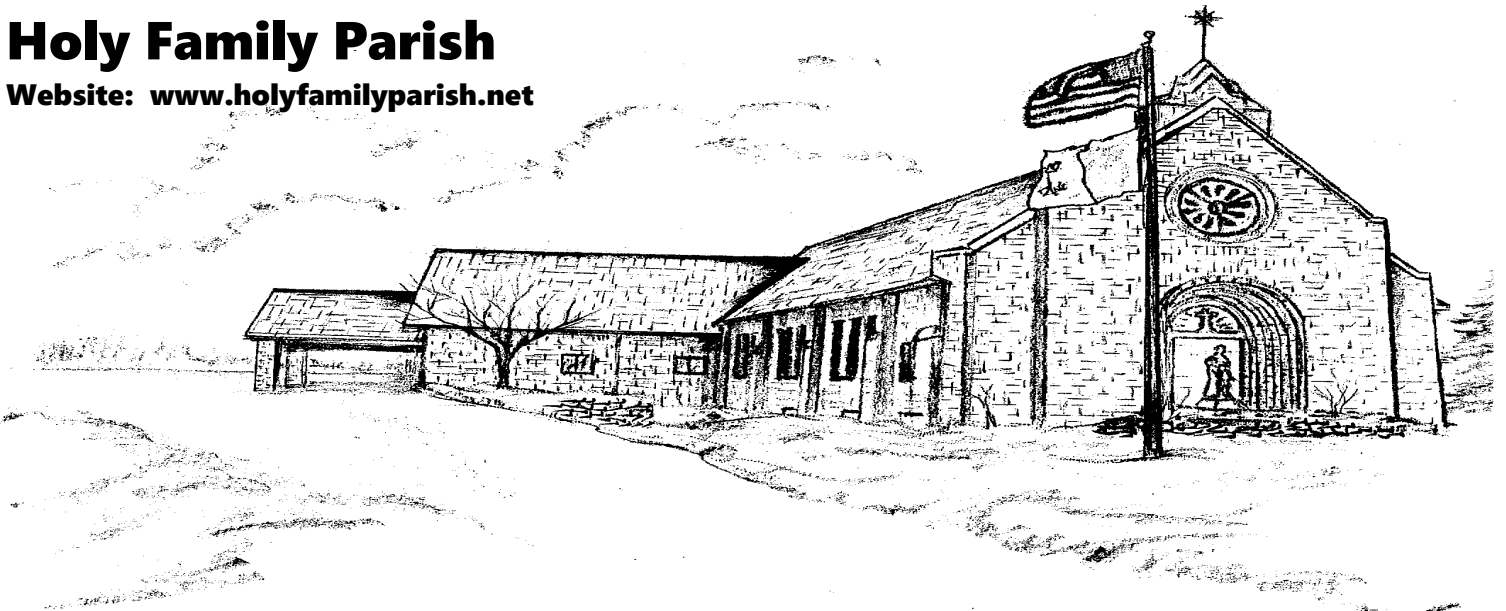


# Holy Family Parish

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## Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff

Harold Flagstadt Tina Cryderman

Kevin Dubord

Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee

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.....

*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 KING'S TRUST IN HIS SERVANTS

(Luke 19:11-27)

This is unique among the parables of Jesus, because it is the only one whose story is in part based on an actual historical event. It tells about a king who went away to receive a kingdom and whose subjects did their best to stop him receiving it. When Herod the Great died in 4 B.C. he left his kingdom divided between Herod Antipas, Herod Philip and Archelaus. That division had to be ratified by the Romans, who were the overlords of Palestine, before it became effective. Archelaus, to whom Judaea had been left, went to Rome to persuade Augustus to allow him to enter into his inheritance, whereupon the Jews sent an embassy of fifty men to Rome to inform Augustus that they did not wish to have him as king. In point of fact, Augustus confirmed him in his inheritance, though without the actual title of king. Anyone in Judaea, on hearing the parable, would immediately remember the historical circumstances on which it was based.

Matthew the Evangelist in 25: 14-30 uses this parable in a different setting. Here the man who distributed the money was 'Talent.' A Talent is valued by its weight and also by the nature of the metal used. Normally the Talents are made out of gold or silver. We don't know what kind of Talents were given away by the man? They could be silver. But the weight of a Talent, gold or silver was 75lb. Then we can imagine the value of each Talent. Here the man gives 5 Talents to one; 2 Talents to the second one and 1 to the third. Whereas in Luke the money used is gold coins and ten servants are given one each. But the noble man, in his return summons only three and asks them what they have done with the coins. Here in Luke, the number of additional coins earned by the two servants are similar to that of Matthew. Anyhow the parable is not to be taken

in its literal sense rather for its message Jesus wanted to convey.

