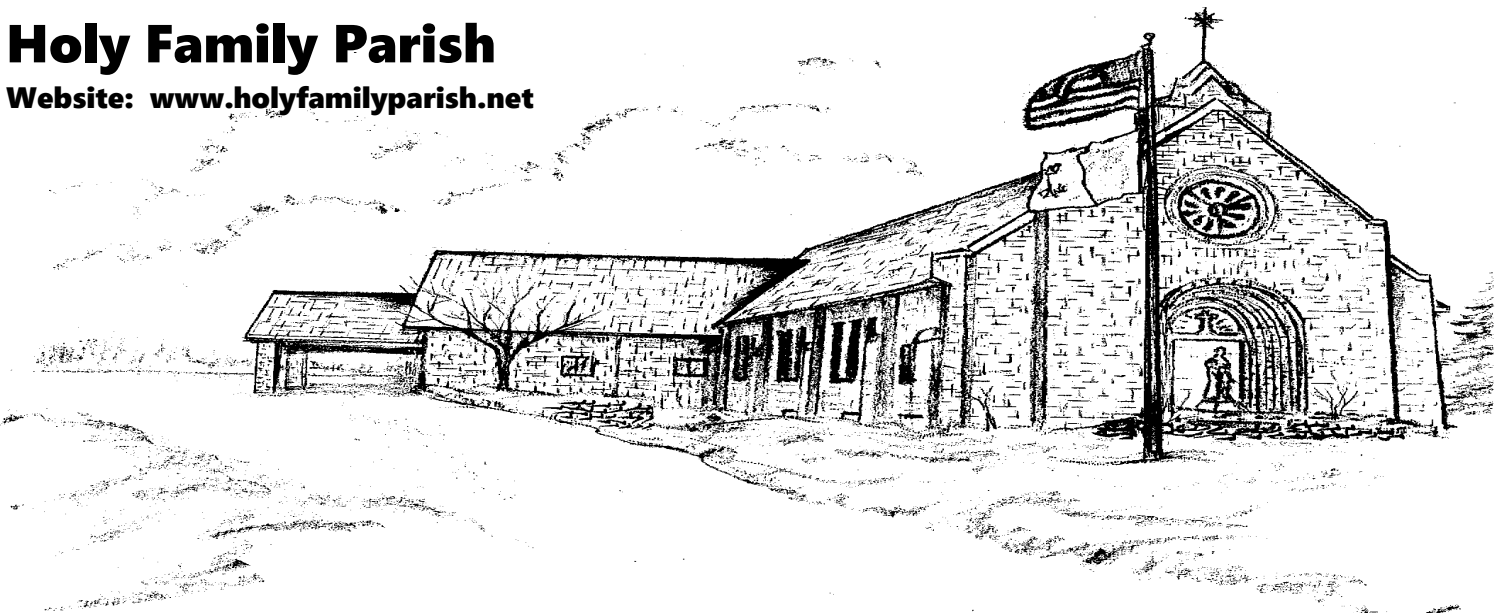


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

*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.

THE BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel of Luke

Luke 17-26 (Cont.)

5:18. There were some men present who had brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed. In Jewish culture, paralysis was viewed as the judgment of God due to serious sin. This man was outcast by men, and viewed as judged by God. Perhaps, the friends of this man had heard of the healing power of Jesus, and wanted to bring in and lay the paralyzed man before Jesus. The house was crowded to overflowing, and in Mark 2, it says that there was no room at the door. Trying to get a makeshift bed through a standing-room only crowd would cause quite a disturbance. In the story, the crowd of people, which includes religious leaders, represents a barrier that is keeping the man from Jesus. This is what the man has experienced in life as a result of his paralysis. People, led by the religious leaders, kept him from experiencing God and receiving any blessing from God.

