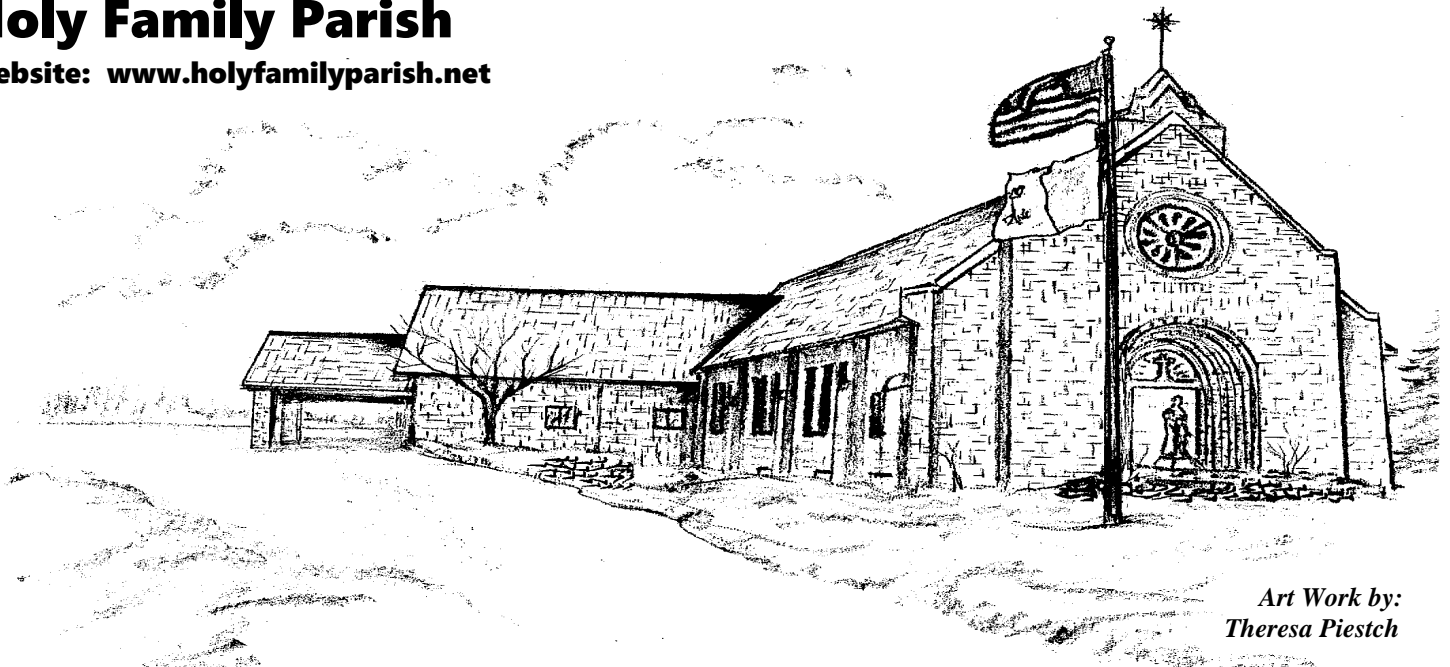


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Sacrament of Marriage

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, Betty Lou, Joan Shelly Polaczyk,
Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Becky, Jean Way
Amanda, Duane, Judy Hubert*

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 Commandments

The Fifth Commandment: “You shall not kill” (Cont.): When Moses read this Commandment to the people, what they understood was only one thing that they should not willfully kill an innocent person. Very often the Jews took the Mosaic Law as it appeared in the letter and they never tried to go deep into the spirit of the Law at all. That is why we see Jesus correcting their wrong views through the Sermon on the Mount. Of course, Jesus never contradicts the literal meaning of this Commandment; rather he gave a new meaning to this Law. Jesus says in **Matthew 5: 21-22**, “**You have heard that it was said to your ancestor, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment...’**” So it is very clear from the words of Jesus that ‘killing’ has got deeper meaning. Apart from physical killing, as Jesus sees, many of our actions and words can fall under this Commandment.

Willful Murder: The fifth Commandment forbids unjust killing, which proceeds from human malice or passion. Murder is the direct and deliberate taking of an innocent life. It is a grievous sin because it is an invasion of the rights of God, who alone is the master of human life. It is also a most serious injustice to the victim, his/her family, and to the society. Murder can be voluntary or involuntary. If somebody plans ahead the murder and waits for the opportunity to kill somebody and finally executes his plan, it is a mortal sin. It is called the voluntary murder. Whereas, when one happens to kill someone due to a vehicle accident or any other mistakes, it is considered to be an involuntary act. In an involuntary murder, there is no intention to kill the person. Again, if somebody kills another for self-defense, it is not the violation of this Commandment.

