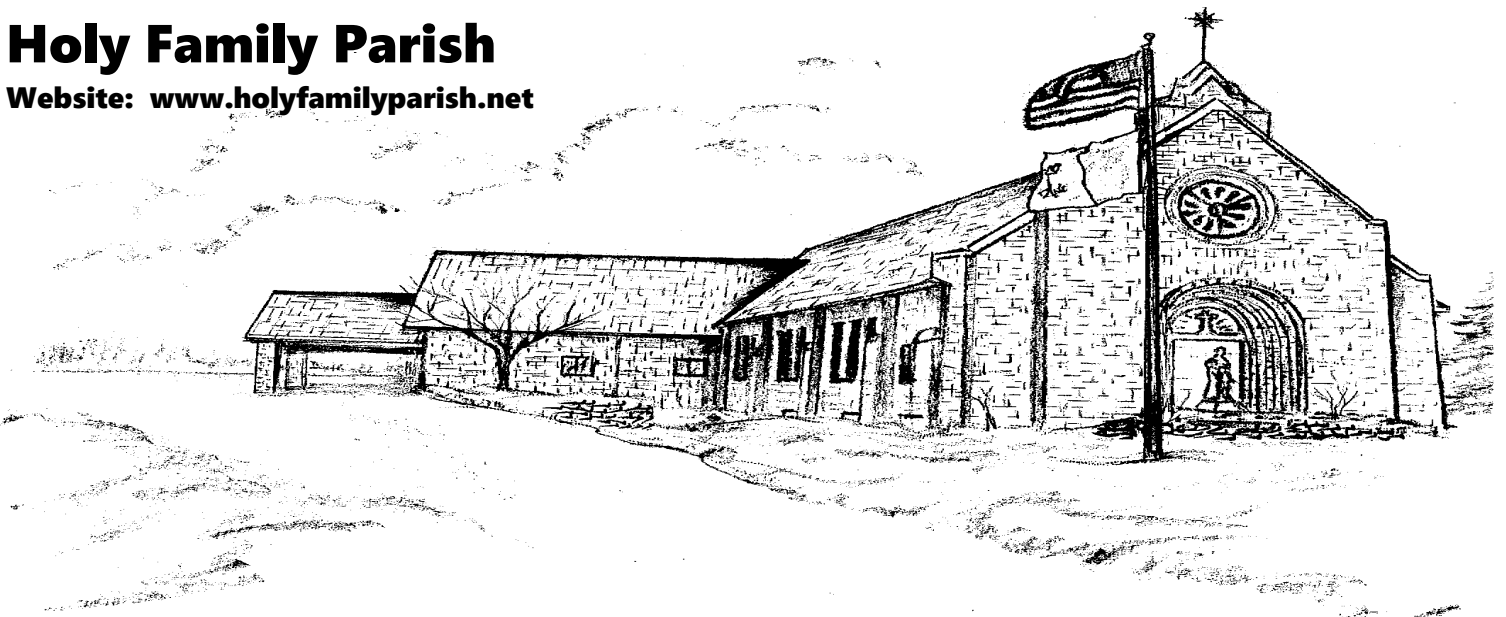


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Sacrament of Marriage

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, John King*

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

The Mass

Liturgy of the Word of God (Cont.): We need to know that the Church does not select the Scripture readings at random for the Mass. The selections of the readings from the Scripture proclaimed at Sunday liturgy are determined by a three year Cycles of the readings selected from the different Books of the Bible, both Old Testament and New Testament. As you know, our liturgical year is divided into three cycles known as A, B and C. Even the order of these readings has significance, for it reflects the order of God's redemptive plan. The readings ordinarily move from the Old to New – from Israel to the Church. The proclamation of the Gospel comes at the climax, reflecting how Jesus is at the center of salvation history with all of Scripture pointing to him.

The readings from the Scripture also correspond to the various seasons and feasts of the Church. On one level, the Church walks us through the life and mission of Jesus through the seasons of the liturgical year. In the four weeks of Advent, we recall the Old Testament period of humanity's longing for the Savior. In the Christmas season, we rejoice in the birth of the Son of God who came to dwell among us. In the forty days of Lent, we participate in Jesus' prayer and fasting in the desert as we participate to enter Christ's Passion in Holy Week. In the fifty days of the Easter Season, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, triumph and ascension into heaven, culminating on the fiftieth day with his sending of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. The rest of the Liturgical Year known as the Ordinary Time focuses our attention on the Public ministry of Jesus.

