

# Holy Family Parish

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## **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 2, 2025**

### Pastor

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

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### Parish Secretary

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### Faith Formation Coordinator

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### Maintenance

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### Pastoral Council Members

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

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron      Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde      Frank Chenier

### 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  
Michael Theoret, Brenda Chouinard, Sue Boudreau  
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.

# Our Lenten Journey

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Once again, we are confronted by the special season of **Lent**, during which we hear the call to ongoing conversion (*metanoia*), by which we are challenged to turn away from sin and choose to grow closer to God by loving Him and loving our neighbor as ourselves. It is not a period of restraints; rather it is a great opportunity to achieve great improvements in our spiritual journey. The Gospel passage which is given at the beginning of Lent each year as a roadmap for our Lenten journey, places before our attention: **prayer, almsgiving, and fasting** as means by which we can love God and our neighbor as ourselves (cf. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18). This season is filled with the promise of new opportunities and new beginnings, powered by God's Grace and presence. Let us seize this precious moment. As St. Paul urges: "*...we urge you not to let your acceptance of God's grace come to nothing. As God said, 'At the time of my favor, I have answered you; on the day of salvation, I have helped you'. Well, now is the real time of favor; now the day of salvation is here.*" (2Cor. 6:1-2).

Lent is an opportunity for our spiritual formation and discipline. It is a time of spring cleaning of our life; to remove the unwanted habits we accumulated and replace them with good habits. To seize this opportunity, we need to be led and guided by the Spirit who facilitates our encounter with God. Like Jesus, we want to respond by accepting the call to go into the '**desert**', driven by the Spirit (Mt. 4:1-13; Lk. 4:1-11). The desert need not be a physical desert; rather a time of isolation with God alone. The goal of this time is to seek and find the will of God over and beyond all the movements of our heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola says that two things are needed for this: i) **magnanimity**, i.e. a wide and open mind which is not confined to narrow horizons of small interests, and ii) **generosity**, i.e. the readiness to give without conditions and limits.

As Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit (Mt. 4:1) to face the great issues of his life and mission before he entered into his ministry, so also, we too enter into this Lenten time to face the great issues of our life – God's invitations and the evil attractions and allurements. In the **solitude** of the desert, we

are meant to find the clarity and firmness which we shall need in the turmoil of actual life.

What can we do to make this Lenten Journey fruitful? Through a few extra, but simple acts, we all can easily improve our spiritual life:

1. **Make sure that you spend at least half hour daily in prayer and Scripture reading. Prayer is the opportunity to converse with God as well as listen to Him to know what His plan and will are for us.**
2. **If you are retired, please see that at least you participate in two weekday Masses. And also you can attend the Stations of the Cross which is a great devotion of the Lent.**
3. **Those of you, who are working, please, try at least to attend the Stations of the Cross.**
4. **Rosary is a great devotional prayer. If you have lost the habit of reciting it, please, start it during this Lenten Season.**
5. **Please make a difference in somebody's life as many times as possible, by your words and deeds; for example, a sick visit, a phone call, a get-well card, monetary help and through other means.**
6. **If you have not approached the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession for long time, this is the good opportunity to do so.**

**Of course, giving up something which is dear to us is a way of doing penance for our sins. But more than giving up, let us give something great to our life.**

With Love, Fr. Sebastian

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - <b>NO Mass</b>
Tues.	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Casimir</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Living & Deceased members of the Berbohm & Ness families 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets
Wed.	March 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Ash Wednesday – Fast &amp; Abstinence</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Healing of Kathy Trombley 6:00 P.M. - Mass – Dale Richer NO Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	March 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Elizabeth Longtine 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>First Friday – Abstinence (no meat)</i></b> <b><i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Oliver Chenier <b>6:30 P.M. - First Friday Adoration until 7:30 PM</b> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint John of God, Religious</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Rudy Wencil
Sun.	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>First Sunday of Lent</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – For the Deceased Priests & Bishops of the Marquette Diocese



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

***Don't forget to SPRING FORWARD  
next Sunday, March 9th***

**76 envelopes returned for Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Adults.....	\$3,072.00
Loose.....	90.00
General Maintenance.....	15.00
Fuel.....	<u>15.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,192.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61**

**Short..... \$1,317.61**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	443.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	470.00
Diocesan Collection.....	35.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	83.00

***ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH:*** *The Ladies Altar Society will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 pm We will have a short meeting with our guest speaker being Virginia Hallfrisch. Gross/Carrolls Corner is in charge of snacks.*

**LENTEN PROGRAM**  
**Ash Wednesday Mass: 8 am & 6:00 pm**  
**Stations of the Cross Every**  
**Tuesday at 5:30 pm**  
**Soup & Sandwich in Parish Hall at 6:00 pm**  
**Followed by the DVD Presentation: A Biblical Walk**  
**through the Mass**

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - The mind like a parachute functions only when open.
- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The world crowns success, but God crowns faithfulness!
- Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Don't look down on anyone; only God sits that high.
- Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>** - If you find that your praying is shallow, begin to give thanks - you'll soon have an ocean to swim in.
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Instead of putting others in their place, put yourself in their place.
- Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Lord, teach me how to pray Unselfish my requests; And help me then to know Thou sendest what is best.
- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>** - If you can't hear God speaking, check the volume control on your conscience.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit..."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### 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?

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.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Sir 17:20-24  
Mk 10:17-27

### **Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1-6,16-18

### **Friday**

Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

### **Tuesday**

Sir 35:1-12  
Mk 10:28-31

### **Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

### **Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

### **Sunday**

Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

## LENTEN REMINDERS

Our Lenten Season begins this Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Our Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM. The following is just a littler reminder for all of us:

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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 \$37,941 from 126 pledges. Still short \$4,721.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible. There are still 58 cards outstanding.**