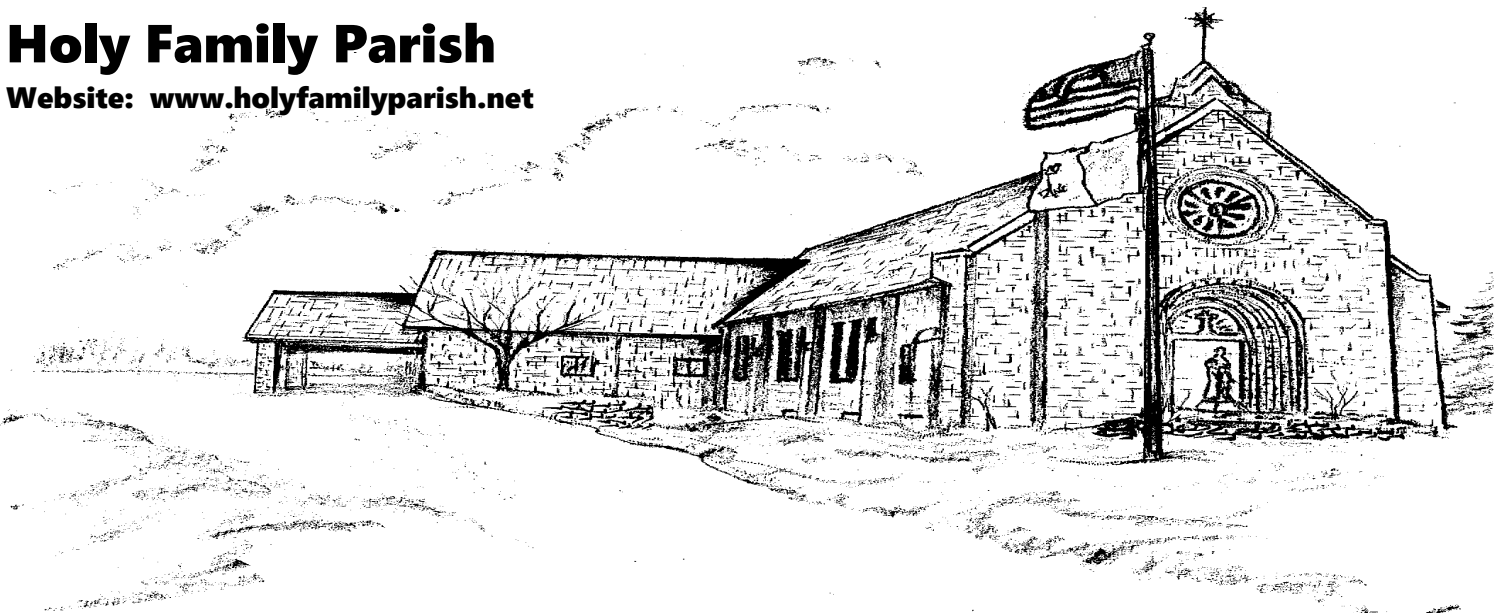


# Holy Family Parish

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## Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2025

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### Pastoral Council Members

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

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron      Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde      Frank Chenier

### 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.

# Seven Reasons to Pray the Stations of the Cross

1. From the earliest days of the Church, Catholics have re-traced the final journey of Jesus to Calvary. An ancient tradition states that Mary visited the sites of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection on a daily basis to venerate His last days on earth.

2. The Stations of the Cross (also known as: 'Via Crucis' and 'Via Dolorosa') have been marked out since earliest times. Since the times of Constantine, in the 300's, pilgrims from all countries came to Jerusalem to visit the scenes of Christ's passion. The Holy See granted generous indulgences to each pilgrim who did so.

3. Over the centuries, the scenes of Jesus' passion were re-created, first in monasteries, and then in chapels and churches. In the 1600's the Franciscans were the first to develop a "Way of the Cross" in local churches. That meant that the faithful could make, in spirit, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's suffering and death, thereby making a miniature pilgrimage to the holy places at Jerusalem.

