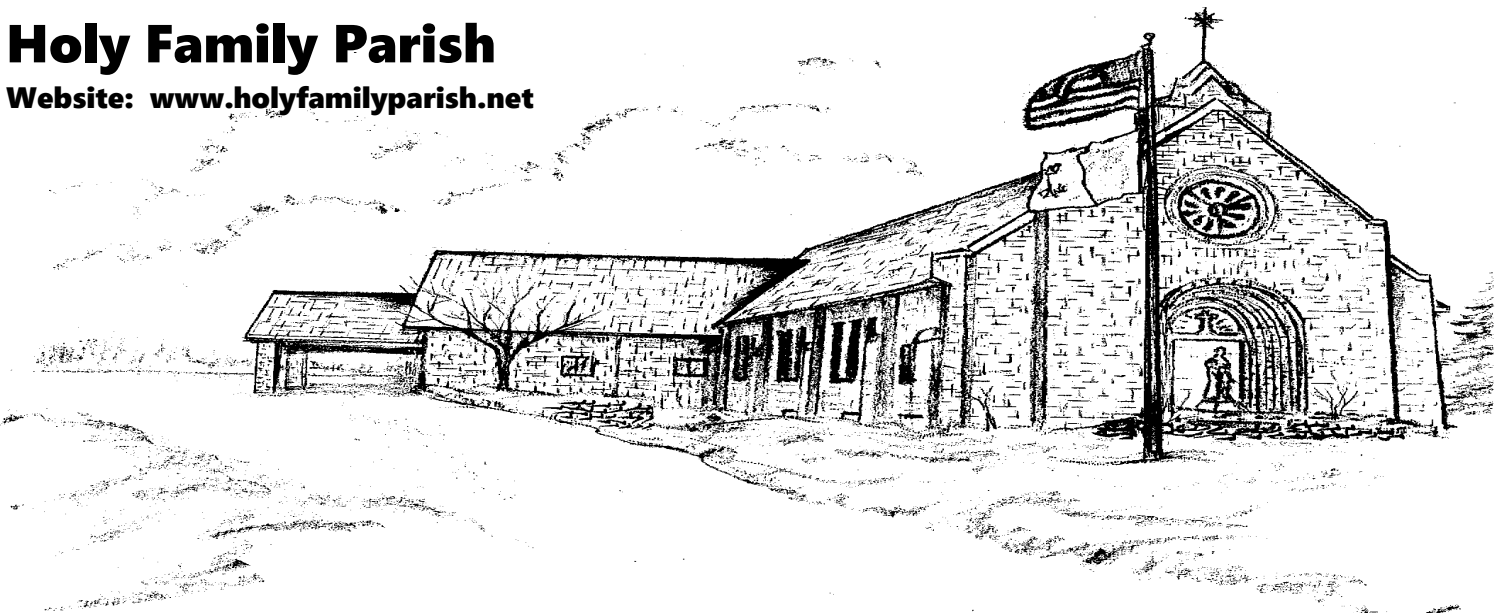


# Holy Family Parish

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## Third Sunday of Lent – March 23, 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.

# THE BIBLE STUDY

## The Gospel of Luke

**5:21.** As a result of Jesus declaring that the man's sins are forgiven, the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason among themselves about what Jesus meant. They make the accusation that Jesus speaks blasphemies for, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Due to what the Pharisees say, many believe that in telling the man that his sins are forgiven, Jesus is making a claim to being divine. On the surface, it does seem this is what the Pharisees understand Jesus to be claiming. After all, what other form of blasphemy is there except someone claiming to be God when he is not? This understanding is supported by verses like Psalm 103:12 which says that only God can forgive sins. So according to the Pharisees Jesus, being only a human being, is claiming to be equal with God by declaring that the sins of the paralytic are forgiven.

