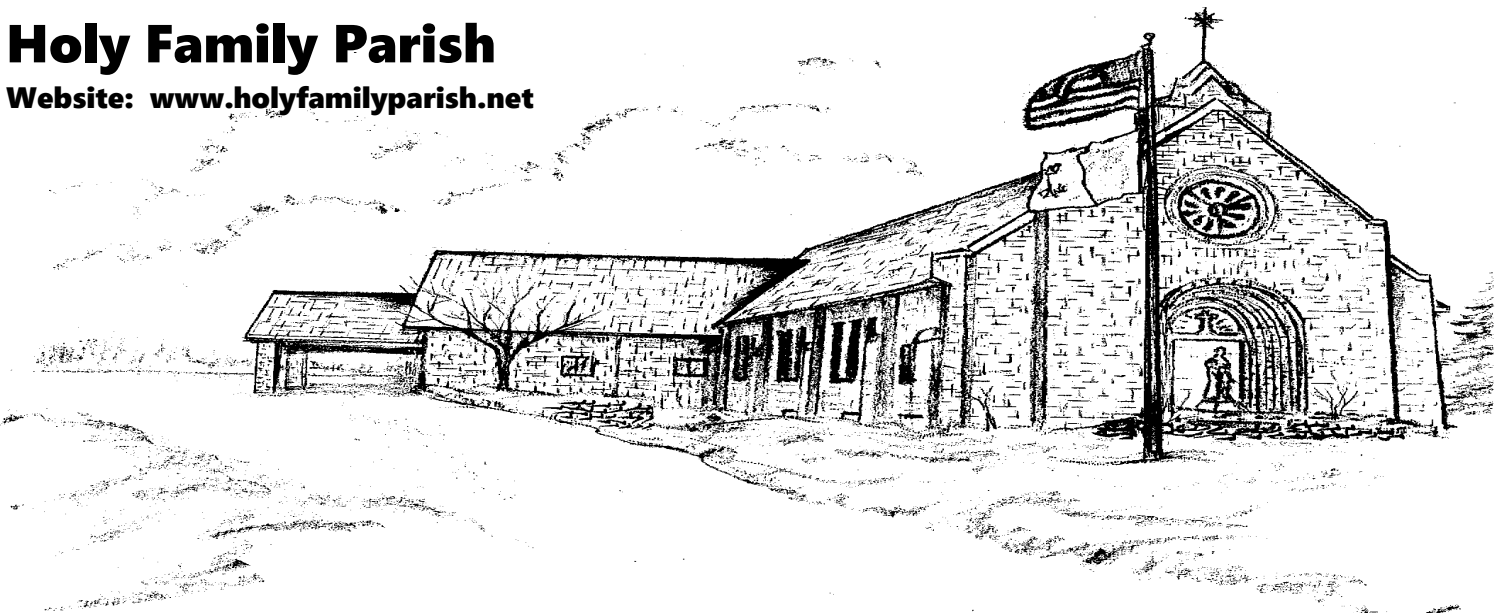


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The Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2025

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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 at point of death, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament. Contact Fr. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Mike Gasperich, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk
Clifford Marcella, Brenda Chouinard, John King
Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson, Sue Boudreau*

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.

THE BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel of Luke

5: 10 (Cont.):The idea of catching men does not refer primarily to saving souls from hell so they can go to heaven when they die. “The figure is one of rescue from danger, as the Old Testament and Jewish usage of the concepts ‘to let live’ and ‘to save alive’ show.” Though fish are caught to die, people are rescued to live. This call to discipleship, though frequently observed among Jewish Rabbis, was different in many regards. Jesus was not calling them to learn doctrine or to continue more fully in a way of life they were already practicing, but to learn and follow a completely new way of life, a life of mission, ministry, and service among people who, like Simon, saw themselves as sinners (cf. 5:32). Just as Simon had been “caught” by Jesus, so Jesus was calling Simon to catch others.

5:11. Simon had learned to trust Jesus, even when the request seemed foolish. So now, having just made the largest catch of his entire career as a fisherman, and when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him. They left the boats, the nets, and the record number of fish, and followed Jesus, which becomes a common imagery for being a disciple of Jesus. These men recognized that He had called them to a greater and higher purpose than fishing, and has proven that He has the knowledge and ability to guide. The night before, Simon had come home empty handed. Now, as a result of doing what Jesus had said, he and his partners had made the biggest catch of their lives. Now Jesus was asking Simon to do something that seemed even more foolish. He was asking Simon to leave it all behind and follow Jesus in pursuit of something even more valuable; to follow Jesus in catching men.

Luke 5:12-16: After calling some fishermen to follow Him, Jesus begins to show them what it means to be a fisher of men. The people that Jesus tried to catch were not the rich, the powerful, and the influential, but primarily the poor, the sick, and the neglected. Tax collectors, prostitutes, Gentiles, and thieves were drawn to Jesus. In Luke 5:12-16, Jesus reaches out to a person from one of the most

rejected groups of all—a leper. This account is parallel in many ways to 4:31-37, and continues to show that Jesus is a prophet like Elisha, and maybe more than a prophet. The point, however, is to show the reader how the mission of Jesus was carried out. He did not focus on the rich and powerful. He had no desire to gather multitudes of followers. He wanted to do exactly what He said in 4:18-19, to heal, mend, restore, and set free.

