darlene McGeary, Christine Kleiman, Sue Mulzer
Tabitha Brunette, Shirley Frazer, Dustin Berube
Nick Nolde, Michael Dombe, Allie Grenier
Diane Helman, Joanne Popkowski, Rose Morrison
Sally Luft, Tom Forvilly, Janet Gazan, Sydney Berndt
Roger Arnold, Nancy Paquin, Coda Meadors
Kathryn Fudala, Janet Shelley, Shelly Polakcyk
Kathy LaCosse, Payten LaMarch Raymond Beauchamp
Brenda Chouinard, Kay Edington, Elvira Skrupski
Darlene Kelloniemi, Bill Whitney

"Sumus Missiles Deum"



Hello again!

Five more weeks. Where did the time go? I have only four more weeks of classes and a week of exams and then the academic year will be finished!

This has been a great year for me and I thank you all for your prayers and support. I have recently been accepted for theological studies and will begin the graduate program this fall. I'm super excited! After graduation at the end of April I will be staying down here for Preaching Boot Camp (an amusing title) which is a three-week program that is designed to prepare one for public speaking and builds communication skills. After that I will be spending the rest of my summer in Omaha Nebraska participating in a program called the Institute for Priestly Formation which is a program designed to prepare seminarians for graduate level formation and theological studies. I've heard amazing things about it and am looking forward to it. I've been thinking a lot about home lately and cannot wait to be back for Easter. It will be good to see you all. Please continue to pray for me and know you are in my prayers.

God bless, Ben

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Apr. 2nd** - God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.
- Apr. 3rd** - The only way to help yourself is to help others.
- Apr. 4th** - The curse of the cross was changed by Christ into a blessing for us.
- Apr. 5th** - When we depend on man, We get what man can do, When we depend on prayer, We get what God can do.
- Apr. 6th** - People are often the carpenters of their own crosses.
- Apr. 7th** - Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.
- Apr. 8th** - When a man begins to amass wealth, it is a question whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man.

Donate your Elmer's Rewards Card points to Holy Family Church

When shopping at Elmer's County Market, present the Holy Family Donation Card (they are at the back of church) to the cashier and let them know how many of your Elmer's Reward Card points you would like to transfer to Holy Family. You can transfer your Elmer's Reward Card points in 500 point increments (Ex: 500, 1000, 1500, etc.).

If you do not have an Elmer's Reward Card, be sure to stop by their Service Desk and pick one up. For every dollar you spend at Elmer's, you accumulate 10 reward points. The points you donate to Holy Family help us to earn FREE money that can be used towards the Harvest Dinner. Please help support us and donate your Elmer's Reward Card points to Holy Family Church!! Thank You!

DATE CHANGE!

Due to the fact that we have Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, April 7th, we will be cleaning palms on Wednesday, April 5th after the 8:00 AM Mass. Could you spare a few minutes?

Monday Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11	Tuesday Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42	Thursday Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	Saturday Ex 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Sunday Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adults.....	\$3,259.00
Loose.....	220.55
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	17.00
Flowers.....	6.00
Mass Stipends.....	105.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	674.00
Funeral Luncheon Reimbursement...	173.05
Seminary Fund.....	20.00
Total.....	\$4,484.60

121 Parishioners contributed for March 26th

Parish Faith & Family News

Hope everyone had a nice spring break and everyone is relaxed. Because I am sure our schedules will get very busy soon with spring and summer sports when they start up.

The bulletin insert this weekend has two quiz papers on Easter. One probably a little harder than the other. Hope you are up to the challenge. I will post the answers in next weeks' bulletin.

There will be class for our 3rd graders this week. Our 1st Communion Retreat is coming up April 19th. We start with supper at 5:00 p.m. Parents are obligated to be there.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Praying for Others – The Book of Intentions

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we are to be his disciples, we must be always conscious of the needs of others. In fact, to love God is to love neighbor. When we consider the needs of another person, we are embracing Christ himself, who assures us that “just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40, NRSV). The needs of others are an important part of Christian prayer. We do not simply pray for ourselves, but for loved ones, friends, strangers, and even our enemies (see Luke 6:27–35). In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul reminds us of the importance of prayer as a Christian virtue—that we are to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and to pray for each other (see 1 Thessalonians 5:25, 2 Thessalonians 1:11)



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA

All Saints (Gladstone) April 3rd at 7:00 pm
St. Joseph/St. Patrick (Escanaba) April 4th at 6:30
St. Anne's (Escanaba) Fridays following 5:15 pm Stations of the Cross
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Bark River): April 5th at 6:30 pm
St. Joseph's Parish in Perkins, April 7th at 7:00 PM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 640 CORNER NEWS

Hunger exists in every parish and community and is not confined to any season. The Knights will be collecting cans at all the Masses during Lent. Please be generous.

There will be a Tootsie Roll Drive by the Knights at all churches on April 8th & 9th following Masses. Some of the beneficiaries are: Bay Cliff Health Camp, Camp Harstead and U.P. Down Syndrome.



AUXILIARY ANNUAL RUMMAGE / BAKE SALE FRIDAY - APRIL 21, 2017 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

If you have items you would like to donate, please have them at the clubhouse by the 19th. Set up is Wednesday April 19th at 9a.m. Thank You in advance!

April 30, 2017 marks the date for our Old Timers banquet. Cocktails are from 5:00 to 6:00 with dinner at 6:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$12 a person. Reservations can be made by calling Bob Tourangeau at 786-6811.

~~~~INPUT NEEDED AND WANTED~~~~

Please look at the display in the gathering area and vote for your favorite image of the Holy Family. The picture with the most votes will be duplicated and put on the West wall of the gathering area.

Chrism Mass – Thursday, April 6th – St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, 3:00 PM – Everyone invited

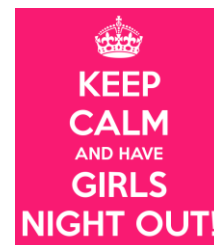
The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of the following items: furniture, especially dressers; queen, full, twin mattress and box springs free of stains; small appliances such as toasters, microwave ovens, coffee pots, etc; men's and children's clothing. Please call 789-1281 with any questions. Thank you for your generosity.



CALLING ALL LADIES YOUNG & OLD.....The Ladies of the parish will meet on Tuesday evening, April 7th, immediately following the Stations of the Cross. We will have a light lunch with a night of playing cards. Bring your favorite card game and a table full of women! Cornell area is in charge of the lunch.



Breakfast at St. Thomas

St. Thomas will be serving breakfast **THIS Sunday, April 2**, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the St. Thomas Parish Hall, 1820 9th Ave N, Escanaba. The delicious menu includes all your favorites: pancakes, potatoes, eggs, sausage, toast, coffee and juice. All are welcome! \$7 ages 13 & up \$5.50 ages 6-12 5 and under are FREE! Please plan to join us!



Just a head's up~ – It's time to begin the preparation.

Before we can apply for the Raffle Ticket License we have to establish the prizes. Again this year we want to have different levels of prize packages versus CASH prizes. If you are willing to create a "Thematic Basket" please call the parish office. If you would like to help the parish profit margin we can use cash donations to defer the cost of the major prizes. We are also looking for someone to sponsor the tickets again. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. We would like to have the tickets printed and out in circulation by July.

There are still PASTIES available for sale – Contact the parish office.