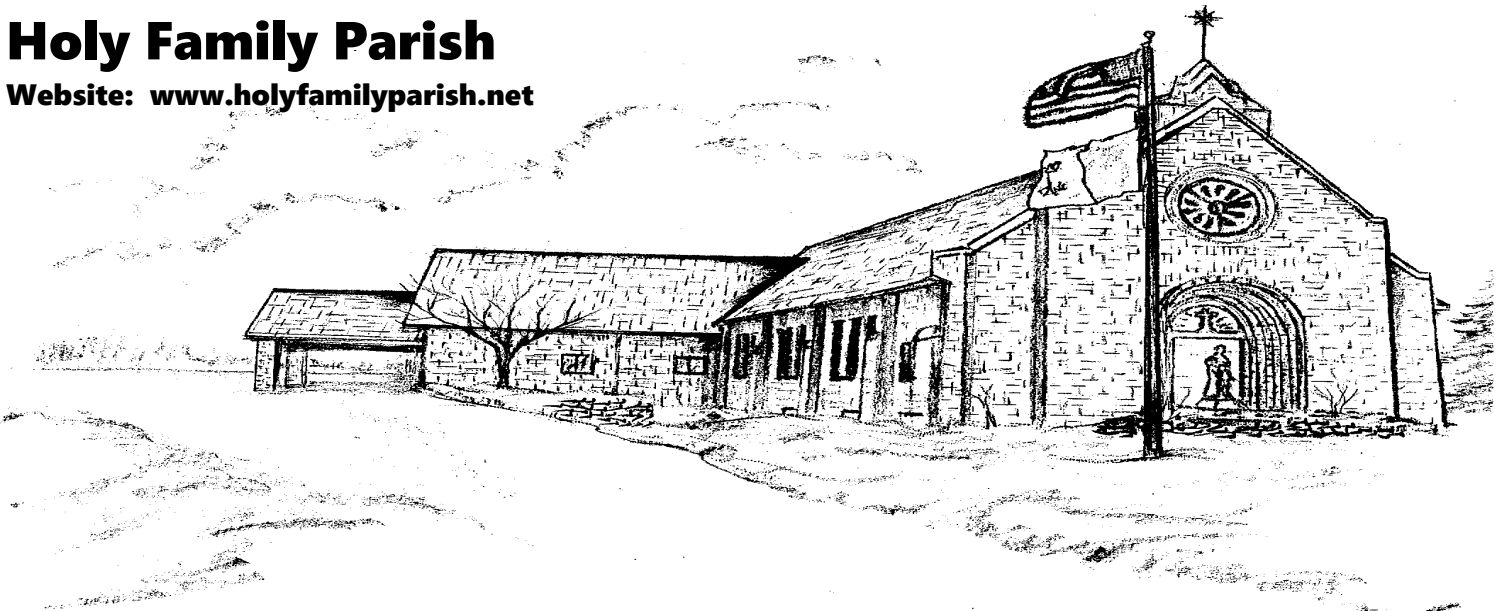


# Holy Family Parish

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8, 2026

### Pastor

(906) 786-1209 Ext. 3 or (906) 440-4193

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

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### Parish Secretary

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*Bulletin articles should be submitted*

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### Faith Formation Coordinator

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### Maintenance

906-786-1209

### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff

Harold Flagstadt Tina Cryderman

Kevin Dubord

Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee

Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy

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 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.....

**Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk**

**Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret**

**Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell**

**Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr.,**

**Christina Theoret Zion, Frank Chenier**

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

(iii) **Luke 16:10-12**: the lesson is that a man's way of fulfilling a small task is the best proof of his fitness or unfitness to be entrusted with a bigger task. That is clearly true of earthly things. No man will be advanced to higher office until he has given proof of his honesty and ability in a smaller position. But Jesus extends the principle to eternity. He says, "Upon earth you are in charge of things which are not really yours. You cannot take them with you when you die. They are only lent to you. You are only a steward over them. They cannot, in the nature of things, be permanently yours. On the other hand, in heaven you will get what is really and eternally yours. And what you get in heaven depends on how you use the things of earth. What you will be given as your very own will depend on how you use the things of which you are only steward."

(iv) **Luke 16:13** lays down the rule that no slave can serve two masters. The master possessed the slave, and possessed him exclusively. Nowadays, a servant or a workman can quite easily do two jobs and work for two people. He can do one job in his working time and another in his spare time. He can, for instance, be a clerk by day and a musician by night. Many a man augments his income or finds his real interest in a spare-time occupation. But a slave had no spare time; every moment of his day, and every ounce of his energy, belonged to his master. He had no time which was his own. So, serving God can never be a part-time or a spare-time job. Once a man chooses to serve God every moment of his time and every atom of his energy belongs to God. God is the most exclusive of masters. We either belong to him totally or not at all.

