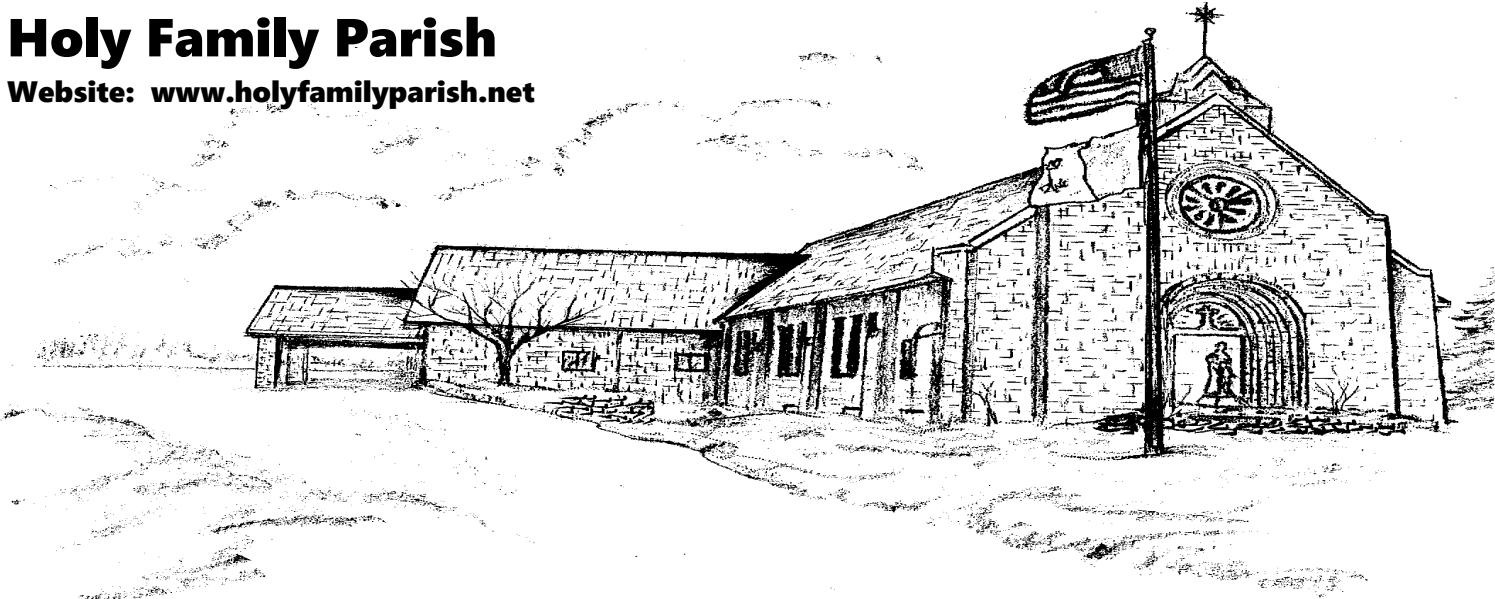


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

*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

The Parable of the Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

This is a parable constructed with such masterly skill that not one phrase is wasted. Let us look at the two characters in it.

(i) First, there is the rich man, usually called *Dives*, which is the Latin for rich. Every phrase adds something to the luxury in which he lived. He was clothed in purple and fine linen. That is the description of the robes of the High Priests, and such robes cost an immense sum in days when a working man's wage was one denarius a day. He feasted in luxury every day. The word used for feasting is the word that is used for a gourmet feeding on exotic and costly dishes. He did this every day.

In a country where the common people were fortunate if they ate meat once in the week and where they toiled for six days of the week, *Dives* is a figure of indolent self-indulgence. Lazarus was waiting for the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. In that time there were no knives, forks or napkins. Food was eaten with the hands and, in very wealthy houses the hands were cleansed by wiping them on hunks of bread, which were then thrown away. That was what Lazarus was waiting for.

(ii) Second, there is Lazarus. Strangely enough Lazarus is the only character in any of the parables who is given a name. The name is the Latinized form of *Eleazar* and means **God is my help**. He was a beggar; he was covered with *ulcerated* sores,

and so helpless that he could not even ward off the street dogs, which pestered him.

