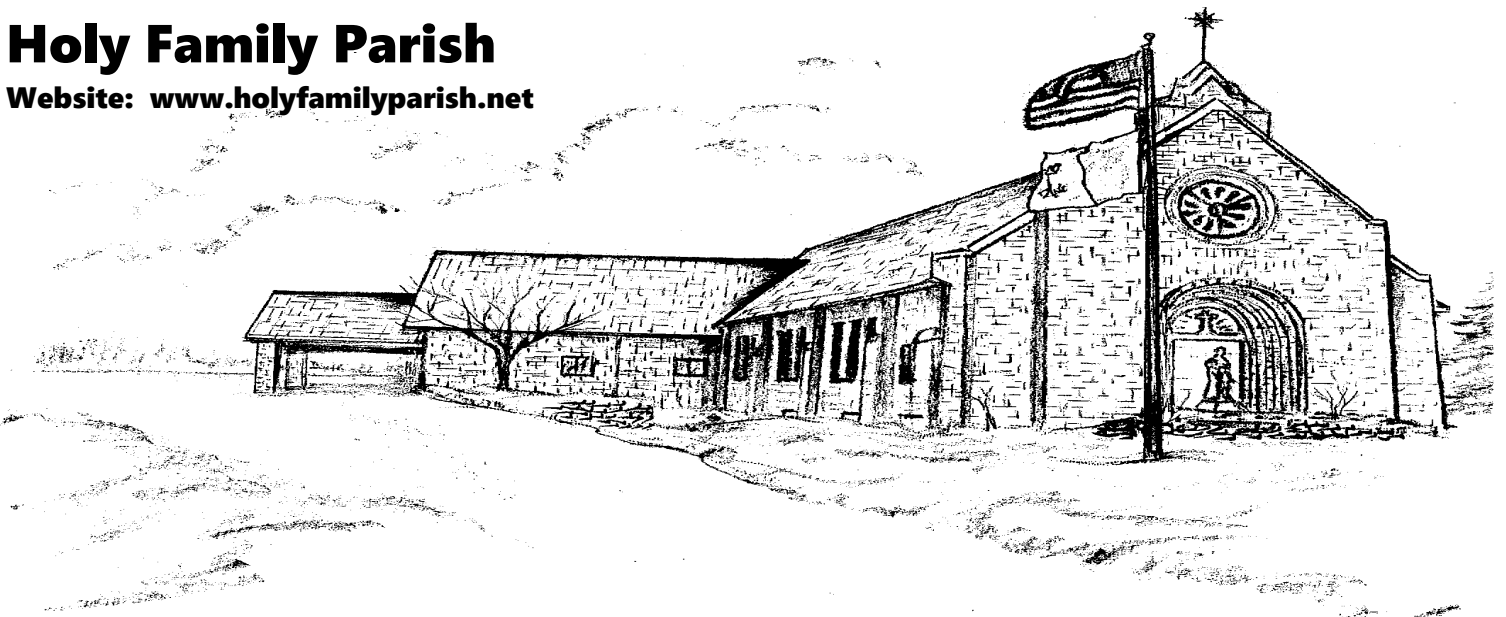


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Sacrament of Marriage

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

Penitential Rite (Cont.)

I Confess (Confiteor) Cont.: Last week we started with the Confiteor and found the Biblical references to it. This week we continue with it and will go through each phrase.

Since confessing sin was a common practice in ancient Israel and in the New Testament period, it is not at all surprising that the early Christians confessed their sins before partaking in the Eucharistic Celebration (Breaking of the Bread). In the Confiteor not only we confess our sins to God, but also to you *'my brothers and sisters.'* The prayer thus follows the exhortation of Apostle James, 'confess your sins to one another.' It also highlights the social impact of sin. Our sins affect our relationship with God and our relationship with each other. The Confiteor also challenges us to consider seriously four areas in which we may have fallen into sin: **"In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do."** These four points serve as an excellent examination of conscience. Let us see these four areas in details.

