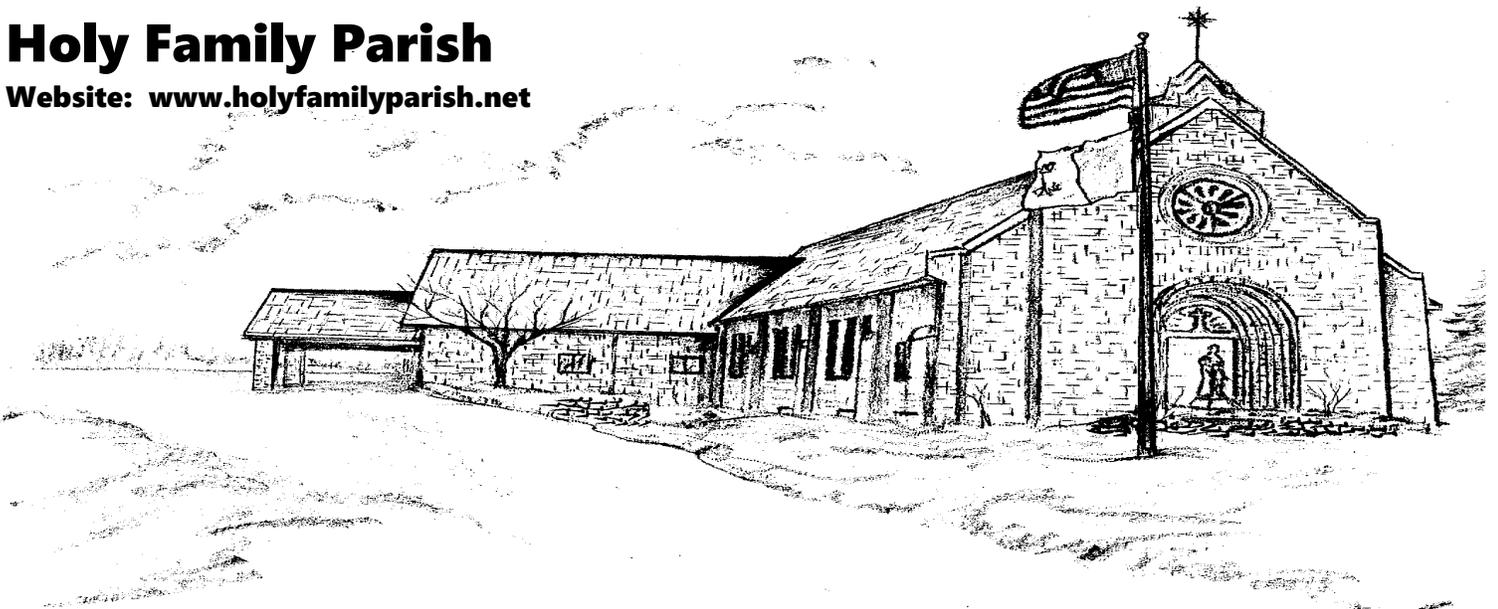


# Holy Family Parish

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 30, 2025

### Pastor

(906) 786-1209 Ext. 3 or (906) 440-4193

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

Deacon: Robert Berbohm 786-9082

Email Address: [deacon@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:deacon@holyfamilyparish.net)

### 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

### Parish Secretary

Pam Leisner (906) 786-1209 Ext. 1 (H) 399-3058

Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

*Bulletin articles should be submitted*

*by Noon on Wednesdays*

E-mail Address: [secretary@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyparish.net)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

### Faith Formation Coordinator

Kathy Kohtala 428-9431

Email: [kkohtala@allsaintsgladstone.org](mailto:kkohtala@allsaintsgladstone.org)

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

### Maintenance

906-786-1209

### 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

### 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

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

**5:22:** Though Jesus did not hear what the scribes and Pharisees thought about him, Jesus perceived their thoughts, or understood what they were accusing him of, and he repeated what they thought. Luke does not say that due to Jesus' divine power he knew what they said. Perhaps, it proves that Jesus is a prophet. They have questioned him in their hearts, and so now he sets out to question them.

**5:23:** Jesus sets out to prove that he has authority to forgive sins without the temple, the priesthood, or the sacrificial system. **He asks, "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?"** Clearly, the former is easier to say since there is no outward evidence that actual forgiveness has taken place. But if someone says "Rise up and walk" all would be able to see whether the paralyzed man actually walks or not. The first statement cannot be demonstrated, but the second can.

**Luke 5: 24:** According to Jewish thinking, a Prophet's words can only be trusted if he has the accompanying signs to back him up. Jesus is going to provide a sign to prove that he has the authority to forgive sins without religious rituals or intermediaries. If the man is healed, this proves that Jesus is not a blasphemer, but that the power of God is with him.