Abortion: It is the willful and direct expelling of a living fetus from the mother’s womb that cannot live outside of the womb, even with the most extraordinary medical care. The Church has always held that abortion, as the deliberate killing of an unborn child, at any time after the conception, is a grave sin.

Indirect Abortion: Indirect abortion is not really a willful abortion. In what is becoming a medical rarity, when a pregnant mother’s life is in imminent danger because of some pathological condition, surgery or other radical treatment may be used to save her life. Although possible abortion is foreseen, it is not intended. In this rare situation if the baby happens to die, it will not be considered as a willful abortion, with the intention of killing the baby. At the same time the doctors should take maximum precaution to save the baby. And also in such situation the mother has the freedom to refuse the procedure or treatment for the sake of the life of the baby. In one of my previous parishes our young organist, while she was pregnant for a few months was detected with cancer and the doctors advised her to take immediate chemo treatment. But having foreseen the imminent danger to the baby she wanted to take the treatment only after the birth of her baby. Eventually she gave birth to a baby boy, but it was too late for the treatment and she died before it was long. As far I know, the baby is an adult man today. Such type of heroic acts are praiseworthy.

Suicide: Suicide is the direct taking of one’s own life. As I have mentioned it already, God is the author of life and only He has the right to take back the same life. The person is the guardian of that life and he/she doesn’t have any right to finish that life for whatever reasons. It is our duty to take care of our God given life. But at the same time a person is not forced to extraordinary means, beyond one’s available financial means, to save the life. On the other hand a person and his family members are obliged to use all the possible means to keep the person alive. Sometimes, I have seen people refusing to take extensive chemo treatment which would be harsh on the normal life. Here the patient has the choice to refuse it. It is also a grave sin to expose one’s life to unnecessary danger without sufficient cause. Sometimes people take big risks for the sake adventure and heroism. But we are not responsible for the unforeseen risks of life. **Is suicide a grave sin in all situations?**

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 20 th	<i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass - For all of our special intentions 8:30 A.M. - Parish office closed until 12:00
Tues.	March 21 st	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Nate Statly 5:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross 6:00 P.M. - Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:30 P.M. - Video Presentation
Wed.	March 22 nd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Barbara Sovey Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7
Thurs.	March 23 rd	<i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gilbert VanDrese 7:30 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	March 24 th	8:00 A.M.- Mass – Jamie Ojala ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 25 th	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish
Sun.	March 26 th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Robert Valley (7 th Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – Nancy Marenger

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

77 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 12th

Adult Offering.....	\$10,261.00
Loose.....	200.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	55.00
Total.....	\$10,526.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,980.50
Over.....	\$7,105.50

U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	50.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	50.00
Flowers.....	450.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	10.00

**SURROUNDING AREA
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

March 22nd 7:00 PM – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
March 27th – 7:00 PM – All Saints, Gladstone
March 28th – 6:30 PM – St. Joe/St. Pats, Esky

**Plan Your Trip to the Diocesan Eucharistic
Congress June 9th-10th in Marquette**

Registration is open at revival.yoopercatholic.org where you can view a detailed schedule, read the speaker bios, find lodging information, and register adults, teens, and children. Or you can grab a registration form from the back of church.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Mar. 24th - The Bible - like a bank - is most helpful when it is open.

Mar. 25th - The first point of wisdom is to know the truth; the second, to discern what is false!

St. Vincent DePaul 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 information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Knights of Columbus, Escanaba Council #640

40 Cans for Lent

I can, You can, We can

Please support our efforts to help those in need by contributing nonperishable food. This will help supply the Food Pantry at St. Vincent DePaul. There will be containers at the back of church.

We are looking for donations for the Soup and Sandwich Supper on Tuesday, March 21st. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church or call the parish office at 786-1209.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

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
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

Saturday
Is 7:10-14;8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

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

Stations of the Cross

**Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesdays
At 5.30 pm; followed by Soup and Sandwich; then
we will listen to the inspirational talk by
Fr. Pablo Straub, C.Ss.R.**

The DVD which we are watching during this Lent is a series of talks he delivered on: **The Holy Eucharist & Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano, Italy; The Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy devotions; The Seven Last Words of Jesus and Christ's Passion and Death.**

Just a reminder that Spring Study Day is fast approaching!

Reminder that the **registration deadline** for Spring Study Day (Thursday, March 30) is next Monday, March 20! Don't miss this opportunity to hear from three great presenters who will speak about the Eucharist and how we can live a Eucharistic life, as well as talking about Bishop Baraga's life and "Following in the Footsteps" of the Snowshoe Priest. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/DioceoseofMarquette/spring-study-day-2023>.

There are still a few pasties left. If you are interested, contact the parish office.