- a. **In my thoughts:** St. Paul exhorts us to guard our thoughts, keeping them focused on what is good: *"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"* (Phil 4:8). Jesus warns in the Sermon on the Mount more than once about ways we can fall into sin in our thoughts. For example, without even physically harming someone, we can sin through our anger toward others (Mt 5:22). Without ever physically touching someone, we can fall into adultery of the heart through our lustful thoughts (Mt 5:27-28).
- b. **In my words:** the letter of James warns us that the tongue is a fire. The spoken word can be used to bless and to curse, and when it is used for evil, it causes great turmoil. "How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire"- and the tongue has that power. The Bible mentions many ways our speech can be used to harm someone. For example, **gossip** (1Cor 12:20; 1Timothy 5:13; Rom 1:29), **slander** (Rom1:30; 1 Timothy 3:11), **insult** (Mt 5:22), **lying** (Col 3:9; Wisdom 1:11; Sirach 7:12-13). Those above sins come under our thoughts.
- c. **In what I have done:** This area encompasses what most people commonly think about sin- actions that directly hurt other people or our relationship with God. Along these lines, the Ten Commandments are often used as the basis for an examination of conscience. These are the **sins of commission-means that which are committed.**
- d. **In what I have failed to do:** This is the most challenging part. Not only are we responsible for the selfish, prideful, and evil actions we have committed, but we also will be held accountable on the Day of Judgment for the good that we failed to do. Apostle James teaches, "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (James 4:17). These are the sins of omission- means the good act which we intentionally omitted to do. The part of the Confiteor reminds us that Christian path is not merely just of avoiding sinful thoughts, words, desires, and actions. Christianity is ultimately about the imitation of Christ. We must put on Christ and his virtues. It is not enough that we should avoid committing sin but we should do something good.

(We will continue next week)

LENTEN DVD PRESENTATION **THE PASSION OF CHRIST; Edward Sri**

After the soup supper on every Tuesday, we will be watching the DVD presented by Edward Sri, a renowned speaker who goes through the entire Passion of Jesus starting from Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. He speaks from every spot in Palestine wherever Jesus walked during his Passion. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Each session lasts only half hour and it is very interesting and enriching. Once we start listening to it our attention will never wander away, till it is over. Kindly consider attending it and you will enjoy it, no doubt.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 19 th	8:00 A.M. -	NO Mass
Tues.	Feb. 20 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Frank Kudwa, Sr. (25 th Anniv.)
		5:30 P.M. -	Stations of the Cross
		6:00 P.M. -	Soup and Sandwich
		6:30 P.M. -	½ hour DVD Presentation: No Greater Love
Wed.	Feb. 21 st	<i>St. Peter Damain, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all souls in purgatory
		6:30 P.M. -	No CCD Classes grades
Thurs.	Feb. 22 nd	8:00 A.M.-	Mass – Dan Chouinard
		7:00 P.M. -	Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 23 rd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Carl Carlson (25 th Anniv.)
		-----	Parish Office closed
			Abstinence (no meat) to be observed on all Fridays of Lent
Sat.	Feb. 24 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – For the People of our Parish
Sun.	Feb. 25 th	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Leda Chenier (25 th Anniv.)
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Rob Leisner (1 st Anniv.)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

80 envelopes returned for Sunday, Feb. 11th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,812.00
Loose.....	108.00
General Maintenance.....	47.00
Fuel.....	<u>107.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,074.00
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Shortage.....	\$ 315.42
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	44.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	605.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	446.00
Catholic Schools Collection.....	25.00

To date we have received \$36,290 in U.P. Catholic Services Appeal pledges. We are short of \$4,716.97 in reaching our goal of \$41,006.97. There are still 47 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. This is open to all parishioners.**

Our Parish prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of
Harold Chenier
May he rest in peace



SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Feb. 23rd - The world is full of beauty when your heart is filled with love.

Feb. 24th - Christianity is bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food, money for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You! For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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.

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

Monday

Lv 19:1-2,11-18

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Friday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

LUNCHEON WITH THE BISHOP MARCH 10, 2024

All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass with the Bishop on March 10th at the 10:00 AM Mass. Immediately following we will have a catered meal for everyone. If you would like to attend the luncheon please sign up at the back of church. We will take signups thru Sunday March 3rd.

We are starting to collect the old palms from last year. If you have any please bring to church and put in the marked basket.

Join us next Sunday, Feb. 25th from 9 am to 12:30 at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba for Breakfast. We will be serving all your favorites, pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, sausage, corned beef hash, cheesy potatoes, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee. Family \$30; adults (13 & up) \$10, children 6-12, \$7 and children under 5 are free.

Holy Name Catholic School is looking for subs to add to our substitute pool for all positions (teachers & assistants). Are you interested? Please let us know! Call 906-786-7550 or email office@holynamercrusaders.com. Sub jobs are available in half-day and full-day increments.