

# Holy Family Parish

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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 2025

### Pastor

(906) 786-1209 Ext. 3 or (906) 440-4193

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

Deacon: Robert Berbohm 786-9082

Email Address: [deacon@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:deacon@holyfamilyparish.net)

### 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

### Parish Secretary

Pam Leisner (906) 786-1209 Ext. 1 (H) 399-3058

Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

*Bulletin articles should be submitted*

*by Noon on Wednesdays*

E-mail Address: [secretary@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyparish.net)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

### Faith Formation Coordinator

Kathy Kohtala 428-9431

Email: [kkohtala@allsaintsgladstone.org](mailto:kkohtala@allsaintsgladstone.org)

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

### Maintenance

906-786-1209

### 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

### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President      Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary      Harold Flagstadt  
Kevin Dubord      Tina Cryderman  
Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron      Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde      Frank Chenier

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

### Luke 5:17-26: The healing of the Paralytic

**Introduction:** This passage is often used to prove that Jesus claimed to be God. Though Luke makes this point later in his account, such a reading is not the best understanding of this text. Rather, in this passage Jesus reveals four other significant truths. First, He is teaching His disciples how to fish for men. As they will learn, they also can announce the forgiveness of sins to others. Though people face many burdens, the burden of guilt and the lack of certainty about the love and forgiveness of God are some of the hardest to bear. There is great power in the truth that a person's sins are forgiven and God is not angry.

The second point that Jesus makes is that He has come to raise Israel from paralysis. The man is portrayed in this text as an illustration of Israel. Throughout Luke and the other Gospels, the Jewish people are described as being unwilling and unable to move toward Jesus in faith. In this very context, the religious leaders reveal an almost complete paralysis of faith. By announcing the forgiveness of sins to this man, based on the faith of his friends, Jesus is showing that He also forgives the sins of the religious leaders and will also raise them to new life if they respond to the forgiveness they have received.

Third, Jesus shows that physical and spiritual restoration are connected. The Rabbis taught that "A sick man does not recover from his sickness until all his sins are forgiven him, as it is written, 'Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases.'" Though many come to Jesus seeking only physical deliverance, He knows that many of the problems they face actually require a spiritual cure. The spiritual problem must be taken care of before the physical can be addressed. This was not necessarily the case with the paralyzed man, but it is definitely the case with the nation of Israel. They wanted physical deliverance from Rome and a restoration of their land and inheritance, but such

blessings cannot be granted until the sin of the nation was removed.

This leads to the fourth truth. In announcing forgiveness, and then healing the man, Jesus was not proving Himself to be God, but was proving Himself to be the Messiah. More of this will be explained below, but ultimately, Jesus was showing that part of His ministry was to remove the religious barriers between God and man. Through His life and ministry, He would do away with the religious priesthood, temple, and sacrificial system. Jesus was revolting against the rules and regulations of religion as a means of approaching God for the forgiveness of sins. Through Jesus, people can approach God directly, having already received forgiveness without condition.

**5:17:** As Jesus continued to travel and teach, news about Him spread, and questions began to be asked. The religious leaders of the day, the Pharisees and teachers of the law, were the ones who decided whether a person was teaching correctly or not. So they came from all over, out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem, to listen to Jesus teach. The title *Pharisee* comes from the Hebrew word meaning "to divide, to separate" and the Pharisees were known for their strict separation from the world, and for their exactness in making decisions and laws about what was allowed and not allowed in Jewish law and teaching. They were here to make such a decision. They had heard reports of what Jesus was teaching, and desired to hear Him for themselves in order to determine whether they should accept and encourage Him, or accuse and condemn Him.

Luke writes that the religious leaders were sitting. In Jewish culture of the time, teachers sat and taught while students stood. Probably Jesus was sitting as well, but the Pharisees wanted to be seen as equals to Jesus, as ones who did not need to learn anything from Him, but as those who would listen to what He taught in order to judge its validity.

**(Will be continued).**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - <b>NO Mass</b> 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - <b>NO Mass</b>
Wed.	Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - <b>NO Mass</b> NO Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - <b>NO Mass</b> 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - <b>NO Mass</b> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Rudy Wencl (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Harold Chenier

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**69 envelopes returned for Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,757.00
Loose.....	128.00
General Maintenance.....	40.00
Fuel.....	<u>30.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,955.00</b>
 <b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	 <b>\$4,509.61</b>
 <b>Short.....</b>	 <b>\$1,554.61</b>
 St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	 20.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	2,165.00
Diocesan Collection.....	325.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	50.00

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

**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.

**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 \$37,521 from 123 pledges. Still short \$5,141.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible. There are still 61 cards outstanding.**

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - The world is full of beauty when your heart is filled with love.
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christianity is bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** - The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** - Take time to live because the world has so much to give.
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** - No atheist can hinder the bible's influence more than a Christian who disregards it in his life.
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible.
- Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>** - You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its' width and depth.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food, money for utility and rent, bills, etc. Thank You! For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### A night of Pasta, Wine and Harmony

The St. Anne's Choir would like to invite you to a night of Pasta, Wine and Harmony. Our Italian dinner will be on Saturday, March 22nd, beginning with a social time at 5:30 in the church basement. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with the St. Anne's choir providing musical entertainment. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be sold in the church office and after each mass starting today. There will be a silent auction with all proceeds from both the dinner and the auction to help fund our choir projects.

We hope you consider supporting the choir by attending this night of music and fabulous food provided by Crispignia's Specialty Market Foods and Applewood Eatery.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Sir 1:1-10  
Mk 9:14-29

### **Wednesday**

Sir 4:11-19  
Mk 9:38-40

### **Friday**

Sir 6:5-17  
Mk 10:1-12

### **Tuesday**

Sir 2:1-11  
Mk 9:30-37

### **Thursday**

Sir 5:1-8  
Mk 9:41-50

### **Saturday**

Sir 17:1-15  
Mk 10:13-16

### **Sunday**

Sir 27:4-7    1 Cor 15:54-58    Lk 6:39-45

*St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish Breakfast  
Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. Cost is \$15 and includes refreshments, lunch, and materials.

Registration is open at: [yoopercatholic.org/spring-study-day](http://yoopercatholic.org/spring-study-day).

### Shroud of Turin Presentation at All Saints Church -

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, after our 4:30 PM Mass, and after both Masses on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, (8:30 and 10:30 AM). The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a scourged, beaten and crucified man. A man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth. Is it really the cloth that wrapped His crucified body, or is it a medieval forgery, a hoax perpetrated by some clever artist? Modern science has completed hundreds of thousands of hours of intense research on the Shroud. It is, in fact, the single most studied artifact in human history. We now know more about it than ever before.

Tony Cherniawski, our presenter, has studied the Shroud for over a quarter century, and has traveled extensively to determine its origin and authenticity. Presentations will be held in the All Saints Parish Hall. There is no cost to attend.