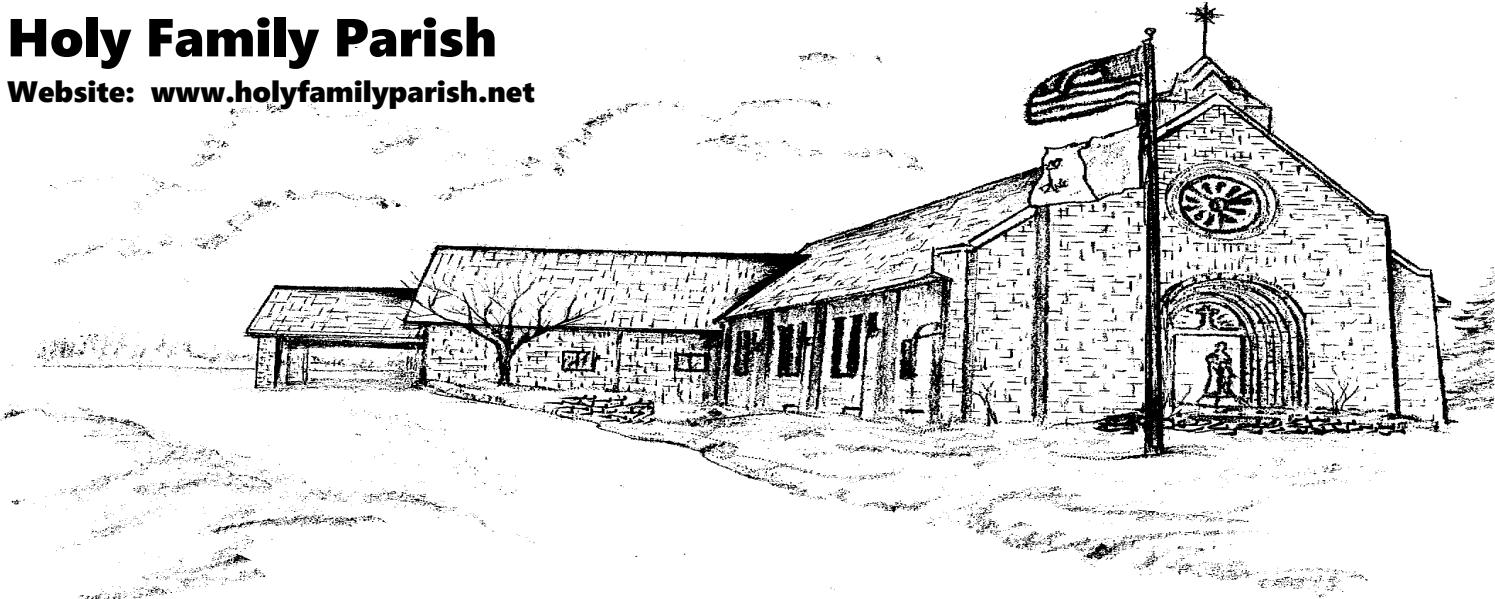


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Sacrament of Marriage

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 Laws of the Christian Life (Luke 17:1-10)

This passage falls into four definite and disconnected sections.

Luke 17:1-2 condemn the man who teaches others to sin. The Revised Standard Version talks in these verses about temptations to sin. The Greek word (skandalon, is exactly the same word as the English scandal. It has two meanings.

- (a) It originally meant the bait-stick in a trap.
- (b) It then came to mean any stumbling-block placed in a man's way to trip him up. Jesus said that it was impossible to construct a world with no temptations; but woe to that man who taught another to sin or who took away another's innocence.

Kennedy Williamson, the author, tells of an old man who was dying. Something was obviously worrying him. He told them at last what it was. "When I was a lad," he said, "I often played on a wide common. Near its center two roads met and crossed, and, standing at the cross-roads, was an old rickety sign-post. I remember one day twisting it round in its socket, thus altering the arms and making them point in the wrong direction; and I've been wondering ever since how many travelers I sent on the wrong road." God will not hold the man guiltless, who, on the road of life, sends a younger or a weaker brother on the wrong way.

(ii) Luke 17:3-4 speak of the necessity of forgiveness in the Christian life. It tells us to forgive seven times. The Rabbis had a saying that if one forgave another three times, one was a perfect man. The Christian standard takes the rabbinic standard, doubles it and adds one; but it is not a matter of calculation. It simply means that the Christian standard of forgiveness must immeasurably exceed the best the world can achieve.

(iii) Luke 17:5-6 tell us that faith is the greatest force in the world. We must again remember that it was the eastern custom to use language in the most vivid possible way. This saying means that even that which looks completely impossible becomes possible, if it is approached with faith. We have only to think of the number of scientific marvels; of the number of surgical operations, of the feats of endurance which today have been achieved and which less than fifty years ago would have been regarded as utterly impossible. If we approach a thing saying, "It can't be done," it will not; if we approach it saying, "It must be done," the chances are that it will. We must always remember that we approach no task alone, but that with us there is God and all his power.

(iv) Luke 17:7-10 tell us that we can never put God in our debt and can never have any claim on him. When we have done our best, we have done only our duty; and a man who has done his duty has done only what, in any event, he could be compelled to do.

LENTEN JOURNEY

We have already started 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 and a total conversion. 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 like participating in the devotion of the Stations of Cross and attending an extra Mass on weekdays.

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 23 rd	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	Feb. 24 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Loretta Robitaille 5:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross 6:00 P.M. - Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:30 P.M. - Video - Knowing MARY through the BIBLE.
Wed.	Feb. 25 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rob Leisner (3 rd Anniv.) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Feb. 26 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Leda Chenier 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's smear league
Fri.	Feb. 27 th	Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joy Berbohm ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 28 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	March 1 st	Second Sunday of Lent 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine Taylor (7 th Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – Dan Chouinard

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

68 envelopes returned for February 8, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,942.00
Loose.....	193.00
General Maintenance.....	5.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Total.....	\$2,985.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Short.....	\$1,609.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	5.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	2,390.00
Mass money.....	300.00
Diocesan Collection.....	160.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	120.00

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 for Tuesday, March 3rd. Thank you

Meal Train Ministry

A note from Brittany and Allen Botwright:

Thank you to all who provided a meal or gave gift certificates to our family. It was a blessing to have while adjusting to becoming a family of three. Thank you!

As a parish, we provided 7 meals for The Botwrights during their first month as new parents. If you haven't been involved in this ministry before, please consider jumping on board next time! Meal Train can also be provided for those with serious illness or recovering from major surgery, too. We all have at least one or two recipes that we know others would enjoy; it doesn't need to be fancy. Please contact Heidi if you or someone you know could benefit from receiving short-term meal service.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Feb. 25th - The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.

Feb. 26th - Take time to live because the world has so much to give.

Feb. 27th - No atheist can hinder the bible's influence more than a Christian who disregards it in his life.

Feb. 28th - Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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



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!

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
Est C:12,14-16,23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday
Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

LENTEN REMINDERS

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.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish Breakfast
Sunday, February 22nd, 9:00am - 12:30pm

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, sausage, corned beef hash, cheesy potatoes, cinnamon rolls, coffee & juice. Ages 13-Adult: \$12; Ages 6-12: \$7; Family Rate: \$35; Under 6 Free To qualify for the Family Rate, all individuals must reside in the same household parents or guardians & children.

2026/2027 Registration for
Holy Name Catholic School and
The Chesterton Academy is now open!