5:19. The men could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd. The men were persistent, however, and decided to go upon the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. Jewish homes generally had flat roofs which stairs going up the side of the house. On summer nights, families might go up there to sleep where they could catch the cool evening breeze. They were constructed with wood beams covered with thatching, which were then laid over with mud, clay, and stone tile. To lower the man through the roof, they would have torn up the rock tile, dug a hole through the clay and mud, and ripped out the thatching. These roofs could have been as much as three feet thick, making it nearly impossible to dig through, and if done so, would essentially destroy the house. So it is more likely that Jesus was in a covered gallery, or side room, of the main house. The roofs on such rooms had similar construction, but were much thinner. All of this would have created quite a stir in the room below, both from the noise and with the falling pieces of mud and dirt. The owner of the house may have been alarmed as well. Finally, when the gaping

hole is large enough, the men lower the paralyzed man on the pallet down to the floor in front of Jesus.

5:20. Jesus saw *their faith* and was impressed. This is the first mention of *faith* in Luke. The content of what they believed is not explained. But the fact that Jesus *saw* their faith probably refers to how they took every step possible to bring the paralyzed man before Jesus. In this case, *their faith* is not a metaphysical persuasion within the mind, but an outward, visible, act of faith. They were not believing in Jesus for eternal life, believing that He was God, or placing faith in Him as the Messiah. They just believed in the miraculous power of Jesus.

When the man had been laid before Jesus, He said to him, **“Man, your sins are forgiven you.”** Many get confused by this verse because they think that Jesus has just given eternal life to the paralyzed man based on the faith of his friends. But this is not the case.

Jesus is not giving the man eternal life. He is simply announcing that his sins are forgiven. Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is provided to the entire world without condition (1 John 2:2). This does not mean that all have eternal life, however, since faith in Jesus is required for that (John 3:16; 5:24; 6:47).

These men certainly had faith, and they believed in Jesus for healing. But they did not believe in Jesus for eternal life, at least not according to anything written in the text. So this passage is not about receiving eternal life. It is about how Jesus offers forgiveness of sins, which in a Jewish context, is related to the Messianic actions of bringing physical deliverance from sickness, bondage, and judgment (cf. 1:77; 3:3; 24:47). Forgiveness was an eschatological blessing; if Israel went into exile because of her sins, then forgiveness consists in her returning: returning to YHWH, returning from exile. **(We will Continue)**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 10 th	8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. -	Mass – For all of our Special Intentions St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Tues.	March 11 th	8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass – In Celebration of Christian Mosier’s Birthday Stations of the Cross Soup and Sandwich Supper DVD Presentation – A Biblical walk through the Mass
Wed.	March 12 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	March 13 th	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Francis Grenier Smear League
Fri.	March 14 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Eric Tourangeau Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 15 th	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	March 16 th	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Earl Guenette	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

80 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 2nd

Adults.....	\$4,624.00
Loose.....	126.00
General Maintenance.....	280.00
Fuel.....	10.00
Total.....	\$5,040.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Over..... \$ 530.39

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	100.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	635.00
Diocesan Collection.....	30.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	60.00
Pasty Money.....	\$10,180.00

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!

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.

LENTEN PROGRAM

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. 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.

Mar. 15th - If you have Jesus on the inside, you can stand any kind of trouble on the outside.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Shroud of Turin Presentation at All Saints Church

After both Masses on Sunday, March 9th, (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

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 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

Holy Name Catholic School Early Enrollment/Re-Enrollment has begun for the 2025-2026 School

Year!: We would like to remind Holy Name families that re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year for current students is already underway! **New families are welcome to apply now as well.** Tuition information for next year can be found in the re-enrollment packet, and remember, financial assistance is available.

BIG NEWS for area Delta County 8th graders planning on enrolling at Holy Name High School --A Chesterton Academy as incoming freshmen: Right now, incoming freshmen can automatically receive a scholarship to attend HNHS! The first 10 eligible Delta County students to enroll as freshmen at HNHS will receive up to \$1,000 off their first year. Additional tuition assistance is also available. Thank you to Holy Name Alumni Ken and Patricia Gartland, who graduated from HNHS in 1958 and 1959, for making this possible by creating an endowed fund. This fund is held by the Community Foundation for Delta County, to give \$10,000 toward Tuition Assistance Scholarships.

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 \$38,496 from 127 pledges. Still short \$4,166.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible. There are still 57 cards outstanding.