

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 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.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan, Jean Way
Amanda, Jan Carter Mike Mosher, Penny Segerstrom
Shelly Polaczyk, Doris Begalle, Mike & Lori*

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 (Cont.)

The Sign of the Cross (Cont.): 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).**

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.

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 5 th	<i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Feb. 6 th	<i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bill Smith 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society
Wed.	Feb. 7 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – A special intention Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7 & grades 8 th & 9 th
Thurs.	Feb. 8 th	<i>Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – For the intentions of Fr. Sebastian 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 9 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lester & Helen Ness ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 10 th	<i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Jim & Barb Sovey
Sun.	Feb. 11 th	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

65 envelopes returned for Sunday, Jan. 28th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,907.00
Loose.....	113.00
General Maintenance.....	40.00
Fuel.....	40.00
Total.....	\$3,100.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42

Shortage..... \$1,289.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	496.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	320.00
Diocesan Collection.....	20.00
55 UPCS Drive refund.....	\$1,229.03

To date we have received \$34,915 in U.P. Catholic Services Appeal pledges. We are short of \$6,091.97 in reaching our goal of \$41,006.97. There are still 50 outstanding pledge cards.

Just two weeks away.....Mark your calendars

We are making *pasties* on Feb. 17th with prep working beginning on Friday, Feb. 16th at 5:30 PM. The lists are at the back of church. **CHANGE UP.....**I will pick up all the ingredients, you can make monetary donations by either signing up at the back or just let Pam know.

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH: We

Will have our monthly meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 6th, starting at 6:30 PM Immediately following the short meeting we will play SNOOPS. Danforth area is in charge of snacks. All Ladies of the parish are invited to join us for a fun evening out!~

The library feature of the month for February is the Eucharist. If you have any doubts about the Eucharist being the true body and blood of Our Lord, please check out one of these books. A couple of the books are about miracles of the Eucharist that have been documented all over the world.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Feb. 9th - Don't grumble because you don't have what you want; be thankful you don't get what you deserve.

Feb. 10th - Happiness is found along the way, not at the end of the road.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Little Crusader Kick-Off! Do you have a preschooler or kindergartener? **Please visit Holy Name Catholic School on Monday, February 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM** to meet our Preschool and Kindergarten teachers and learn what we have to offer. All are welcome! You can meet staff, tour the school, ask questions, and enjoy refreshments.

St. Thomas Breakfast

February 4th, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice \$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12, Ages 5 and under are FREE! Please join us!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13
Mk 6:53-56

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
Mk 7:31-37

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30
Mk 7:1-13

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40-45

SPRING STUDY DAY 2024

Spring Study Day is March 21, 2024. Our presenter this year is Fr. Luke Ferris, a National Eucharistic Preacher and currently pastor of the Kaukauna Catholic Parishes in Kaukauna, Wis. Fr. Ferris was named a National Eucharistic Preacher by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops last year.

Cost is \$15; **morning refreshments, lunch and materials are included.** For more information or to register please follow the link below:
<https://form.jotform.com/DiocesefMarquette/spring-study-day-2024>

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus Sweethearts Dinner will be held February 18th at the Knights Hall in Escanaba. This will be a steak dinner. Social hour starting at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact Bob Tourangeau at 906-786-6811 to sign up.

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the "Forty Cans For Lent" food drive starting Saturday February 17th. Please bring canned and/or dry food to help feed families. All donations will be given to Saint Vincent DePaul to stock their shelves.

Morning Men's Retreat – March 9th, 2024 starting at 8:30 AM central to noon. It will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 500 Blaine St., Iron Mountain. Speakers, Adoration and Fraternity. Speakers: Rick Popp & Dr. Patrick Richardson