Jesus refers to himself as the **Son of Man**. This is the first time this title is used of Jesus in Luke's account, and the only time it is used in connection to a miraculous healing. In the Hebrew Scriptures, this title is most often used of the Prophet Ezekiel. In the entire Book we see God addressing Ezekiel always as 'Son of Man.' A major theme in Ezekiel is that God will take the dead nation of Israel and restore her to new life. This is especially seen in the famous vision of the Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37). Since Jesus is

about to restore life to a paralyzed man as a picture of how he can restore life to a paralyzed nation, it is fitting that this is the first place where Jesus refers to himself as *the Son of Man*.

The title has further significance, however. It does not indicate divinity, but rather, humanity, or anyone who is son of Adam. The usage in Daniel 7:13 (cf. 8:17) contrasts *the Son of Man* with the four beasts. They are spiritual; the Son of Man is human. When Jesus uses this title of himself, he is hinting that he is the new Adam, the new representative of humanity, the new model for all mankind (cf. Rom 5:12-21). As sons of Adam ourselves, we also are able to announce the forgiveness of sins that is freely given to all through Jesus Christ. We, however, do not need to seek the accompanying miraculous signs, since we do not have to prove that we have the authority to bypass religion. Jesus has already proven this.

Nevertheless, we must still seek to bring healing and restoration in the lives of others, even if it is not through "miraculous" means.

After referring to himself as *the Son of Man*, he sets out to prove that he has power on earth to forgive sins. He does this by saying to the man who was paralyzed, **"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."**

**5:25:** As a result of the words of Jesus, the paralyzed man rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. The physical transformation would have been visible to the eyes of everybody.

**5:26:** All the people who witnessed the miraculous healing were amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" Not only did they see the roof torn off a house and a bed drop down from the ceiling, but then a showdown between Jesus and the Pharisees followed in which Jesus healed a man of paralysis and proved that forgiveness of sins was available to all without the need of religious rituals.

## Lenten Penance Service

**Our Penance Service begins at 6.30 pm on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> and I will be available in the Confessional. As you come you are free to make the Confession. Besides that, I am available daily before the Mass and on Saturday. Please refer to the bulletin the schedule of the area Churches.**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass – Clayton VanDrese Stations of the Cross Soup and Sandwich Supper DVD Presentation – A Biblical walk through the Mass
Wed.	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b><i>Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Louise Beauchamp Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Gilbert VanDrese Holy Family Men’s Club Meeting & Smear League
Fri.	April 4 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>First Friday</i></b> <b><i>Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rosemary Sankovitch 6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>First Saturday</i></b> <b><i>Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - <b><i>Mass – Fr. Sebastian’s Intentions</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	April 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Harold Chenier

**Area Penance Services**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**66 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,289.00
Loose.....	320.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	<u>85.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,719.00</b>

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

**Short.....      \$ 1,790.61**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	30.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	120.00
Donation.....	530.00
Easter Flowers.....	60.00

*Holy Family Parish, Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM*  
*St. Joe/St. Patrick, Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM*  
*St. Elizabeth, Bark River, Wed., April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*  
*All Saints, Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*

**ATTENTION LADIES.....**We will have our monthly Altar Society meeting on **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. We will have a video and SNOOPS! All ladies are invited to attend. Theoret's corner is in charge of the snacks.

**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

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**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

**Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>** - Wear a smile - One size fits all.

**Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Selfish ambition closes our hearts to Jesus and to one another.

**Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

**Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The only way to help yourself is to help others.

**Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>** - The curse of the cross was changed by Christ into a blessing for us.

**Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>** - When we depend on man, We get what man can do, When we depend on prayer, We get what God can do.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

In the month of March, 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 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!

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

There is a signup sheet at the back of church for the Soup and Sandwich meal on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can help out that would be great. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**  
Ez 47:1-9,12  
Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**  
Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30

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

**Friday**  
Wis 2:1a,12-22  
Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Saturday**  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday**  
Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

### Women's Ministry

This is an opportunity for women of all ages to gather in faith, friendship, fellowship and FUN! For one hour, every other Monday, we will meet to discuss aspects of the Catholic Faith. Fun activities will be planned as well. Meetings are held in the parish hall at St. Joseph & St. Parick's Parishes. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All women are welcome. For more information, contact Maddi at (906) 280-6994.

***There are still a few pasties left for sale***

### Holy Family Meal Train Ministry

If you are expecting a new child, recovering from serious illness, or anticipating a major surgery, please contact Heidi so we can provide short-term meal service to you. If you know of anyone in need, please consider being an advocate by suggesting the service to them or by reaching out to us directly. Please note, if the person/family prefers discretion, we have some options to consider. Contact Heidi at 399-5461.

***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!