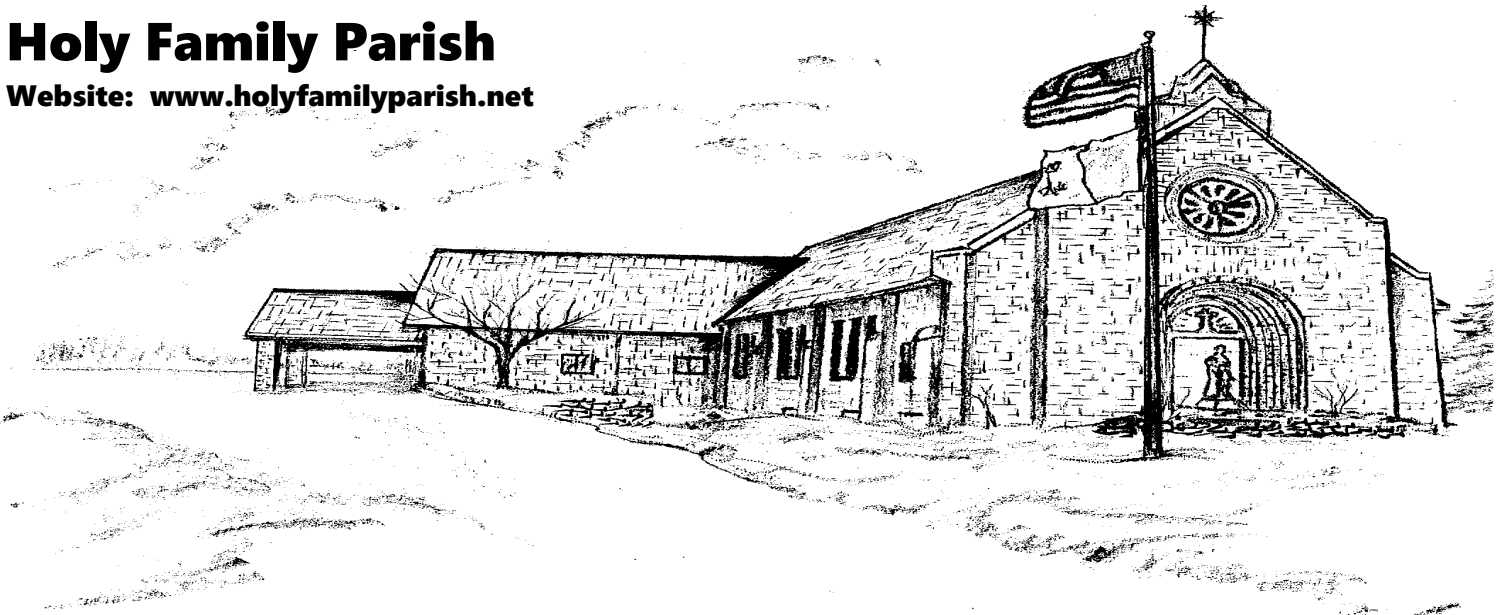


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Sacrament of Marriage

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).

And with your Spirit: Last week we dealt with the greeting of the priest, “The Lord be with you.” The people respond, “And with your Spirit.” This response is different from the old response we had in the previous text. This more adequately reflects the Latin text of the Mass and the language of St. Paul (Gal. 6: 18). Most of all it brings out more fully an important theological point. In the previous translation, when we said, ‘and also with you,’ we might get the impression that our response was merely intended to express a basic reciprocity- ‘May God be with you, too.’ But there is much more going on in this response. By saying “And with your spirit,” the people are acknowledging the Holy Spirit’s unique activity through the priest during the sacred liturgy by virtue of his ordination. In this response the people are addressing the ‘spirit’ of the priest; that is, that deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in this sacred action. They are saying in effect, ‘Be the priest for us now, aware that there is only one priest, Christ himself, and that this one who represents him now much be finely turned to perform his sacred duties well.

