

Holy Family Parish

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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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

Brenda Chouinard, John King, Sue Boudreau

Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson, HeatherLynn Plimpton

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

5:12 (Cont.): Lepers were expected to wear torn clothing, live outside of 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. But leprosy wasn’t just a Rabbis viewed leprosy as a type of “living death” and commanded people to avoid lepers, not only for sanitary or health considerations, but also for moral reasons leprosy was often associated with sin. 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.

If this man was *full of leprosy*, he probably had not had much human contact for many years. But for some reason, this man had come into the city, which is quite shocking. The crowds would have parted before him like the Red Sea before Moses. Nobody wanted to be near a man with leprosy. Why did he come into the city? Luke does not say. Maybe he came searching for Jesus. And when he **saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, You can make me clean.”** How did the leper recognize Jesus? Either he had seen Jesus before, or he had heard descriptions of Him. Or maybe, as the crowds gave way before the leper, Jesus did not move out of the way, but let the leprous man draw near. However it happened, the man prostrated himself before Jesus and begged for cleansing. This request was not conditional upon the ability of Jesus to heal, but rather upon His willingness. The leper knew Jesus could heal, if only He was willing. This request is similar to 2 Kings 5:3 where Naaman is advised to seek a prophet if he would be cleansed of his leprosy.

5:13: Before Jesus answered the man, **He put out His hand and touched him.** Such an action would have shocked both the leper and the disciples. People were supposed to stay well away from lepers, but Rabbis and Priests in particular would avoid lepers, for touching one would make them ceremonially unclean. One Rabbi would not eat an egg purchased from a street that had a leper. Another Rabbi boasted that he threw stones at lepers in order to keep them well away. The actions of Jesus were far different. Though touching the leper made Jesus ceremonially unclean, such an action was necessary for Jesus to show tenderness, acceptance, and compassion to a man who had not received such love in a long time. Jesus shows what is necessary to be a fisher of men.

Beyond just touching him, Jesus said, **“I am willing; be cleansed.”** He rewarded the man’s request of faith, announced His willingness to cleanse the man, and **immediately the leprosy left him.** Being healed of the leprosy may have meant more than just the disease leaving the man’s body. It may have been that the man was fully healed, receiving back his fingers, toes, or any limbs that may have been lost. If the people following Jesus had been shocked when Jesus touched the man, they would be more shocked at seeing the man become instantaneously whole again.

Luke 5:14-16: We continue with the study of the healing of the leper. The leper, though he was strictly prohibited to come closer to the people, ventured to approach Jesus. He had no imagination as what would be the reaction of Jesus; but with fear and hesitation he made a humble request to Jesus. But he was overwhelmed and excited over the answer of Jesus, **“I am willing; be cleansed.”**

(Will be continued).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 10 th	<i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent de Paul Society meets in Fr. Matt Hall ----- Parish Office closed
Tues.	Feb. 11 th	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier (<i>1st Anniv.</i>)
Wed.	Feb. 12 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe (<i>4th Anniv.</i>) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Feb. 13 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jim Fassbender (<i>10th Anniv.</i>) 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 14 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Roger Tourangeau, Sr. ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 15 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	Feb. 16 th	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson (<i>4th Anniv.</i>) 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

78 envelopes returned for Sunday, Feb. 2nd

Adults.....	\$3,762.00
Loose.....	192.00
General Maintenance.....	317.00
Fuel.....	<u>423.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,694.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Over..... \$ 184.39

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	65.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	1,791.00
Diocesan Collection.....	40.00
Mass Stipends.....	110.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	20.00

We are in need of more Lectors. If you are interested, please call the parish office 906-786-1209.

“SWEETHEARTS DINNER”

Knights of Columbus Council 640 will be having a “Sweethearts” dinner on Sunday, February 16th at the council’s clubhouse, 1812 9th Avenue North, Escanaba. Cost will be \$20 per person, Social Hour will be 5-6 with dinner served at 6:00 PM Call Tom Desy at 906-399-3138 to sign up or answer any questions.

Our Catholic Faith – Is there such a thing called "The Hound of Heaven"? Mike Cousineau teaches a catholic education class that meets each Wednesday, 6:00-7:00p.m., Holy Name Grade School Multi-Purpose room. All are welcome! If you would like to "test drive" the class, you can: 1) open youtube page on the internet. 2) in the search-bar, type in Escanaba Faith Formation. This will allow you to see the classes taught thus far. Click on any topic you think of interest and feel free to bring in any questions that may arise. One class that may be of particular interest is titled *Why is Life so Hard?*

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Feb. 11th** - My abilities, however small are valuable because they are God's gifts.
- Feb. 12th** - I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday. Abe Lincoln
- Feb. 13th** - I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and still say that there is not god. A. Lincoln.
- Feb. 14th** - Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away.
- Feb. 15th** - "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me know it now...for I shall not pass this way again.

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

The beginning of prayer is silence. If we really want to pray we must first learn to listen, for in the silence of the heart God speaks. And to be able to see that silence, to be able to hear God we need a clean heart; for a clean heart can see God, can hear God, can listen to God; and then only from the fullness of our heart can we speak to God. But we cannot speak unless we have listened, unless we have made that connection with God in the silence of our heart.

Monday, February 10

Survivors of Suicide Support Group meets the 2nd Monday of every month, 6:00 PM at St. Anthony Parish Hall. For more information, call Cindy Bintner at 789-0003 or Janet Lindstrom at 786-3852.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56 | Tuesday
Gn 1:20—2:4a
Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday
Gn 2:4b-9,15-17
Mk 7:14-23 | Thursday
Gm 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37 | Saturday
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sunday
Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12,16-20
Lk 6:17,20-26 | |

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 \$36,271 from 116 pledges. Still short \$6,391.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible. There are still 68 cards outstanding.

St. Thomas Breakfast, Sunday, March 2nd
9:00am-12:30pm
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Potatoes, Toast,
\$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,
Ages 5 and under are FREE!

Spring Study Day 2025

Mark your calendars for Spring Study Day: **Thursday, April 10th, 9:30 AM—2:30 PM**, St. Peter Cathedral. The topic this year is "Discipleship in the Workplace." Deacon Mike Houghton from the Archdiocese of Detroit will present practical ways to live your faith in everyday work life, and strategies to share the Good News at work. Deacon Mike worked 35 years in the automotive industry and now uses his experiences living and sharing the faith in the business world to help others do the same. Cost is \$15 and includes refreshments, lunch, and materials. Registration is open at: yoopercatholic.org/spring-study-day.