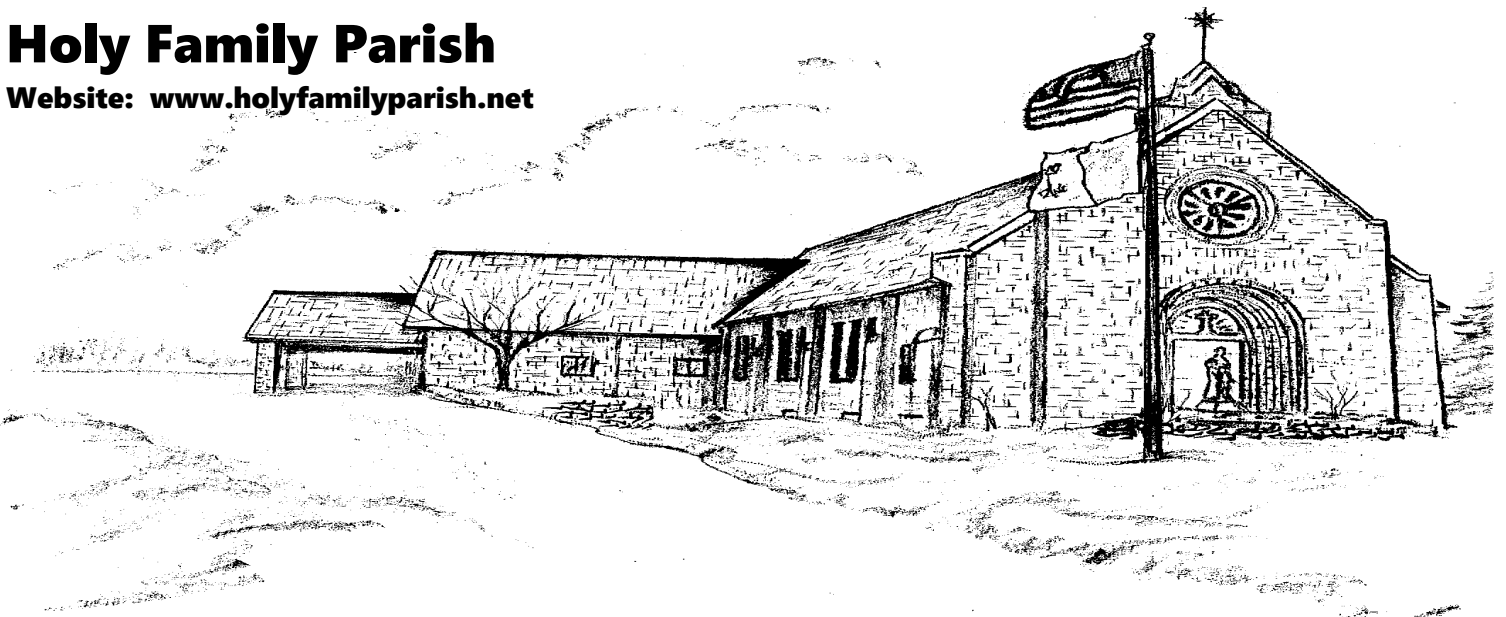


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan, Jean Way
Amanda, Jan Carter Mike Mosher, Penny Segerstrom
Shelly Polaczyk, Mike & Lori*

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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Once Gloria is concluded the priest goes to the opening prayer. The Introductory Rites of the Mass conclude with the Opening Prayer, also called the Collect. The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. The Opening Prayer **gives a context for the celebration.**

The second part of Mass begins with the Liturgy of the Word of God. At the week day Masses, normally we hear only two readings, the First reading from the Old Testament, (but as an exception during the Easter Season we hear from the Acts of the Apostle as the first reading) and the gospel reading. But on the important Feast Days there are three readings selected during the week days also. In the Liturgical celebration on Sundays, three readings are mandatory (one usually from the Old Testament, *(Except on the Easter Season)*, a reading from the Epistle and the gospel passage).

The reading of Scripture during important Celebrations goes back to the Jewish tradition. For instance, at Synagogue Service the passage from the Bible was read always. No wonder, at the Eucharistic Celebration, the same is adopted by Christianity from the very beginning. But the first gospel came out in writing only between AD 60- 70 and ever since the gospel became part of the Liturgy. The Church has often used the presence of *two tables* to express the continuity between the two main parts of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word, which is celebrated at the 'ambo or lectern. *(In some of the Eastern Churches the first two parts of the Mass are celebrated at a small Altar known as 'Bema' which is placed in front of the regular Altar)* and the liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated at the main Altar, the priest facing to the tabernacle. First the faithful are nourished by the Word of God and then by the Body and Blood of Christ. In the past, there was a wrong concept among the people that it would be enough just to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, avoiding the Word of God. We need both the inspired Word of God in the Scripture and the Incarnate Word of God present in the Blessed Sacrament. The famous author of the Book of *Imitation of Christ, Thomas a Kempis*, writes: "Without these two –Word of God and Blessed Sacrament –**I could not live, for God's Word is the light of my soul, and the Sacrament, the Bread of life.**"

The readings from the Scripture do not merely provide us with exhortations for moral living and reflections about the spiritual life. The Bible does not simply speak about God, but is God's own speech. Thus in Liturgy of the Word of God we hear God speaking to us directly. Of course, this does not deny the human authorship of the Word of God. Each Book of the Bible was written by human beings who were inspired by God.

