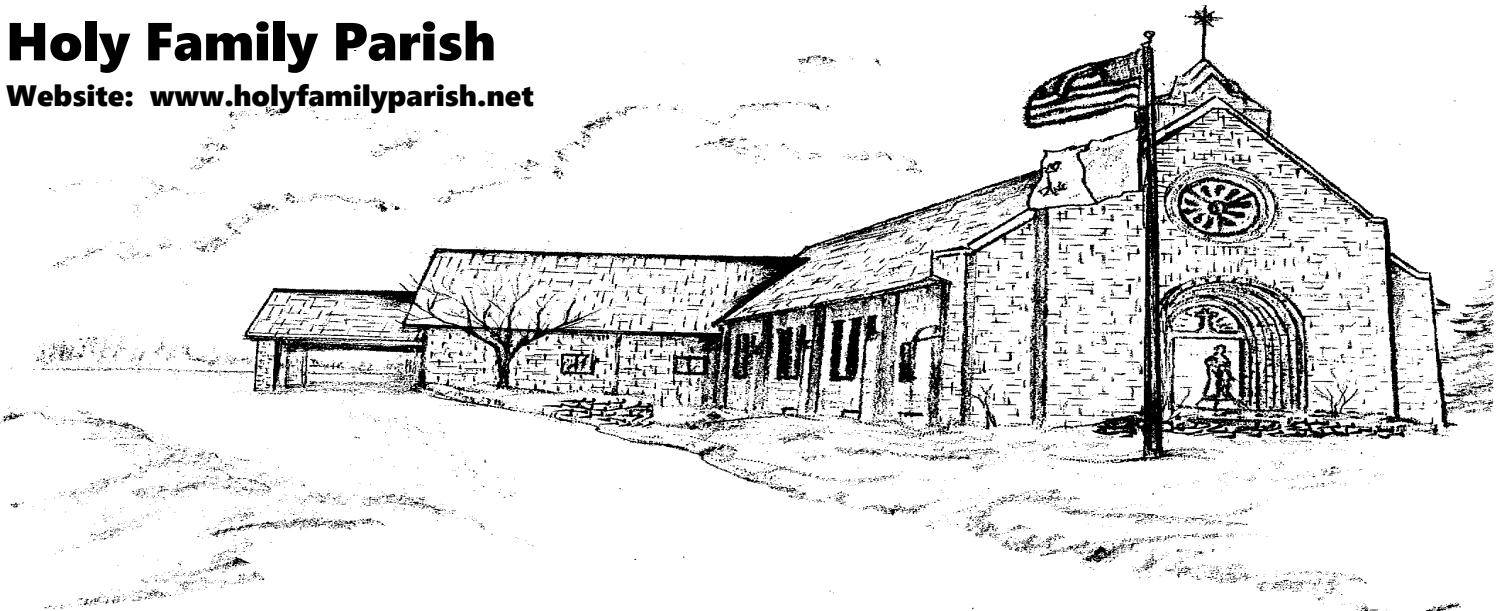


# Holy Family Parish

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6, 2025

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
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### 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.....

*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

**Luke 5: 27- 32; Call of Levi:** Here we have the call of Matthew the tax collector whom Luke calls 'Levi.' It is amazing that Jesus approaching Matthew the chief tax collector. Of all people in Palestine the tax collectors were the most hated ones, for the simple reason that they collected taxes from their own countryman for the Romans. The Romans auctioned the right of collecting taxes to the highest bidder who was supposed to give a particular amount to the Romans and there weren't any specific norms as what should be the commission of the tax collector. Very often the tax collectors in the particular areas collected excess money and burdened the countrymen and they became very rich through this corrupt practice. So people had every reason to hate these men. They were not invited to the functions of the Jews, private or public; the good standing Jews would never attend any ceremonies of the tax collectors. A tax collector, though he was a Jew was not allowed to give witness to any court, as they were considered to be dishonest and corrupt people. Robbers, murderers and tax collectors were classed together. A tax collector was even barred from the synagogues. Yet Jesus chose Matthew (Levi) to become one of his disciples.

