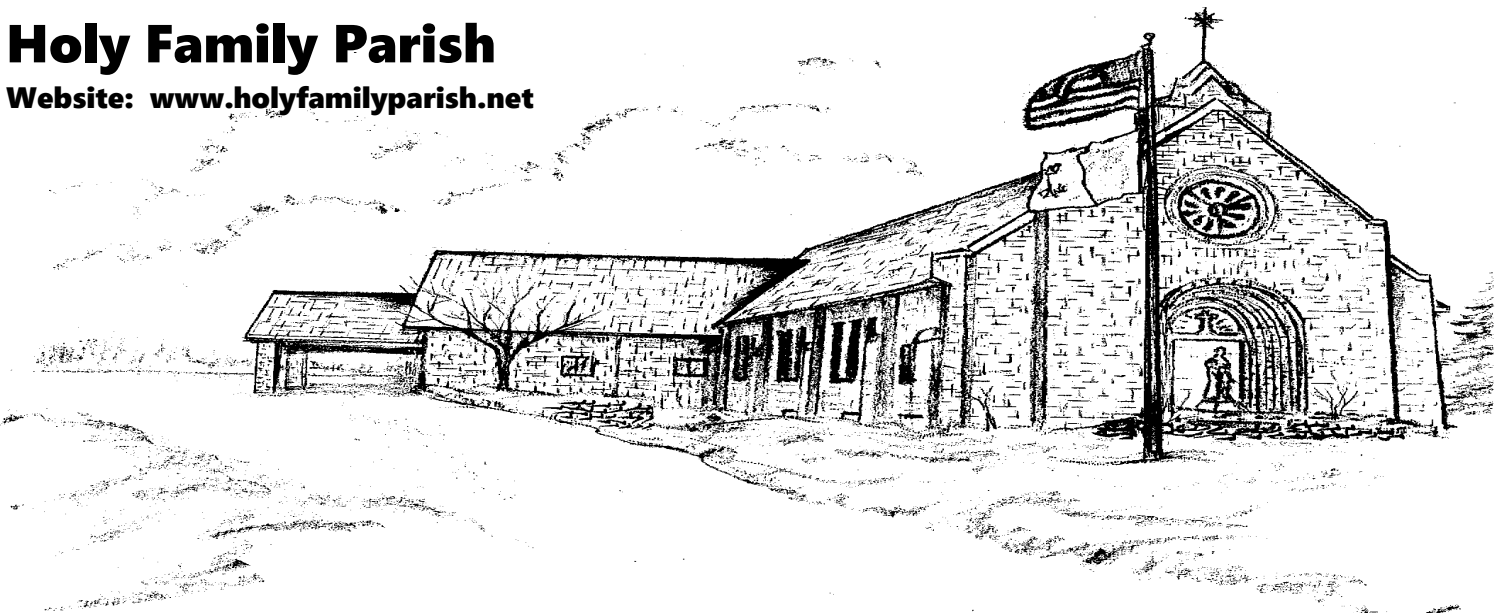


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 16, 2025

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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

5:14: The man's first instinct was probably to go home to his wife and family. However, Jesus instructed the man to make sure he follows the Mosaic Law, and tell no one but instead, first "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering." Jesus knew that the man would go home to his family, and also tell his neighbors what had happened. How could he not? It is amazing to notice that during the time of Jesus it is not a doctor who would certify whether a leper is cleansed rather one of the priests of the Temple. We don't know for sure as what method or test they might have used to declare one clean. The only visible proof for them would be the clean skin of the person. But the Book of Leviticus has long passage explaining how the priests would declare one to be a leper and how they would declare one to be cleansed. So it was mandatory for that man to go and present himself to the priest.

In this way, the man would also be a testimony to the priests. Prior to this event, the Bible only records two people who had been cleansed of leprosy, Moses' sister, Mariam and Naaman who wasn't even Jewish. Cleansing from this form of leprosy was always miraculous. When this man presented himself, the priest would have known that something amazing had just taken place. Possibly this was the very priest who had pronounced the man unclean years earlier. Getting declared clean was a week-long process (Lev 14:1-32).

The religious leaders of the day had developed a list of signs which would accompany the coming of the Messiah. One of them was the healing of those with leprosy. When this man appears before the priest claiming to be cleansed the priest should have recognized that the Messiah had come. When Jesus tells the man to go make the offering, it was to be a testimony to the priests that the Messiah had come. Unfortunately, the priests, the scribes and Pharisees were not ready to accept any of the miracles of Jesus.

