

Holy Family Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 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

THE SIN OF PRIDE (Luke 18:9-14)

The devout observed three prayer times daily--9 a.m., 12 midday and 3 p.m. Prayer was held to be specially efficacious if it was offered in the Temple and so at these hours many went up to the Temple courts to pray. Jesus told of two men who went.

(i) There was a Pharisee. He did not really go to pray to God. He prayed with himself. True prayer is always offered to God and to God alone. The Jewish law prescribed only one absolutely obligatory fast--that on the day of Atonement. But those who wished to gain special merit fasted also on Mondays and Thursdays. It is noteworthy that these were the market days when Jerusalem was full of country people. Those who fasted whitened their faces and appeared in dishevelled clothes, and those days gave their piety the biggest possible audience. The Levites were to receive a tithe of all a man's produce ([Numbers 18:21](#); [Deuteronomy 14:22](#)). But this Pharisee tithed everything, even things which there were no obligation to tithe.

The Pharisee did not really go to pray; he went to inform God how good he was.

(ii) There was a tax-collector. He stood afar off, and would not even lift his eyes to God. The King James and Revised Standard Versions do not even do justice to his humility for he actually prayed, "O God, be merciful to me--the sinner," as if he was not merely a sinner, but the sinner par excellence. "And," said Jesus, "it was that heart-broken, self-despising prayer which won him acceptance before God."

This parable unmistakably tells us certain things about prayer. (i) No man who is proud can pray sincerely and honestly. The gate of heaven is so low that none can enter it save upon his knees.

(ii) No man who despises his fellow-men can pray. In prayer we do not lift ourselves above our fellow-men. We remember that we are one of a great army of sinning, suffering, sorrowing humanity, all kneeling before the throne of God's mercy.

(iii) True prayer comes from setting our lives beside the life of God. No doubt all that the Pharisee said was true. He did fast; he did meticulously give tithes; he was not as other men are; still less was he like that tax-collector. But the question is not, "Am I as good as my fellow-men?" The question is, "Am I as good as God?"

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 Dreese 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.

Reminder: Stations of the Cross will be held every Tuesday at 5.30 pm followed by that we have the soup supper and Biblical Presentation by Dr. Edward Sri on "Knowing Mary through the Bible." This will be only a half hour video. Mr. Sri's talk is very simple and meaningful. You will enjoy it. Kindly try to attend an extra Mass during weekdays.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 9 th	<i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	March 10 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Christian Mosier 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 11 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Barbara Chouinard Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	March 12 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s smear league
Fri.	March 13 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Cecilia Terrien ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 14 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
Sun.	March 15 th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Richard, Rita & Gail Anderson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

74 envelopes returned for March 1, 2026

Adults.....	\$3,880.00
Loose.....	203.00
General Maintenance.....	280.00
Fuel.....	5.00
Total.....	\$4,368.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Short.....	\$ 226.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	120.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	1,190.00
Votive Lights.....	243.00
Diocesan Collection.....	10.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	45.00
Easter Flowers.....	70.00
The Word Among Us.....	20.00

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES! PRE-CANA DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

A Pre-Cana Day will be held at St. Anne's on Saturday, April 25th for all engaged couples of the area beginning at 9:45 AM with coffee, fruit and rolls in the Parish Hall. It will conclude with the 4:30 PM Mass at St. Anne's. Lunch will be provided. Please register on the yoopercatholic.org/engaged website. There is no fee to attend. Please call Deacon Terry and Hildie Saunders at (906) 280-8782 for any questions.



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!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Mar. 8th** - If you can't hear God speaking, check the volume control on your conscience.
- Mar. 9th** - We need not fear the perils AROUND US as long as the eye of the Lord is UPON US.
- Mar. 10th** - There is not limit to how much good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.
- Mar. 11th** - Nightfall should remind us to forgive the hurts of the day.
- Mar. 12th** - Some people grin and bear it. Others smile and change it.
- Mar. 13th** - It is a greater thing to obey the Word of the Lord than to preach it.
- Mar. 14th** - Don't let your mind become so busy that your heart can't respond.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor envelope.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

**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

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday
Dn 3:25,34-43
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday
Dt 4:1,5-9
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

Friday
Hos 14:2-10
Mt 12:28-34

Saturday
Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday
1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

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**

Teen Catechism Study every Sunday at 2:30 PM

Join us as we dive into the Catechism and discover the riches of our faith. This group is for teens in grades 8-12. It will be held at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba hosted by Ethan Wilcox and Derek Douglas.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

All Saints, Gladstone – March 12 at 6 pm
St. Joseph/St. Patrick's – March 24 at 6 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – March 25 at 7 pm
St. Joseph, Perkins – March 27th at 7 pm