Such is the scene in this world; then abruptly it changes to the next and there Lazarus is in glory and *Dives* is in torment. What was the sin of *Dives*? He had not ordered Lazarus to be removed from his gate. He had made no objections to his receiving the bread that was flung away from his table. He did not kick him in the passing. He was not deliberately cruel to him. **The sin of *Dives* was that he never noticed Lazarus, that he accepted him as part of the landscape and simply thought it perfectly natural and inevitable that Lazarus should lie in pain and hunger while he wallowed in luxury.** As someone said, *"It was not what *Dives* did that got him into hell; it was what he did not do that got him into hell."*

The sin of *Dives* was that he could look on the world's suffering and need and feel no answering sword of grief and pity pierce his heart; he looked at a fellow-man, hungry and in pain, and did nothing about it. His was the punishment of the man who never noticed. **If wanted, the rich man could have changed the life of Lazarus for good. He had enough means for that. So his sin is not the sin of commission but that of omission.** The sin of omission is as serious as the sin of commission.

There are a lot of people in the world who don't do any harm to their suffering brethren; but at the same time, though they can, don't do anything to help them.

LENTEN JOURNEY

By the Grace of God we are just beginning another Lenten Journey which gives us the ample opportunity to examine our lives and make changes in the areas where we need to change. Lent is the period of self evaluation of our life. It invites us for a new life.

This year also we have the Lenten devotions as usual. But it is left to each one of us how we will make use of them for our spiritual benefits. I don't encourage you to make big resolutions, which sound good, but unable to fulfill. So let us go with simple ones.

Stations of the Cross every TUESDAY AT 5.30 pm and followed by that we have the soup and sandwich supper. As we have every year this year again we will be listening Dr. Edward Sri for half hour on Knowing MARY through the BIBLE. We are familiar with Sri's appealing presentations.

I also encourage you to attend at least one extra Mass on weekdays, besides the Sunday Celebration. Also Lent is the good opportunity to do a little Corporal Acts of Mercy. It doesn't mean, it should be always with money.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 16 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Feb. 17 th	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Julia Desy (13 th Anniv.)
Wed.	Feb. 18 th	<i>Ash Wednesday - This is a day of fasting & abstinence</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Cecilia Terrien 6:00 P.M. - Mass - For all Souls in Purgatory
Thurs.	Feb. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the special intentions for Charlie Kost 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's smear league
Fri.	Feb. 20 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Clayton Van Dres 3:30 P.M. - Peeling vegetables for pasties ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 21 st	<i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 7:30 A.M. - Start of the making of the pasties 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Feb. 22 nd	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Carl Carlson 10:00 AM - Mass – Earl Guenette

STEWARSHIP CORNER

70 envelopes returned for February 8, 2026

Adults.....	\$3,508.00
Loose.....	321.00
General Maintenance.....	105.00
Fuel.....	<u>115.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,049.00
 Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	 \$4,594.23
Short.....	\$ 545.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	210.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	955.00
Mass money.....	185.00
Diocesan Collection.....	100.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	413.00
Reimbursement.....	159.84

The next PASTY MAKING is Friday, Feb. 20th and Saturday, Feb. 21st~ Signup sheets are at the back of church for donations, pastry orders and workers.

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026
Our Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

We will again be having a SOUP and SANDWICH supper after the Stations of the Cross during lent. There will be sign up sheets at the back of church for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you



The Knights of Columbus Council 640 is sponsoring the Food for Family Program "40 cans for Lent" throughout the Lenten season. Please bring canned or dried food for donations. All food collected will go to St. Vincent dePaul to stock their shelves. Thank you!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Feb. 18th - Some people have strong will power, and some have strong won't power.

Feb. 19th - The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.

Feb. 20th - It is a great experience to walk where Jesus walked, but it is better to walk like Jesus walked.

Feb. 21st - Real love begins where nothing is expected in return.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

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 or call 906-379-3860.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

LENTEN REMINDERS

Our Lenten Season begins this Wednesday, Feb. 18th. 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.

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 \$42,572 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$1,949.15 to achieve. If you misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office.

Church Janitor Position Available
at St. Anne Parish Beginning March 1, 2026
contact Fr. Fran at 786-1426 Pay is \$19 per hour