4. At least three Popes (Innocent XII, Benedict XIII, and Clement XII) have confirmed that the numerous indulgences attached to the holy places at Jerusalem are now extended to all the faithful who pray the Stations of the Cross in any church where the Stations of the Cross have been erected in due form. In 1742, Benedict XIV exhorted all priests to enrich their churches with so great a treasure.

5. Pope Saint John Paul II prayed the Stations of the Cross daily. He even installed a set of the Stations in the Vatican apartments.

6. In the private revelations of Jesus given to St. Faustina (written down in her 'Diary'), He requested that the Stations of the Cross be prayed, especially at the 3 o'clock hour.

7. There is no devotion more richly endowed with indulgences than the Way of the Cross and none which enables us, more literally, to obey Christ's injunction to take up our Cross and follow Him.

## PROMISES MADE BY OUR LORD TO THOSE WHO HAVE DEVOTION TO THE WAY OF THE CROSS:

**These Promises were revealed to Brother Estamosloa by Jesus and the Confessors and Theologians recognized these facts.**

1. I promise eternal life to those who pray, from time to time, the Way of the Cross.
2. I promise them my greatest graces.
3. I will deliver the faithful from purgatory on the first Tuesday or Friday after their death.
4. I promise them a special glory in Heaven.
5. I will grant them everything they ask through praying the Way of the Cross with faith.
6. I will grant them the remission of all their sins, even if they be as scarlet; if they be more than the grains of sand on the seashore and the stars in heaven---all of them will be erased by the Way of the Cross.
7. I will preserve them from sudden death.
8. I promise them my special protection; my hands will always be open to protect them.
9. I will bless them at each Way of the Cross and my blessings will follow them everywhere on earth, and after their death, in Heaven for all eternity.
10. They will be assured of being joined to the Supreme Choir of Angels.
11. I will give them the grace never again to commit a mortal sin for I will give them the grace never again to separate themselves from me.
12. I will lift all power from the devil at the hour of death that they may repose tranquilly in my arms.
13. I will make of each one of them a living ciborium in which it will please me to pour My graces.
14. I will give them a special drink from the fountain of My Deity.
15. As I am nailed to the Cross, so also will I always be with those who honor me in making the Way of the Cross frequently

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Leda Chenier ( 26 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) 5:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross 6:00 P.M. - Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:30 P.M. - DVD Presentation – A Biblical walk through the Mass
Wed.	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a Special intention 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine & Joy Berbohm ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Kim LaMarche 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**67 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$3,164.00
Loose.....	278.25
General Maintenance.....	75.00
Fuel.....	<u>55.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,572.25</b>

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

**Short.....      \$    937.36**

Votive Lights.....	224.90
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	25.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	4,470.00
The Word Among Us.....	20.00
Easter Flowers.....	445.00
Pasty Money.....	\$ 900.00

*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!

**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

St. Thomas Breakfast  
Sunday, April 6th, 9:00am-12:30pm  
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes,  
Toast, Coffee & Juice  
\$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12, 5 and under FREE!  
Please join us!

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

**Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>** - The toughest kind of mountain climbing is to get out of a rut.

**Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>** - True patience means waiting without worrying.

**Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>** - When alone, we have our own thoughts to watch; When in family, our tempers; When in society, our tongue.

**Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>** - It is natural to love them that love us, but it is supernatural to love them that hate us.

**Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Money will buy a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.

**Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### 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](http://yoopercatholic.org/spring-study-day).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Dn 9:4b-10  
Lk 6:36-38

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Friday**

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b—28a  
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

### **Tuesday**

Is 1:10,16-20  
Mt 23:1-12

### **Thursday**

Jer 17:5-10  
Lk 16:19-31

### **Saturday**

Mi 7:14-15,18-20  
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

### **Sunday**

Ex 3:1-8a,13-15    1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12    Lk 13:1-9

### **LENTEN RESOLUTION**

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.**

*There are still a few pasties left for sale*