The parable of the king and his servants illustrates certain great facts of the Christian life.

(i) It tells of the king's trust. He gave his servants the money and then went away and left them to use it as they could and as they thought the best. He did not in any way interfere with them, or stand over them. He left them entirely to their own devices. That is the way in which God trusts us. Someone has said, "The nicest thing about God is that he trusts us to do so much by ourselves.

(ii) It tells of the king's test. As always, this trust was a test, of whether or not a man was faithful and reliable in little things. Sometimes a man justifies a certain large inefficiency in the ordinary routine affairs of life by claiming that "he has a mind above trifles." God has not. It is precisely in these routine duties that God is testing men. There is no example of this like Jesus himself. Of his thirty-three years of life Jesus spent thirty in Nazareth. Had he not discharged with absolute fidelity the tasks of the carpenter's shop in Nazareth and the obligation of being the breadwinner of the family, God could never have given him the supreme task of being the Savior of the world.

(iii) It tells us of the king's reward. The reward that the faithful servants received was not one which they could enjoy by sitting down and folding their hands and doing nothing. One was put over ten cities and the other over five. The reward of work well done was more work to do. The greatest compliment we can pay a man is to give him ever greater and harder tasks to do. The great reward of God to the man who has satisfied the test is more

**ON THIS GREAT DAY, I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY EASTER!**

**May the Risen Lord give us strength and endurance in our pain, sickness and sorrow! May he be with us and our families always!**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - -----	<b>NO</b> Mass Parish office closed
Tues.	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	<b>NO</b> Mass Ladies Altar Society meeting
Wed.	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For a special intention Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – For all who will or have received a prayer shawl and Mary Martinson Holy Family Men’s meeting & Smear League
Fri.	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Chris Wuellner Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Ron & Mary Ann Bruce
Sun.	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the People of our Parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Lawrence Viau (37 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**60 envelopes returned for March 29, 2026**

Adults.....	\$2,769.00
Loose.....	213.00
General Maintenance.....	-00-
Fuel.....	20.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,002.00</b>
<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$4,594.23</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>\$1,592.23</b>
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	530.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	-0-
Easter Flowers.....	70.00

**Congratulations and welcome to the candidates  
who were baptized and Confirmed at the Easter  
Vigil.**

<b>Emily Raredon</b>	<b>Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation</b>
<b>Hailey Plimpton</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation</b>
<b>Dylan Ziemke</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation</b>

**New Meal Train - Heidi (Nolde) & Adam Swanson**

Please consider providing a meal for the Swanson Family as they adjust to becoming a family of five! We hope to provide two meals per week for a total of 4 weeks. You can see available dates and sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/99w77k> or by contacting Mary Kay (399-5299).

**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. Danforth area is in charge of snacks.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**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.

**Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>** - People are often the carpenters of their own crosses.

**Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.

**Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>** - When a man begins to amass wealth, it is a question whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man.

**Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Blessed are the hard-of-hearing for they miss much small talk.

**Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** - The only true beauty found in us is that beauty which comes by letting Jesus live His life through us.

**Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>** - He who merits praise he never receives is better off than He who receives praise he never merits.

### St. Vincent de Paul 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. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, 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.

*St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish presents Trivia & Tacos* on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 5 pm; First round starts at 5:30 pm. \$10 registration fee. \$10 for taco bar. Cash prizes

## **Easter Blessings!!**

**From Fr. Sebastian and Staff**

## 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  
Mt 16:9-15

### **Sunday**

Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9  
Jn 20:19-31

### 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.

A huge thank you to all the parishioners who came to clean the church before Easter. Many hands make the work load light! It is really appreciated!

### **Marquette Diocesan Priest Retirement (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) COLLECTION**

The annual Good Shepherd Collection will be taken up in all parishes on April 26. This collection supports the retired priests of the Diocese of Marquette. A postcard will be sent to registered parishioners to participate in this year's collection. You can also make a donation online at [osvhub.com/diocesefmarquette/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/diocesefmarquette/giving/funds). We thank you in advance for your generous support of the retired priests of the Diocese of Marquette!

Please make note that again this year we will be joining All Saints Church in Gladstone for Divine Mercy Sunday. It will start with 3:00 PM Holy Hour and conclude at 4:00 PM. There will be adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Confessions. Mark your calendars to join us!