The First Reading: The first reading is usually taken from the Old Testament, except during the Easter Season, when it is from the Acts of the Apostles. Although the Old Testament awaits the fullness of divine revelation in Jesus Christ, it is accepted by the Church with veneration as '**authentic divine teaching.**' In fact, one cannot adequately understand Jesus and the New Testament Scriptures without knowing the story of Israel in the Old Testament. The inclusion of the Old Testament reading at Mass helps us to enter into that story of Israel and thus see the unity of the Bible more clearly. These readings generally correspond to the Gospel reading for the day. Sometimes, the correspondence is thematic, illustrating continuity or contrast between the Old Testament story and the Gospel. Other times, the readings underscore how the Old Testament prefigures Christ and the Church. At the end of the first reading the lector says, "The Word of the Lord." This announcement should not be taken as simply a way of concluding the reading. This is a reminder for us that so far we have been listening to God speaking to us through the Scripture. When we respond to it, "Thanks be to God" we express our amazement and gratitude for the gift of the Word of God.

The Responsorial Psalm: After the first reading is done, the responsorial Psalm follows. The responsorial Psalm at every Mass is normally taken from the Book of Psalms. Occasionally the responsorial Psalm may come from songs or poems in other Old Testament Books such as Daniel, Isaiah or Tobit and on very rare occasions from the New Testament Books. It is better that the Psalm be chanted, especially on Sundays and Holy Days, unless there is practical or pastoral reason to omit the chanting.

The Second Reading: The second reading comes from the New Testament letters and Books outside of the Gospels. Though often selected independently of the first reading and the Gospel, these New Testament writings reflect on the mystery of Jesus Christ and his saving work and the meaning, it has for our lives. They also draw out the practical applications of our life in Christ and exhort us ever more to put on Christ and turn away from sin. The second reading is followed by the Gospel Acclamation – **the Alleluia (Hebrew word for 'Praise God')**. It is to be sung and if not it is omitted. Alleluia also is omitted during Lenten Season. **Instead we sing, "Glory and Praise to you Jesus Christ" or Praise to you Jesus Christ King of endless glory."**

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 18 th	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	March 19 th	<i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Fr. Francis Dobrzanski 5:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross 6:00 P.M. - Soup and Sandwich 6:30 P.M. - ½ hour DVD Presentation: No Greater Love
Wed.	March 20 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7
Thurs.	March 21 st	8:00 A.M.- Mass – David Miller 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	March 22 nd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all souls in purgatory ----- Parish Office closed Abstinence (no meat) to be observed on all Fridays of Lent
Sat.	March 23 rd	<i>Saint Turibuis of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Betty Lou Tourangeau
Sun.	March 24 th	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duaine Chenier 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

72 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 10th

March 18th at 7:00 pm – All Saints Church, Gladstone
March 19th at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Esby

Adult Offering.....	\$2,655.00
Loose.....	60.00
General Maintenance.....	52.00
Fuel.....	2.00
Total.....	\$2,769.00

Website Photo Gallery Update

The UP Catholic was kind enough to share the photos taken from last weekend's beautiful mass for young families and children. They have been uploaded to our website for easy access viewing. Please take a look and download any that you desire.

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

Short..... \$1,620.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	12.00
Funeral Luncheon Reimbursement.....	116.57
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	2,625.00

A Huge thank you to the people who donated to the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal. We have met our goal of \$41,006.97!!! Thank you for your generosity!

Please return all the Pregnancy Services Baby Bottles by next Sunday, March 24th. Thank you!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Mar. 22nd - He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

Mar. 23rd - Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God intended him to be.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Mt 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! We will be having another spring cleaning in the church here at Holy Family on Tuesday, March 26th immediately following 8:00 am morning Mass. Bring your rags, buckets, etc. The more hands available the faster we can get done!

St. Thomas Breakfast

1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba

April 7th, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Please join us for Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice
\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,
Ages 5 and under are FREE!

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

March 17- On St. Joseph's Day the Rt. Reverend Bishop Baraga preached and sang High Mass at St. James, in Slovenia, his native country, at which he was assisted by eleven priests. He reminded people of the great patience of St. Joseph, especially in his poverty.

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.