5:12. The event takes place when Jesus was in a certain city. Luke does not specify which city this was, but it was probably a city of Galilee. However, in this city, Jesus encounters someone who should not be there: a man who was full of leprosy. To be *full of leprosy* means that he had an advanced case of leprosy. It covered his body.

Leprosy is a dreadful disease. True leprosy, also known as “Hansen’s disease, occurred rarely, if at all, in first-century Palestine; hence the term here probably refers to skin diseases of other sorts (cf. Leviticus 13). However, medical science of the time had little ability to distinguish between skin diseases, and so all skin diseases were categorized under “leprosy” and treated the same. Other skin diseases that may have been broadly categorized as “leprosy” are psoriasis, lupus, ringworm etc.

Lepers were expected to wear torn clothing, live outside the town, and cry “Unclean! Unclean!” if approached by people (Lev 13:45). They were not allowed to have contact with other people, including friends or family. If a leper refused to leave a town, the authorities could enforce it by threatening him with thirty-nine lashes, the most allowable by law. If a leper touched an animal, the animal had to be killed. If a leper entered a house, the house and all its contents had to be burned. They truly were “untouchables” in every sense of the word. They were despised, forsaken, forgotten, ignored, judged, and condemned. Some of them felt such shame and rejection, they committed suicide.

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 3 rd	<i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Feb. 4 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – JoAnn Fassbender (12 th Anniv.) 12:30 P.M. - Pie Making class in church basement
Wed.	Feb. 5 th	<i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – for the Living & Deceased members of the Ness and Berbohm Families Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Feb. 6 th	<i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion Sodergren 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 7 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 8 th	<i>Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Rudy Wencil
Sun.	Feb. 9 th	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Richard & Rita Anderson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

61 envelopes returned for Sunday, Jan. 26th

Adults.....	\$2,502.00
Loose.....	85.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$2,607.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Short..... \$1,902.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	558.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	650.00
Diocesan Collection.....	15.00
Mass Stipends.....	80.00



The **Venison Supper** will be held **TODAY**, Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Asking for a donation of \$10 for adults; ages 6-12 \$5.00, and 5 & under free. Ladies: please don't forget the bars. **TAKE OUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE** by calling 906-630-9597 starting at noon with pickup starting at 4:00 PM.

Dear Holy Family Parish,

On behalf of the family of Wendell LaPalm Sr., we would like to express our thanks to all of those who performed services at his funeral. Our gratitude goes out to Cathy Flagstadt for the lovely organ music, Harold Flagstadt for being a Eucharistic Minister, Karen Berbohm for reading the scripture, to Father Sebastian and Deacon Bob for your beautiful and heartfelt words at our time of need. Also to the wonderful church community for organizing, donating and putting on the luncheon. All of your support has been a true testament to the power of faith and fellowship. *Sincerely, Elsie, Wendell Jr., and Lindsey LaPalm*

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Feb. 2nd** - Hold to a true friend with both hands.
- Feb. 3rd** - A good thing to remember And a better thing to do, Is to work with the construction gang and not the wrecking crew.
- Feb. 4th** - The only sharp-edged tool that gets sharper with use is the tongue.
- Feb. 5th** - To overlook the little things in life is to miss the biggest part of life itself.
- Feb. 6th** - "Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers and are famous preservers of youthful looks."
- Feb. 7th** - The person who is always finding fault, seldom finds anything else.
- Feb. 8th** - We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus show us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Is God is calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

If you would like a copy of your 2024 contributions, please sign up at the back of church. We will be mailing them the last week of January.

Pasty Making will be Feb. 22nd. The signup sheets are at the back of church!

Attention Parishioners, there are copies of a Pastoral Note to Migrants from the Michigan Roman Catholic bishops for anyone who would like to read it.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
11:32-40
Mk 5:1-20 | Tuesday
Heb 12:1-4
Mk 5:21-43 |
| Wednesday
Heb 12:4-7,11-15
Mk 6:1-6 | Thursday
Heb 12:18-19,21-24
Mk 6:7-13 |
| Friday
Heb 13:1-8
Mk 6:30-34 | Saturday
Heb 13:15-17,20-21
Mk 6:30-34 |

Sunday
Is 6:1-2a,3-8
1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

St. Thomas Breakfast

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00am-12:30pm

***Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Potatoes, Toast,
Coffee & Juice***

\$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,

Ages 5 and under are FREE!

Please join us, 1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba

U.P. Catholic Services Appeal

Our goal this year is 42,662.03. We need the participation of everyone to meet this goal. So far we have received \$34,795 from 111 pledges. Still short \$7,867.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible. There are still 73 cards outstanding.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish Invite you to Trivia & Taco Night on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Registration starts at 5:00 PM First round starts at 5:30 PM Teams of 2-6 players are eligible. \$10 registration fee per person \$10 for all you can eat taco/nacho bar. Snacks and beverages available for purchase.