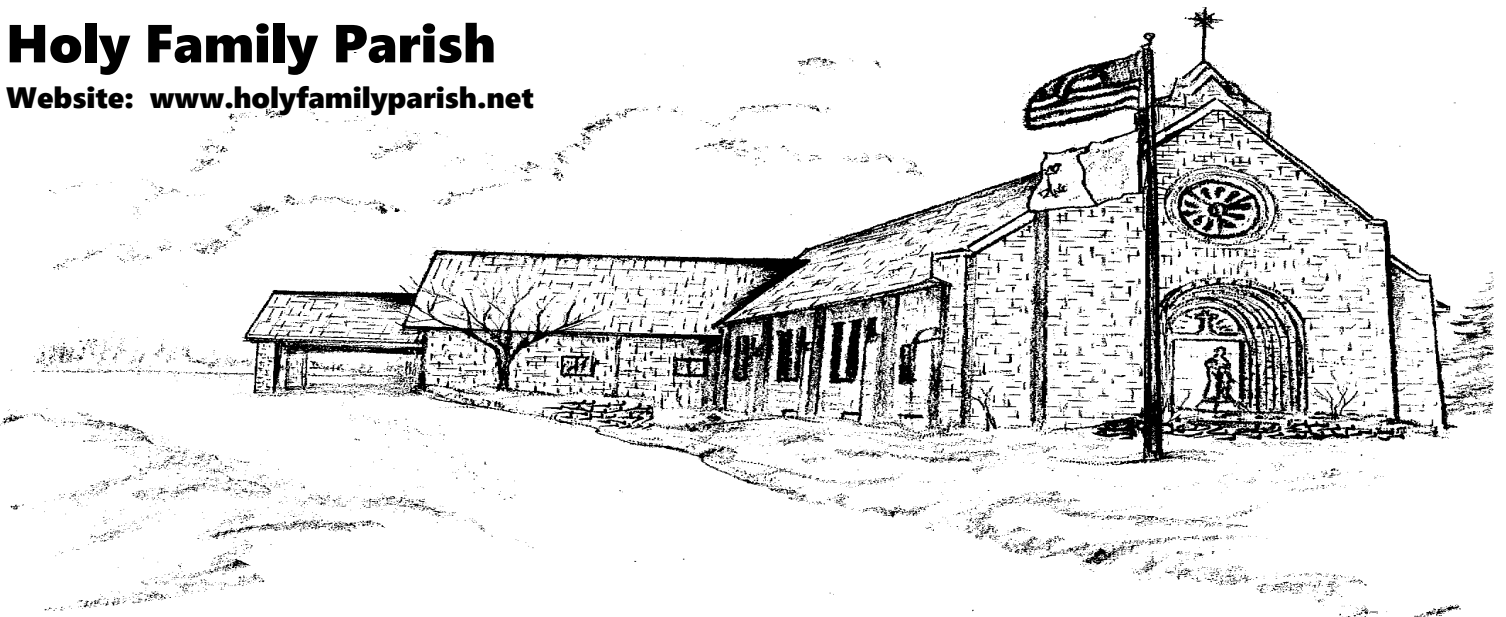


# Holy Family Parish

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 24, 2024

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
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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.....

*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; The Gospel Reading:

While the entire Bible is inspired, Vatican II teaches that the Gospels rightly have a special place because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior. At the Alleluia singing the people stand reverently to listen to the Gospel which is proclaimed by a deacon or if there is no deacon, by priest himself. No lay person is allowed to proclaim the Gospel during the Liturgical Celebration. People stand showing the gesture of reverence in welcoming Jesus who is about to be proclaimed in the Gospel reading. The lector or the deacon takes the Gospel at the entrance procession and then places it on the altar. During the Alleluia singing, if the deacon proclaims the Gospel he bows before the priest and asks for his blessing. In response to it the priest says in low voice, *“The Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily proclaim the Gospel.”* If the priest is the one who proclaims the Gospel, he bows before the Altar and prays in low voice, *“Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your Gospel.”* Then he begins to process with the Gospel to the lectern. The altar servers are supposed to carry candles and stand either side of the lectern while the Gospel is proclaimed. The priest or deacon begins with the invocation “The Lord be with you,” at which the people respond, “And with your spirit.” Then the priest announces the author of the Gospel and people respond ‘Glory to you, Lord. At the end of the proclamation the priest or deacon announces – ‘the Gospel of the Lord and the people respond – ‘Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.’

The Homily: It has been the practice in the Church from the very beginning of the time that at the Sunday Eucharistic celebration the Word of God was not read on its own. It was always accompanied by the explanation of it by an ordained minister and a practical application was drawn out of it. The same practice continues in the Church today. In the early Church only the Bishops celebrated the Sunday Mass and the homily was delivered by them. But today the priests share that authority to deliver a homily after the Word of God, no matter it is at Sunday Mass or even weekday Mass. Sometimes the Catholics **confuse homily with sermon**. In the Protestant churches the term homily is not used, rather only sermon. The homily is the strict interpretation of the readings of the day whereas sermon is the speech delivered on any particular theological or Biblical topics. On Sundays the priests are not supposed deliver a sermon rather a homily, unless some special needs arise. The homily is crucial for the instruction of the faithful so that they can understand the readings and apply them to their lives. Perhaps, for many a Sunday Mass is the only opportunity they have to get the Word of God explained. So no priest is supposed to neglect this duty. Only a priest or deacon is allowed to deliver the homily at Sunday Mass. There may be people in the congregation who may be well versed in Scripture; but they have other opportunities in the Church to share their abilities.

