

Holy Family Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 15, 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

Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy

Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

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.....

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 MASTER AND THE CHILDREN (Luke 18:15-17)

It was the custom for mothers to bring their children to some distinguished Rabbi on their first birthday that he might bless them. That is what the mothers wanted for their children from Jesus. We are not to think that the disciples were hard and cruel. It was kindness that made them act as they did. Remember where Jesus was going. He was on the way to Jerusalem to die upon a cross. The disciples could see upon his face the inner tension of his heart; and they did not want Jesus to be bothered. Often at home we may say to a little child, "Don't bother your Daddy; he's tired and worried tonight." That is exactly how the disciples felt about Jesus.

It is one of the loveliest things in all the gospels story that Jesus had time for the children even when he was on the way to Jerusalem to die.

When Jesus said that it was of the child-like that the kingdom of God was composed, what did he mean "What are the qualities of which he was thinking"?

(i) The child has not lost the sense of wonder. He looks at everything with wonder and awe and any moving thing will amuse him. As we grow older we begin to live in a world which has grown grey and tired. The child lives in a world with a sheen on it and in which God is always near.

(ii) The child's whole life is founded on trust. When we are young, we never doubt where the next meal is to come from or where our clothes will be found. We go to school certain that home will be there when we return, and all things ready for our comfort. When we go on a journey we never doubt that the fare will be paid or that our parents know the way and will take us safely there. The child's trust in his parents is absolute, as ours should be in our Father--God.

(iii) The child is naturally obedient. True, he often disobeys and grumbles at his parents' bidding. But his instinct is to obey. He knows very well that he should obey and is not happy when he has been disobedient. In his heart of hearts his parents' word is law. So should it be with us and God.

(iv) The child has an amazing faculty of forgiveness. Almost all parents are unjust to their children. We demand from them a standard of obedience, of good manners, of refined language, of diligence which we seldom satisfy ourselves. Time and again we scold them for doing the very things we do ourselves. If others treated us in the way we treat our children in the matter of plain justice, we probably would never forgive. But the child forgives and forgets, and does not even realize it when he is very young. It would be so much lovelier a world if we would forgive as a child forgives.

SINCERE APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE

This year too we made it! With immense joy and gratitude towards the Lord, I am happy to announce that we have achieved the goal of our UPCSAs this year too. At the same time I am indebted to you, who generously supported this Campaign like the previous 5 of them. My words will be insufficient to thank you enough. Some of you have gone out of way and contributed additional amount to meet our target which helped a lot. As this is my last UPCSAs my memory goes back to 2020 where we were in the midst of the COVID. It affected our 2020 and 2021 Campaign. But amazingly enough we have achieved our goal in those two years. It is the clear indication as how generous our members are! Thereafter we never fell short for the following years. No doubt, you kept the reputation of the parish very high. I am very happy and with that joy I will finally leave.

With Thanks and Love

Fr. Sebastian

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 16 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	March 17 th		<i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Ken Kelloniemi
		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 18 th		<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all the Souls in Purgatory
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	March 19 th		<i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Marion Sodergren
		7:00 P.M. -	Holy Family Men’s smear league
		-----	Parish Office Closed
Fri.	March 20 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Roger Tourangeau, Sr.
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 21 st	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	March 22 nd		<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Helen Clouser
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

74 envelopes returned for March 8, 2026

Adults.....	\$9,420.00
Loose.....	241.92
General Maintenance.....	90.00
Fuel.....	<u>10.00</u>
Total.....	\$9,761.92

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Over.....	\$5,167.69

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	70.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	1,900.00
Easter Flowers.....	610.00

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

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Holy Family (here) – March 18 at 6:30 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

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Mar. 17th** - The toughest kind of mountain climbing is to get out of a rut.
- Mar. 18th** - True patience means waiting without worrying.
- Mar. 19th** - When alone, we have our own thoughts to watch; When in family, our tempers; When in society, our tongue.
- Mar. 20th** - It is natural to love them that love us, but it is supernatural to love them that hate us.
- Mar. 21st** - Money will buy a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

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!

BREAKFAST IN THE AREA

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish, Escanaba, will be serving breakfast on Sunday, March 22nd 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Please join us!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Friday

Wis 2:1a,12-22
Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9,12
Jn 5:1-16

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20
Km 7^o40-53

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 1:1-45

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.

ALL WOMEN & MEN IN THE PARISH:

Monday March 30 after 8:00 mass, the women/men are asked to gather to help clean the church in preparation for Easter. Please bring your own bucket, rags and if possible, mop & vacuum. A light meal will be served afterwards. Hope to you there. Remember, many hands make light work 😊

ALTAR SOCIETY CORNER

Altar Society Women: April EVENING meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7, starting at 6:30 pm. The group will make a small stain glass item. Space is limited to 14, so the first to sign up will be able to make a product. Hope to see you there.