

Holy Family Parish

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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, 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

The Creed (Cont.): The Nicene Creed, our profession of faith, is an important part of the Mass. The Creed is recited at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist just after the Gospel reading and homily. In between the two main components of the Mass is a statement of beliefs Christians have expressed for 16 centuries.

The word Creed comes from the *Latin word credo which means "I believe."* it is a summarization of the faith that Christians profess. Jesus brought important information to everyone about God and His message of salvation. Our acceptance of this information is faith. The Creed sums up the truths that God gave us and allows us to profess our beliefs so that we can acknowledge the truths by faith.

Every person believes in some kind of a creed because this is what influences his/her whole life. This is the guiding principle that persuades a person in his/her thoughts and actions. As far as Christians are concerned, the Nicene Creed sums up our attitude towards God, man, and our religion. In our spiritual life, we need to have a set of guidelines that we know we are true in order to focus on what God revealed to us through His Son. The Nicene Creed was created as a result of many heresies that were being circulated in the early Church. One of the major heresies that was being taught was called *Arianism*, which stated that Jesus was not truly God. In order to clarify this issue, the very first Ecumenical Council was convened to resolve this as well as other important issues of the time.

The Council of Nicaea met in 325 AD and established the Creed named for the location where it was formulated. Thus we have the present Nicene Creed. Here the bishops composed a Creed to clearly state the beliefs of the Church and to reject many of the false understandings that were being taught. The Nicene Creed now stated the truths that the Church had been teaching since the time of the apostles. Since this was an Ecumenical Council that had the assurance of infallibility that was promised by Christ, we know that this Creed stated the truths about God and Jesus. This Creed was later reaffirmed in the next Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381 AD.

The Creed is divided into three parts. The beginning speaks of the first Divine Person, God the Father, and the wonderful work of creation. The first thing our Creed tells us about God Himself is that He is Father Almighty. Here we affirm that there is only one God and He is the Creator of everything. The middle part speaks of the second Divine Person, Jesus Christ, and the mystery of His redemption for mankind. Beginning with stating that Jesus is indeed God, this is the longest section where Jesus' role in the salvation process is defined. Here, Jesus' life story is told and how he came to save mankind. The final part speaks of the third Divine Person, the Holy Spirit, who is the source of our sanctification. Again, there is emphasis that the Holy Spirit is also God. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity that is able to dwell within us so that we can have the gift of the grace of God.

Another important component of the Creed is the definition of the four marks of the Church. Here, another truth of Christ's true Church is defined for us. It states that the Church that Jesus established for all time **must be one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic or having its authority derived from the apostles.**

The Nicene Creed is a summary of the principle truths of our God given to us by the early Church and has been passed on to every generation. As we profess and reaffirm the common faith that is the foundation of Christianity, we today share in the same truths as did the earliest Christians.

(Will be continued next week).

Easter Blessings!!
From Fr. Sebastian and Staff

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 1 st	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass ----- Parish Office closed
Tues.	April 2 nd	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass ----- Parish Office closed 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets
Wed.	April 3 rd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Fr. Jose Maramattam Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD classes for grades 1-7 and 8 th & 9 th
Thurs.	April 4 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s meeting & Smear League
Fri.	April 5 th	First Friday 8:00 A.M. - Pat Beauchamp (1 st Anniv.) 6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 P.M. ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 6 th	First Saturday 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Fr. Sebastian 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	April 7 th	Divine Mercy Sunday 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lawrence Viau (35 th Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

67 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 24th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,007.00
Loose.....	57.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	95.00
Total.....	\$3,159.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42

Short..... \$1,230.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	48.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	385.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....	20.00
Votive Lights.....	229.00

Holy Family community congratulates you, Edward Gregson on your Baptism and Confirmation. We welcome you whole heartly to be a member.

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH

The Ladies Altar Society will meet this Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Kylie Kalishek speaking about her ancestors who were wing walkers and a pilot. Theoret’s corner is in charge of snackies!

There are still PASTIES available. Please call the parish office if you would like some.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Apr. 5th** - When we depend on man, We get what man can do, When we depend on prayer, We get what God can do.
- Apr. 6th** - People are often the carpenters of their own crosses.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Envelope, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga
March 31 – After partaking of a frugal meal, usually consisting of tea and hard, dry bread, he would not fail to say his prayers and read his office while his guides prepared his bed of spruce boughs.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Acts 2:14,22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Wednesday
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Friday
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Tuesday
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Thursday
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Saturday
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday
Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

Meal Train Ministry Update

All of the dates for Brenda's Meal Train have been filled! Your generosity of both time and resources is admirable and warms my heart, and I know Brenda really appreciates your help. Thank you, Holy Family! - Heidi

Thank you!



Thank you for your generosity in the *Change for Life* fundraiser for Pregnancy Services of Delta County. Holy Family Church raised a total of \$1,604.98! Your contributions help women and families in our area who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, as well as those with young children. It will help insure that parents are receiving the education, support, and encouragement they need to choose life and become better parents. Feel free to stop by our new center at 2501 First Avenue North, Escanaba to see how your donations are changing and saving lives. May God richly bless you for your generosity!
Pregnancy Services of Delta County

St. Thomas Breakfast

1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba
April 7th, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Please join us for Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice
\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,
Ages 5 and under are FREE!