Penitential Rite: After the greeting next the priest invites the people to repent over their sins with the Penitential rite so that they may be able to participate in the Mass and receive Communion worthily. You are familiar with the two types of Penitential Rite, one long form and another short form. The long form begins with **I confess or the Confiteor.**

Penitential Act in the Bible: In the Old Testament whenever God appeared to Israel on different occasions, we find people reacting to the divine presence in different ways. Very often they responded with holy fear and awe, sometimes even throwing themselves on the ground or covering their faces, as they acknowledged their unworthiness to stand in His presence (Genesis 17:2; 28: 17; Exodus 3:6; 19:16). We see similar response from Peter, James and John at the Transfiguration of Jesus (Mt 17:6). However, when the people were given advance notice of God’s coming among them, they took time to prepare carefully for His holy encounter. For example at Mount Sinai, Israel had three days to get ready to meet the Lord, who would come to them in thunder, lightning, and cloud. They had to purify themselves spiritually and physically, including washing their garments.

I Confess (Confiteor): Similarly, we too are called to prepare ourselves for a sacred encounter with the Lord every time when we go to Mass, where the great mysteries take place. Here we encounter Jesus in the form of bread and wine and are invited to eat and drink his Body and Blood. So it is very important that we are to be spiritually prepared especially by removing the stain of sins in us.

The literal meaning of **Confiteor (Latin)** means **I confess** which has got the Old Testament foundation where we see people confessing their sins on several occasions. The practice of confessing one’s sins continued in the New Testament, which begins with crowds following John the Baptist and confessing their sins in John’s baptism of repentance. The New Testament elsewhere exhorts Christ’s followers to do the same. Apostle John teaches that we should confess our sins with confidence that the Lord may forgive us. John writes in 1 John 1:9: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* Apostle James also asks his community to confess their sins to another. He says, *“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed”* (James 5:16). **(We will continue next week).**

LENTEN PROGRAM

Ash Wednesday Mass: 8 am & 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Soup & Sandwich in Parish Hall at 6:00 pm

Followed by the DVD Presentation: No Greater Love

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 12 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Feb. 13 th	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. -	Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Feb. 14 th	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Jim Fassbender (9 th Anniv.)
		6:00 P.M. -	Mass – For the people of our Parish
		6:30 P.M. -	Mass & CCD Classes grades 1-7
Thurs.	Feb. 15 th	8:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Roger Guenette Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 16 th	8:00 A.M. - ----- 5:30 P.M. -	Mass – Julia Desy Parish Office closed Peeling Veggies for the Pasties
Sat.	Feb. 17 th	8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Starting to Make Pasties Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Gerald Sr. & Anna Pepin and family
Sun.	Feb. 18 th	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Don Anderson (3 rd Anniv.)
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

68 envelopes returned for Sunday, Feb. 4th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,655.00
Loose.....	107.00
General Maintenance.....	170.00
Mass Stipends.....	100.00
Fuel.....	<u>320.00</u>
Total.....	\$3,352.00

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

Shortage..... \$1,037.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	55.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	505.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	50.00

To date we have received \$35,925. in U.P. Catholic Services Appeal pledges. We are short of \$5,081.97 in reaching our goal of \$41,006.97. There are still 49 outstanding pledge cards.

Special Mass by the Bishop!

Sunday March 10th at 10 am

The future of the individual churches and the Universal Church rests in the hands of the younger families. If a Parish has more young families active, no doubt that Community will survive. I am very pleased to see these days quite a few young families and children attending the Mass regularly. I thought, as a thanksgiving to the Lord, of celebrating a Mass for our pregnant ladies, young parents and children. Having accepted my request, Bishop Doerfler will be coming on **March 10th and he will celebrate at the 10 am Mass and specially honor the mothers. Followed by the Mass we will have a luncheon with the Bishop in the hall. Please be prepared to participate in this special Mass.**

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Feb. 16th** - Let each day be your masterpiece.
- Feb. 17th** - there is no greater invitation to love than in loving first.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping. For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Just one 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.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13 | Tuesday
Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6,16-18 | Thursday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25 |
| Friday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15 | Saturday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32 |
| Sunday
Gn 9:8-15 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15 | |

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.

LENTEN REMINDERS

Our Lenten Season begins this Wednesday, February 22nd. Our Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM. The following is just a littler reminder for all of us:

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence is also to be observed on the Fridays of Lent.
2. Fasting is required of all the faithful in good health from the age of 18 to the beginning of their 60th year. Abstinence binds everyone over the age of 14.
3. Fasting usually is interpreted to mean one full meal and, if necessary, two other small meals. One should not eat between meals, but milk, fruit juices, and other liquids are permitted.
4. Abstinence means no meat should be eaten during the entire day.
5. Anyone unable to observe the fast or abstinence obligations because of health or other serious reasons, should substitute another penance.