Earlier, in Luke 4:27, Jesus has said that though there were many lepers in Israel at the time of Elisha, only Naaman was cleansed. So here, Jesus has done something that one of Israel's greatest

prophets had not done—heals a Jewish man of leprosy. This would have been a great testimony to the priests and people of that day, and the natural response should be to accept Him, not only as a prophet, but as the promised Messiah, for the only known cure of leprosy was by miracle.

5:15: After the man did what Jesus asked, the report went around concerning Him all the more (cf. 4:37; cf. Mark 1:4-54). It was not only the man who spread the news, but the people who saw Jesus heal the man. As a result, great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him. Hearing and healing is a constant theme throughout Luke, but especially in these opening chapters (Hearing, 4:16-30; Healing, 4:31-41; Hearing, 4:42-5:11; Healing, 5:12-26; Hearing, 5:27-6:5; Healing, 6:6-19; Hearing, 6:20-49; Healing, 7:1-17; etc.). If Jesus was trying to keep the report about Him from spreading, teaching and healing the multitudes was not the best way to accomplish that.

5:16: Some have understood verse 16 to say that *rather* than teach and heal the multitudes when they came to Him, Jesus retreated and went to the wilderness to pray. But this is not the best way to understand this text. Instead, after Jesus had taught and healed the multitudes, he withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. The wilderness was not only the place of Jesus' greatest test and temptation, but also the place for being refueled spiritually. It was there, in the wilderness, alone with God and His thoughts that he *prayed* to continue in the will of God. Of all the gospel writers, Luke emphasizes the prayer life of Jesus more than any other. He often withdrew in such a manner, which means that this was not a onetime event. The multitudes often came to hear him teach and be healed. He often met their needs, and afterwards, withdrew to spend time in prayer. For Luke's purposes, Jesus is shown to be focusing on His relationship with God, rather than fanning the flames of a people's movement.

(Will be continued).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 17 th	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Feb. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Julia Desy
Wed.	Feb. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Feb. 20 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mike Zuidema 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 21 st	<i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Carl Carlson 5:00 P.M. - Peeling veggies for Pasties ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 22 nd	<i>The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M. - <i>Starting to make pasties</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Feb. 23 rd	<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine Taylor (6 th Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – Rob Leisner (2 nd Anniv.)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

58 envelopes returned for Sunday, Feb. 9th

Adults.....	\$2,325.00
Loose.....	174.00
General Maintenance.....	70.00
Fuel.....	<u>75.00</u>
Total.....	\$2,644.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Short..... \$1,865.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	10.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	100.00
Diocesan Collection.....	30.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	305.00

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

Monday, March 11th

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!

Men's Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 1, 2025 - 8:00 AM – 1:45 p.m

***St. Michael Catholic Church, Marquette
Continental breakfast and lunch provided***

Presenter: Very Rev. Ryan Ford

Burning Hearts: Set on Fire by the Eucharistic Love of Jesus. The Eucharist is the source of our Christian life. In this day of reflection, Fr. Ryan will help participants understand how the Eucharist connects to daily life in the world and will summon men to become what they receive in Jesus' Real Presence at every Mass. To register: 906-228-8180 no cost to attend.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Feb. 22nd** - While some books inform and others reform, only the Bible transforms.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

MEIJER'S SIMPLY GIVE DOUBLE MATCH DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST!

Support the Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Pantry and stretch your \$10 gift card donation. Take advantage of Meijer's Simply Give Double Match Day next Saturday, March 1st. The Pantry uses the cards to purchase food only items for our neighbors in need. For every \$10 donation card you purchase on Saturday March 1st, Meijer's will provide the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry with a contribution of \$20, which brings the total to \$30 for a single \$10 customer purchase. Purchases resulting from the Double Match Day will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for this campaign. If you don't see "Simply Give" donation cards at the checkout, please ask a cashier. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
Gn 4:1-15,25
Mk 8:11:13 | Tuesday
Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10
Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wednesday
Gn 8:6-13,20-22
Mk 8:22-26 | Thursday
Gn 9:1-13
Mk 8:27-33 |
| Friday
Gn 11:1-9
Mk 8:34—9:1 | Saturday
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19 |
| Sunday
1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38 | |

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 \$36,421 from 120 pledges. Still short \$6,241.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible. There are still 64 cards outstanding.

*St. Joseph & St. Patrick
Parish Breakfast
Sunday, February 23rd
9:00 am to 12:30 pm*

*13 to adult - \$10; children 6-12 - \$7; family rate \$35
Children 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.