THE CREED: After the homily, on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation we make a solemn profession of our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed. It is a summary of faith expressed by the Council of Nicaea (325 AD) and repeated by the Council of Constantinople (381 AD). It has been an essential element of the Sunday Liturgy since the sixth century. The purpose of this Profession of Faith is to give the gathered people an opportunity to respond to the Word of God that was proclaimed in the readings. It also calls to mind the great mysteries of our faith that we celebrate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The New Translation of the Nicene Creed contains a few new words that will once again challenge us, so it will take a little time to get used to before it becomes familiar to our minds. One of those words is *“Consubstantial”* which professes that Jesus and the Father are of one substance, One God. Another word that will challenge us in the Creed is *“Incarnate;”* this too reveals that Jesus, the Son of God was given a human body through the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You will also notice when we begin the Creed we will be using the singular pronoun, *“I believe”* instead of *“we believe.”* This change is calling us to make a personal profession of our faith.

(We will continue next week).

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Dwaine Taylor (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
		<b>8:30 A.M. -</b>	<b>Cleaning Bee to clean the church</b>
		5:30 P.M. -	Stations of the Cross
		6:00 P.M. -	Pizza
		6:30 P.M. -	½ hour DVD Presentation: No Greater Love
Wed.	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Bob Valley
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
		6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
		6:30 P.M. -	NO CCD
Thurs.	March 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>
		<b>7:00 P.M.-</b>	Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Sebastian
Fri.	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3:00 P.M. -</b>	<b>Good Friday Service of the Passion of the Lord</b>
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	March 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		<b>9:00 P.M. -</b>	Easter Vigil Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	March 31 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Nancy Paquin (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Becky Jacques (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**75 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Offering.....	\$3,130.00
Loose.....	93.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	285.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,528.00</b>
 <b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	 <b>\$4,389.42</b>
 <b>Short.....</b>	 <b>\$ 861.42</b>
 St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	 45.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	4,225.00

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! We will be having another spring cleaning in the church here at Holy Family this 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!***

**SINCERE APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE**

Dear Parish Members,  
 I am very happy and relieved over the fact that this year also we have reached our UPCSA goal. I was a little concerned over the shortfall in reaching our target, as the deadline was approaching to close the Campaign. Thanks to the extra generosity of couple of our Parishioners, we have not only achieved the goal but also gone a little over. In short, our goal was \$41,006, but we got 41,965. No doubt, the extra money will be added to our general fund, which is a big help. On this occasion, I would like to thank very sincerely my sisters and brothers who were very generous to contribute to this cause, even making sacrifice. My special gratitude goes to the two members who stepped in at the right time and bailed us out. I know, the words are not sufficient enough to express my joy and gratitude, but they come from the bottom of my heart. **May the good Lord reward you!**

With Love, Fr. Sebastian

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting families in providing food, and money for utility and rent bills. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

The Rock-Perkins Area Cantata Choir present:



***Sunday, March 24***

**4:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Rock  
and again at**

**7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Perkins**

*Coffee and fellowship following each performance.*

*Free-will offering gratefully accepted to help cover music cost.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Is 42:1-7  
Jn 12:1-11

### **Tuesday**

Is 49:1-6  
Jn 13:21-33,36-38

### **Wednesday**

Is 50:4-9a  
Mt 26:14-25

### **Thursday**

Ex 12:1-8,11-14  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Jn 13:1-15

### **Friday**

Is 52:13—53:12      Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1—19:42

### **Saturday**

Gn 1:1 2 2:2 or 1:1,26-31a  
Gn 22:1-18 or 11:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18  
Ex 14:15 – 15:1  
Is 54:5-14  
Is 55:1-11  
Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4  
Ez 36:16-17a,18-28  
Rom 6:3-11  
Mt 28:1-10

### **Sunday**

Acts 10:34a,37-43  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Jn 20:1-9 or 41      Lk 24:13-35

### Meal Train for Brenda Chouinard

Due to some unfortunate setbacks in Brenda's recovery, we have added an additional week (3 more meals) to her meal train and we are looking for new or repeat volunteers. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve your neighbor in this way. Dates available: April 2nd, 4th, and 6th. You can sign-up through our website or by calling Heidi (399-5461). Thank you in advance!

### Men's Ministry

To all men in the area please join us on the first and third Saturdays of each month for spiritual growth and fellowship. We meet at 8:45 am at St. Anne's parish hall. The cost is free. Any questions, call Jim at 786-1450. The next topic will be: The Catholic Church: Your guide to the truth.