

Holy Family Parish

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 29, 2026

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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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.....

Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk

Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret

Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Fr. Jose

Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr.,

Christina Theoret Zion, Frank Chenier, Benny Herioux

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

THE GUEST OF THE MAN WHOM ALL MEN DESPISED (Luke 19:1-10):

Jericho was a very wealthy and a very important town. It lay in the Jordan valley and commanded both the approach to Jerusalem and the crossings of the river which gave access to the lands east of the Jordan. It had a great palm forest and world-famous balsam groves which perfumed the air for miles around. Its gardens of roses were known far and wide. Men called it "The City of Palms." Josephus called it "a divine region," "the fattest in Palestine." The Romans carried its dates and balsam to world-wide trade and fame.

All this combined to make Jericho one of the greatest taxation centers in Palestine. The Romans always made a contract with the tax collectors about the amount they should pay to Rome. But there wasn't a clear definition how much they should collect as the tax. So the tax collectors collected excess amount from the people. Zacchaeus was a man who had reached the top of his profession; and he was the most hated man in the district. There are three stages in his story.

(i) Zacchaeus was wealthy but he was not happy. Inevitably he was lonely, for he had chosen a way that made him an outcast. He had heard of this Jesus who welcomed tax-collectors and sinners, and he wondered if he would have any word for him. Despised and hated by men, Zacchaeus was reaching after the love of God

(ii) Zacchaeus determined to see Jesus, and would let nothing stop him. For Zacchaeus to mingle with the crowd at all was a courageous thing to do, for many a man would take the chance to get a nudge, or kick, or push at the little tax-collector. It was an opportunity not to be missed. Zacchaeus would be black and blue with bruises that day. He could not see--the crowd took an ill delight in making sure of that. So he ran on ahead and climbed a fig-mulberry tree. It is very easy

to climb, with its short trunk and its wide lateral branches forking out in all directions." Things were not easy for Zacchaeus but the little man had the courage of desperation.

(iii) Zacchaeus took steps to show all the community that he was a changed man. When Jesus announced that he would stay that day at his house, and when he discovered that he had found a new and wonderful friend, immediately Zacchaeus took a decision. He decided to give half of his goods to the poor; the other half he did not intend to keep to himself but to use to make restitution for the frauds of which he had been self-confessedly guilty.

In his restitution he went far beyond what was legally necessary. Only if robbery was a deliberate and violent act of destruction was a fourfold restitution necessary (Exodus 22:1). If it had been ordinary robbery and the original goods were not restorable, double the value had to be repaid. (Exodus 22:4; Exodus 22:7). If voluntary confession was made and voluntary restitution offered, the value of the original goods had to be paid, plus one-fifth (Leviticus 6:5; Numbers 5:7). Zacchaeus was determined to do far more than the law demanded. He showed by his deeds that he was a changed man.

A testimony is utterly worthless unless it is backed by deeds which guarantee its sincerity. It is not a mere change of words which Jesus Christ demands, but a change of life.

(iv) The story ends with the great words; the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost. We must always be careful how we take the meaning of this word lost. In the New Testament it does not mean damned or doomed. It simply means in the wrong place. A thing is lost when it has got out of its own place into the wrong place; and when we find such a thing, we return it to the place it ought to occupy. A man is lost when he has wandered away from God; and he is found when once again he takes his rightful place as an obedient child in the household and the family of his Father.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	March 30 th	8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions WORK BEE – Cleaning the Church
Tues.	March 31 st	8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. -	Mass – George Chouinard Stations of the Cross
Wed.	April 1 st	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Carl McGlynn Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 2 nd	Holy Thursday 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Harold Chenier Adoration to follow Mass until 10:00 PM
Fri.	April 3 rd	Good Friday 3:00 P.M. - -----	Good Friday Services Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 4 th	Holy Saturday 9:00 P.M. -	Easter Vigil Mass – For the People of our Parish
Sun.	April 5 th	Easter Sunday 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 AM -	Mass – Mary Geniesse Mass – Pat Beauchamp (3 rd Anniv.)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

68 envelopes returned for March 22, 2026

Adults.....	\$3,320.00
Loose.....	184.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	<u>135.00</u>
Total.....	\$3,664.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Short.....	\$ 930.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	55.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	1,670.00
Easter Flowers.....	55.00

JOIN THE BBA'S FREE MONTHLY SNOWSHOE PRIEST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

This newsletter from the Bishop Baraga Association will be delivered by email and is FREE, no spam ever! If you're interested in learning more about the beloved Snowshoe Priest and getting more info on historical happenings and updates from us then this one is for you! www.bishopbaraga.org.

ALL WOMEN & MEN IN THE PARISH:

Monday March 30 after 8:00 mass, the women/men are asked to gather to help clean the church in preparation for Easter. Please bring your own bucket, rags and if possible, mop & vacuum. A light meal will be served afterwards. Hope to you there. Remember, many hands make light work 😊

We welcome to the candidates who will be baptized and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Emily Raredon	Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation
Hailey Plimpton	1st Communion, Confirmation
Dylan Ziemke	1st Communion, Confirmation

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Apr. 2nd - God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

Apr. 3rd - The only way to help yourself is to help others.

Apr. 4th - The curse of the cross was changed by Christ into a blessing for us.

St. Vincent de Paul 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.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.



If you have old palms to dispose of, you can bring them to church and place in the basket in the gathering area.

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!



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

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

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

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

Teen Catechism Study every Sunday at 2:30 PM

Join us as we dive into the Catechism and discover the riches of our faith. This group is for teens in grades 8-12. It will be held at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba hosted by Ethan Wilcox and Derek Douglas.

There are still some PASTIES for sale. Call the parish office 786-1209.

ALTAR SOCIETY CORNER

Altar Society Women: April EVENING meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7, starting at 6:30 pm. The group will make a small stain glass item. Space is limited to 14, so the first to sign up will be able to make a product. Hope to see you there.

Please return all the baby bottles as soon as possible we would like to have it completed by Easter Sunday! Thank you.