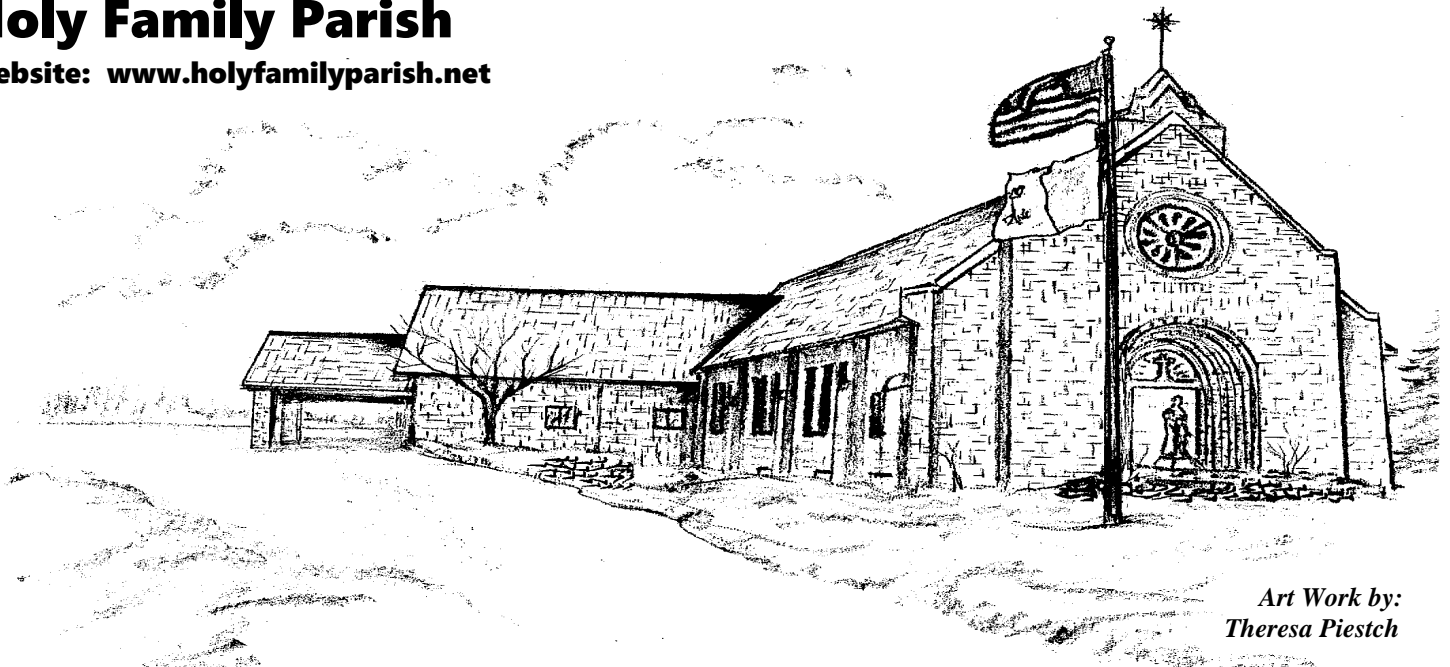


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Sacrament of Marriage

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: Suicide (Cont.): It has been a constant worry for the good Christians as **what would be the fate of their dear one who took his/her life?** All practicing Christians know that suicide is a mortal sin and anyone who dies in mortal sin without repentance is liable to eternal punishment. Then to what extent suicide becomes a mortal sin? The Church is very careful in judging a person who has committed a mortal sin apparently. In other words, though one act looks to be a grave one, doesn't mean that the person who did that really committed a mortal sin in that particular situation. In order to know whether apparently a grave sin has become a mortal sin we should know **the three conditions** which make a sin mortal or venial.

- 1. The matter itself should be grave** or it should be a serious violation of any Commandment of God. For instance a willful murder of somebody or oneself is a mortal sin in matter or suicide is a grave sin.
- 2. Full knowledge of the matter:** A grave matter itself can become mortal only when the person who commits it has a full knowledge that it is indeed a grave sin. For instance all good Christians are supposed to know that suicide is a grave sin.
- 3. Full consent or freedom of choice or reasoning:** These factors should be checked in the case of a person who commits suicide. First of all a person who commits suicide doesn't do that for fun or enjoyment. For everybody his/her life is very dear and people will do their best to enjoy it for long. A person reaches to the point of suicide only due to the utmost mental pressure or stress due to various reasons. When a person is in uncontrollable stress he/she loses the freedom of choice or the right reasoning. **So there isn't a willful consent here.** For time being his/her the mind becomes totally blank. If the person can pass that stressful moment by any means, he/she would change the mind. So we should not bluntly judge a person who happened to commit suicide condemn him/her eternal punishment.