### **THE LAW WHICH DOES NOT CHANGE**

#### **Luke (16:14-18)**

**This passage falls into three sections.**

(i) It begins with a rebuke to the Pharisees. It says that they sneered at Jesus. The word literally means that they turned up their noses at him. The Jew

tended to connect earthly prosperity with goodness; wealth was a sign that a man was a good man. The Pharisees put-on a parade of goodness and they regarded material prosperity as a reward of that goodness; but the more they exalted themselves before men, the more they became an abomination to God. It is bad enough for a man to think himself a good man; it is worse when he points to material prosperity as an unanswerable proof of his goodness.

(ii) Before Jesus, the law and the prophets had been the final word of God; but Jesus came preaching the kingdom. When he did, the most unlikely people, the tax-collectors and the sinners, came storming their way into the kingdom even when the scribes and Pharisees would have set up barriers to keep them out. But Jesus emphasized that the kingdom was not the end of the law. True, the little details and regulations of the ceremonial law were wiped out. No man was to think that Christianity offered an easy way in which no laws remained. The great laws stood unaltered and unalterable. Certain Hebrew letters are very like each other and are distinguished only by the serif, the little line at the top or bottom. Not even a serif of the great laws would pass away.

**Verse 18: unbreakable bond of marriage.** Jesus affirms the indissolubility of marriage. But the tragedy was that at this time the marriage bond was on the way to being destroyed. In the eyes of Jewish law a **woman was a thing**. She could divorce her husband only if he became a leper or an apostate or if he ravished a virgin. Otherwise a woman had no rights whatever and no redress, other than that the marriage dowry must be repaid if she was divorced. The law said, "A woman may be divorced with or without her will; a man only with his will." The Mosaic law (**Deuteronomy 24:1**) said, "When a man, after marrying a woman, and having relations with her is later displeased with her because he finds in her something indecent, and he writes out a bill of divorce and hands it to her, thus dismissing her from his house."

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
Wed.	Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ralph (Jimmy) Bazinet Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jim Fassbender (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's smear league
Fri.	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – John King (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### **76 envelopes returned for February 1, 2026**

Adults.....	\$3,573.00
Loose.....	70.00
General Maintenance.....	220.00
Fuel.....	360.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,223.00</b>
 <b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	 <b>\$4,594.23</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>\$ 371.23</b>
 St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	 40.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	1,450.00
Mass money.....	290.00
Donation.....	5,000.00

***Mark Your Calendars.....The next date for our PASTY MAKING is Friday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>~ Signup sheets are at the back of church for donations, pasty orders and workers.***

**The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast at St. Anne Parish in Escanaba this Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to Noon including Pancakes, sausage, egg bake, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls, coffee & juice.**

*Our family would like to thank all of the parishioners of Holy Family for the many cards, prayers, food delivered to our house, to Fr. Sebastian for his support during this difficult time, to the Ladies Altar society for the meal they provided after the Funeral Mass for Patty, to Holy Family's St. Vincent de Paul Conference members and to anyone we forgot to mention. Thank you from bottom of our hearts.*  
*Steve Delveaux and family*

***The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who donated, worked, made desserts, and supported us by coming and eating for this year's VENISON SUPPER! THANK YOU!!!!***

## **SPIRIT LIFTERS**

**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** - We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails.

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

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Happiness is found along the way, not at the end of the road.

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** - My abilities, however small are valuable because they are God's gifts.

**Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** - I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday. Abe Lincoln

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** - I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and still say that there is not god. A. Lincoln.

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Corner**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### **RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

Married couples are invited to connect with each other and with the Lord Saturday, Feb. 28th beginning at 9:00 am Central Time at Immaculate Conception Parish in Iron Mountain. The retreat will feature brief presentations, discussion, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, a fun activity, Mass, a catered dinner, and an evening game competition. A block of hotel rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Express and Comfort Inn. There will be a Friday evening social for those who can come the night before. Register at [yoopercatholic.org/couples](http://yoopercatholic.org/couples) or call 906-379-3860.

## **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 1:29-32;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**  
Sir 15:15-20    1 Cor 2:6-10    Mt 5:17-37

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund. The scholarships aid graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a college or vocational education at an accredited degree-granting institution. Consideration is based on academic achievement. Applicants **must complete** the online application found at <https://dioceseofmarquette.org/awards-scholarships> and either mail an **Official Transcript and ACT/SAT scores** (via postal mail) to Bessette Scholarship Fund, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855 or email transcripts to Irene McCauley at [imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org](mailto:imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org). Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2026.

### **We are getting closer to our UPSCA Goal** **Have you made your pledge yet???**

Holy Family's Goal is \$44,521.15. To date we have \$41,322.00 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$3,199.15 to achieve. If you misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office.

*Women's Ministry is now at St. Anthony's every other Monday at 5:00 PM. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. All women are welcome.*

**The Little Black for Lent is available at the back of church.**