To listen to the Word of God is not something very simple. Actually, at the Mass the Church prefers the faithful to listen to the Word of God directly from the proclamation of the lector. Unfortunately, due to the practical problems many churches proved Sunday reading through printed materials. But this was not the tradition in the Church. In order to know how serious to listen to the Word of God, we need to go to the Book of Exodus where we see Moses preparing the people of Israel for three days before they could hear God speaking on Mount Sinai. Of course, it is practically impossible for us to prepare for three days before we listen to the Word of God on every Sunday. That is why at the Mass, especially in the first part, we prepare ourselves for this holy encounter with God at the Word of God and Holy Eucharist through the sign of the cross, the Confiteor and the Gloria. Here we purify ourselves as the people Israel did at the foot of the Mount Sinai. **At the Mass the lector is not simply a reader who comes and reads as a passage for us from the Bible and goes back to the seat. The lector is an instrument in the hands of God to proclaim His Word.** So the lector should know the seriousness of the role he/she plays at the Liturgical Celebration. The lector should make use the Work Book of readings and prepare well for this sacred ministry. *(Here I apologize to ask someone at the last minute to do the proclamation of the Word of God in case of the absence of the scheduled lector. So it is requested that if the lector is not able to make it, let him/her know the Secretary in advance).* Remember, when you proclaim the Word of God, God is speaking through you.

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 11 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	March 12 th	8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass – For a special intention Stations of the Cross Soup and Sandwich ½ hour DVD Presentation: No Greater Love
Wed.	March 13 th	8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass – Glenn King Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help CCD Classes grades 1-7, 10 th & 11 th
Thurs.	March 14 th	8:00 A.M.- 6:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Prayer Shawl ministry Penance Service here at Holy Family Smear League
Fri.	March 15 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – For the intentions of Fr. John Longbucco Parish Office closed Abstinence (no meat) to be observed on all Fridays of Lent
Sat.	March 16 th	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Tom Sylvester
Sun.	March 17 th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	
		8:00 A.M. - 10:00 AM -	Mass – Clifford, Geraldine & Peri Reese Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

82 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 3rd

Adult Offering.....	\$4,750.00
Loose.....	20.00
General Maintenance.....	260.00
Fuel.....	20.00
Total.....	\$5,050.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42

OVER..... \$660.58

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	215.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	1,770.00

To date we have received \$37,915. in U.P. Catholic Services Appeal pledges. We are short of \$3,091.97 in reaching our goal of \$41,006.97.



Join us for our annual Ethnic Food Festival on **Sunday, March 17th** (St. Patrick's Day) from 1–2:30 in the parish hall. Tickets will be \$10 for 10 tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1 each. Children under the age of 10 are free. Soft drinks will be provided. **Fáilte**, a Celtic band, will play.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

- March 13th at 7:00 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in BR
- March 14th at 6:30 pm – Here at Holy Family
- March 15th at 7 pm - St. Joseph in Perkins
- March 16th at 11 am - St. Charles Borromeo in Rapid River
- March 16th at 4 pm - St. Rita in Trenary
- March 18th at 7:00 pm – All Saints Church, Gladstone
- March 19th at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Esky

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Mar. 16th** - Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in life.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Envelopes. For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the "Forty Cans For Lent" food drive. Please bring canned and/or dry food to help feed families. All donations will be given to Saint Vincent DePaul to stock their shelves.

CHRISM MASS – MARCH 21, 2024

This liturgy is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. ET, at St. Peter Cathedral.

*Our parish prayers and sympathies extended to the family and friends of Rudy Wencil
May he rest in peace*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54	Tuesday Ez 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30	Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
Friday Wis 2:1a,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30	Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53
Sunday Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33	

Meal Train Ministry Update

Brenda Chouinard's Meal Train is filling up as well. We have just one date remaining: Sat. March 30th. Thank you volunteers in advance! "You can sign-up through our website or by contacting Heidi (399-5461) directly."

Meal Train Ministry

A Note of Thanks from The Barrons

Thank you so much from our family to yours for all of the delicious meals these last few weeks with our new baby. We are blessed to be a part of Holy Family. Love, Josh and Meghan Barron

The library feature for March is Christian Living. What better time to read a good Christian book than during Lent. There are select books on the table to the left of the library. Videos for children are on the bottom shelf. There are so many interesting books and videos in our library. Please take advantage of all our library has to offer.

Aquinas College Open House – Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon

Aquinas College invites all high school students and their families to our Open House on Saturday, March 23! Discover everything Aquinas has to offer – all at once! Explore our academic programs & student life opportunities, connect with our faculty, staff & students, and tour our wooded campus. Register here: aquinas.edu/openhouse