Euthanasia: It is willfully killing the physically ill person so that he/she may not become a liability to the family or Society. The Church teaches that the life should be respected and protected from the very moment of the conception till the natural death. We live in a throwaway society and there is a tendency to get rid of people who are no more useful for the material need of the society. Some of the European countries have already passed the bill allowing euthanasia. Even the doctors in those countries can decide whether one should continue to live or not. In other words, the patients' consent is not sought. Some of my priest friends working in the European countries tell me that the people in the nursing homes are afraid to go to a hospital for treatment for being afraid of euthanasia. The Catholic Church strongly condemns such brutal act against humanity. At the same time the family members of a patient are not obliged to take extraordinary means to keep one alive. But at the same time affordable means should not be denied.

(We will continue next week).

Sincere thanks and appreciation!

As you have been already informed, we have finally reached the goal of our UPCSA. It is a moment of great joy and gratitude for me as the Pastor. We started the campaign at the right time and it progressed pretty well. But once we achieved almost 75% of our goal we happened to be very slow. There was a point I thought that this year we would not meet our goal at all. But thanks to the generosity of some good people who went out of way and extended their generous supporting hand we could reach our goal this year too. Every year, as a few members part with us, our financial situation gets harder. At the same time I am grateful to acknowledge that you all try the best to keep up our Parish going on. I really appreciate and thank you very sincerely, who have been kind enough to participate in the Diocesan Campaign this year. I know that some may disagree with the Diocesan policies; but the Diocese exists only with the support of all its members. The Diocese needs money for its day today running and to take care of many charitable projects too.

With Regards
Fr. Sebastian

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 27 th	8:00 A.M. –	Mass - For all of our special intentions
Tues.	March 28 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Intentions of Matthew Kudwa
		5:30 P.M. -	Stations of the Cross
		6:00 P.M. -	Soup & Sandwich Supper
		6:30 P.M. -	Video Presentation
Wed.	March 29 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Don Anderson
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
		6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent DePaul Society meeting
Thurs.	March 30 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Intentions of Frank Kudwa
		7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Fri.	March 31 st	8:00 A.M.-	Mass – Ken Beauchamp
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 1 st	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Carl McGlynn
Sun.	April 2 nd		<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Bill Smith
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the People of our parish
		-----	Coffee social after both Masses

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

75 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 19th

Adult Offering.....	\$ 2,711.00
Loose.....	59.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Votive Lights.....	325.63
Mass Stipends.....	260.00
Fuel.....	175.00
Total.....	\$3,550.63

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,980.50
Shortage.....	\$ 429.87

Flowers.....	80.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	60.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Next Sunday, we will have our first in a long time **Coffee & Donut Social** after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass. Plan to come down and enjoy a good donut and good conversation!!!
See you next Sunday!

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH: Our next meeting has changed to Monday April 3rd at 6:30 PM Please try to make this important meeting as we will be discussing upcoming events. **THANK YOU!**



We are looking for donations and workers for the Soup and Sandwich Supper on Tuesday, March 28th. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church or call the parish office at 786-1209.

SURROUNDING AREA

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

March 27th – 7:00 PM – All Saints, Gladstone

March 28th – 6:30 PM – St. Joe/St. Pats, Esky

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

Mar. 27th - Just about the time you think you can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

Mar. 28th - 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. 29th - 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. 30th - Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7

Mar. 31st - Wear a smile - One size fits all.

Apr. 1st - Selfish ambition closes our hearts to Jesus and to one another.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food, money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

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

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

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 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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.**

*This year's Cantata Choir presents their annual
Easter concert, performing:*

***Praise the God of Resurrection,
and songs from Witness
Sunday, April 2nd***

4:00 p.m. at Faith Church in Rock, and again at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Perkins. Coffee and fellowship to follow each performance. A free-will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost of the music.

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