Forgiveness of sins was related to physical restoration and healing. For the serious physical ailments of a person were considered to be the punishment of the serious sins he has committed. Forgiveness of sins, as has already been pointed out (cf. 1:77; 3:3), is related to the release and restoration of persons and individuals from the temporal consequences of sin, such as physical sickness or death, temporal judgment, and bondage to the other world. It is not how to gain entrance

into heaven or eternal life, but is a prerequisite to the arrival of the Kingdom of God. In Judaism, the primary means by which this forgiveness was obtained was through the sacrificial system at the temple as administered by the priests. When a guilty person went to the temple, and offered his sacrifice to the priests in the prescribed way, the priest would pronounce that their sins were forgiven (Lev 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:10, 13, 16, 18, etc.). This was the method prescribed by God.

So it was not uncommon for a priest to announce to a person that their sins were forgiven. Sometimes even prophets did this (2 Sam 12:13). Yet nobody believed that when a priest said this, the priest was claiming to be God. They were simply following the regulations laid out by God for the forgiveness of sins. Everybody understood that when a priest said, "Your sins are forgiven," they meant, "Your sins are forgiven *by God*." So they should have understood Jesus in this way.

So the issue was not what Jesus said, but rather the *context* in which He said it. Only the priests could offer forgiveness of sins, and even then, only to people who were in the temple, and after they had made the proper sacrifices. By telling the man, "Your sins are forgiven" Jesus was by passing the temple, the priests, and the sacrificial system. Though not claiming to be God, Jesus was claiming to speak for God as a prophet.

## GREAT NEWS!

With great joy and gratitude towards God, I am happy to give you the good news that this year also we reached the goal of the UPCS. But the full credit comes to you who contributed very generously to this cause. Ours is not only a small community but also a rural one. Most of the people are retirees and they live with the limited income. In our context over \$ 42,000 goal is not something small. I know very well, many of you contributed not out of your big surplus of income; rather out of generosity and sacrifice. I don't have apt words to thank you enough and appreciate your kind gesture. I will be always grateful to you. I can only say,

'God bless you and reward you!' Some members, having foreseen the difficulty to achieve this goal, went out of way and extended extra support. I really remember them with gratitude. During my almost five years of service here I have seen clearly how generous you are and how well you come up to meet the need. I am sure that I have not bothered you too much asking for money, money!

God Bless you!  
With Love  
Fr. Sebastian

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent de Paul Society
Tues.	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – William Richer 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 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – George Chouinard Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bob Valley (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Roger Tourangeau, Sr. ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Judith Gereau
Sun.	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Nancy Paquin (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**78 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$10,549.00
Loose.....	109.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	<u>380.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11,038.00</b>

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

**Over.....      \$ 6,528.39**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	20.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	895.00
Donation.....	150.00
Easter Flowers.....	130.00
Mass Stipends.....	520.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	20.00

*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

**WE MET OUR GOAL!**

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$42,662.03</b>
<b>Pledged amount</b>	<b>\$43,601.00</b>
<b>Surplus of</b>	<b>\$938.97</b>

**Thank you!**

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God intended him to be.

**Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>** - The Bible - like a bank - is most helpful when it is open.

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

**Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>** - People look at us six days a week to find out whether we really mean what we say and do on the seventh.

**Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>** - Just about the time you think you can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

**Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Christians wouldn't have to worry so much how their children turn out if they'd worry more about what time they turn in.

**Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Life is too short - to remember slights and insults. To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness. To waste time in doing things that are of no value.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Envelope.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### St. Thomas Breakfast

Sunday, April 6th, 9:00am-12:30pm

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes,

\$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12, 5 and under FREE!

Please join us!

*Don't forget about Holy Name Fish Frys!  
Every Friday during lent at the school.  
Serving 5:30 to 7:00 PM*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15b  
Lk 4:24-30

**Wednesday**  
Dt 4:1,5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**Friday**  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**Tuesday**  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday**  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**Saturday**  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

### **Sunday**

Jos 5:9a,10-12    2 Cor 5:17-21    Lk 15:1-3,11-32

### 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*