

Holy Family Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2026

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

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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

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

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

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

Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff

Harold Flagstadt Tina Cryderman

Kevin Dubord

Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee

Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

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

Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy

Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

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, Fr. Jose

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

Luke 18: 1-8: This parable of the judge and widow tells of the kind of thing which could, and often did, happen. There are two characters in it.

(i) The judge was clearly not a Jewish judge. All ordinary Jewish disputes were taken before the elders and not into the public courts at all. If, under Jewish law, a matter was taken to arbitration, one man could not constitute a court. There were always three judges, one chosen by the plaintiff, one by the defendant, and one independently appointed.

This judge was one of the paid magistrates appointed either by Herod or by the Romans. Such judges were notorious. Unless a plaintiff had influence and money to bribe his way to a verdict he had no hope of ever getting his case settled. These judges were said to pervert justice for a dish of meat. People even punned on their title. Officially they were called Dayyaneh Gezeroth, which means judges of prohibitions or punishments. Popularly they were called Dayyaneh Gezeloth, which means robber judges.

(ii) The widow was the symbol of all who were poor and defenseless. It was obvious that she, without resource of any kind, had no hope of ever extracting justice from such a judge. But she had one weapon--persistence. It is possible that what the judge in the end feared was actual physical

violence. The word translated, lest she strike me, can mean, lest she give me a black eye. It is possible to close a person's eye in two ways--either by sleep or by assault and battery! In either event, in the end her persistence won the day.

This parable is like the parable of the Friend at Midnight. It does not liken God to an unjust judge; it contrasts him to such a person. Jesus was saying, "If, in the end, an unjust and rapacious judge can be wearied into giving a widow justice, how much more will God, who is a loving Father, give his children what they need?"

That is true, but it is no reason why we should expect to get whatever we pray for. Often a father has to refuse the request of a child, because he knows that what the child asks would hurt rather than help. God is like that. We do not know what is to happen in the next hour, let alone the next week, or month, or year. Only God sees time whole, and, therefore, only God knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Jesus said we must never be discouraged in prayer. That is why he wondered if men's faith would stand the long delays before the Son of Man should come. We will never grow weary in prayer and our faith will never falter if, after we have offered to God our prayers and requests, we add the perfect prayer, Thy will be done.

Eucharistic Miracle Medal

You are already familiar with the picture of the Eucharistic Miracle. Many of you keep this picture or already framed it. Monica Van Drese came out with a great idea to keep this picture intact by converting it to a medal. Her niece helped her to achieve this goal. Hence a beautiful medal came out with the picture and also the description is given on the other side explaining shortly as how this miracle happened. **(In my Christmas letter I have given the full story of that).** With my request, Monica is happy to make it available for our members.

The price of this medal will be \$5 and if you like to have one, kindly place your order on the paper kept on the table together with the sample. This is the way how you can hang it very conveniently on your living room or bedroom wall. This is a onetime offer; so use this opportunity right away.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 2 nd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	March 3 rd		<i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Louise Beauchamp
		11:00 AM -	Ladies Altar Society
		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.	March 4 th		<i>Saint Casimir</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Darlene Chouinard
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	March 5 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Judith Gereau
		7:00 P.M. -	Holy Family Men’s meeting & smear league
Fri.	March 6 th		<i>First Friday</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For special intentions for Frank Chenier
		6:30 P.M. -	Adoration until 7:30 PM
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 7 th		<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	First Saturday Mass – For Fr. Sebastians Intentions
		3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Mary Kowalski
Sun.	March 8 th		<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the People of our parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Elizabeth Longtine

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

64 envelopes returned for February 22, 2026

Adults.....	\$3,064.00
Loose.....	169.25
General Maintenance.....	45.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Total.....	\$3,303.25

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Short.....	\$1,290.98

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	490.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	325.00
Mass money.....	190.00
Diocesan Collection.....	75.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	15.00

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH

This Tuesday, March 3rd, will be the last DAY MEETING. We will have a short meeting then play SNOOPS and short video. All are welcome to join in on the fun. Church area is in charge of lunch.

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

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated, worked or purchased pasties. See you all again November 6th & 7th!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Mar. 1st** - You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its' width and depth.
- Mar. 2nd** - The mind like a parachute functions only when open.
- Mar. 3rd** - The world crowns success, but God crowns faithfulness!
- Mar. 4th** - Don't look down on anyone; only God sits that high.
- Mar. 5th** - If you find that your praying is shallow, begin to give thanks - you'll soon have an ocean to swim in.
- Mar. 6th** - Instead of putting others in their place, put yourself in their place.
- Mar. 7th** - Lord, teach me how to pray Unselfish my requests; And help me then to know Thou sendest what is best.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.



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!

*There are still some PASTIES for sale.
Call the parish office 786-1209.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Tuesday Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4,12-13a Mt 21:33-43,45-46	Saturday Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42	

St. Thomas Breakfast

Sunday, March 1st 9:00am-12:30pm
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes
Toast, Coffee & Juice
\$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,
Ages 5 and under are FREE! Please join us!

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

Holy Name Central Grade School

Open House & Living Library
Tuesday, March 10th 6:00 to 7:30 PM
Holy Name Grade School

Nominate a Catholic Service Award Recipient

Developed in the spirit of Legacy of Faith to preserve and foster the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula, the Catholic Service Award annually recognizes life time dedication and service to the Church. Learn more about the prestigious award and nominate someone that you feel deserves this honor and recognition at upcatholicfoundation.org/catholic-service-awards. **Nominations due annually by May 1**

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.