It is interesting to notice that Matthew leaving his office and profession without any hesitation and it seems that he is overjoyed by that call. That is why he even hosted a big dinner for Jesus. Perhaps, Matthew who was considered to be an outcast felt honored by the call of the new Rabbi, Jesus. We should not conclude that his dinner was attended by many Jews except his own tax collectors friends. The scribes and Pharisees were there just to accuse Jesus for being with the outlaws. As they were not brave enough to talk to Jesus directly they complained to his disciples about this strange behavior of Jesus. The answer of Jesus is perfect. He makes it very clear through an example that it is not the healthy ones who are in need of a physician but the sick. In other words Matthew and people like him are spiritually sick and Jesus is the only physician who can heal such people. Jesus gives us the message that we should not simply

condemn somebody as sinners and outcast them out of the community, rather help him/her to be healed. **LUKE 6:1 – 5:** This is the first of two incidents which show the opposition to Jesus rapidly coming out into the open and which make it clear that the immediate charge against him was that he was a breaker of the Sabbath law. He and his disciples were passing along one of the paths which intersected the corn fields. The fact that the disciples plucked the ears of corn was in itself no crime. One of the merciful laws of the Old Testament laid it down that anyone passing through a corn field was free to pluck the corn so long as he did not put a sickle into it ( [Deuteronomy 23:25](#)). On any other day there would have been no complaint; but this was the Sabbath. Four of the forbidden kinds of **work were reaping, threshing, winnowing, and preparing food;** and technically the disciples had broken every one of them. By plucking the corn they were guilty of reaping; by rubbing it in their hands, of threshing; by flinging away the husks, of winnowing; and the very fact that they ate it showed that they had prepared food on the Sabbath. To us the whole thing seems ridiculous; but we must remember that to a strict Pharisee this was deadly sin; rules and regulations had been broken; this was a matter of life and death. They made their accusation and Jesus quoted the Old Testament to them. He quoted the incident in [1 Samuel 21:1-6](#) when David and his comrades, when they were very hungry, ate the shewbread of the Tabernacle. A better name for it is the Bread of the Presence. Every Sabbath morning there were laid before God twelve wheat loaves baked of flour sieved no fewer than eleven times. There was one loaf for every tribe. In the time of Jesus these loaves were laid on a table of solid gold, three feet long, one and a half feet broad, and nine inches high. The table stood lengthwise along the northern side of the Holy Place. The bread stood for the very presence of God and none but the priests might eat of it ( [Leviticus 24:5-9](#)). But David's need had taken precedence over rules and regulations.

**(We will continue next week)**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions 6:30 P.M. - Penance Service here 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meeting
Tues.	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Kelloniemi 5:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross 6:00 P.M. - PIZZA Supper (last one) 6:30 P.M. - DVD Presentation – A Biblical walk through the Mass
Wed.	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all Souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all who will or have received a Prayer Shawl 8:30 A.M. - Prayer shawl ministry in the Fr. Matt Hall 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lawrence Viau (36 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bill Smith

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**57 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,123.00
Loose.....	154.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	<u>10.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,297.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$4,509.61</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,212.61</b>
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	451.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	70.00

**Report on Pasty Sale**

\$11,900.00	Money from sale of Pasties	(2,380 )
<u>863.80</u>	Donations	
\$12,763.80	Income	
<u>2,245.08</u>	Expenses	
<b>\$10,518.72</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>(There are still pasties left)</b>

There was an error in the March 9<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Money taken in was \$900 not \$10,180 for that Sunday.

**Area Penance Services**

***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 this **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. We will have a video and SNOOPS! All ladies are invited to attend. Theorets corner is in charge of the snacks.

The Knights of Columbus Council 640 will be holding their annual Tootsie Roll Drive Friday April 11/Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at various businesses in Escanaba (Elmers, Sav-Mor, Circle K). The Knights will also be at area churches after mass on Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup> and Sun. April 13<sup>th</sup>. Money collected is given to various charities that help those with physical or mental disabilities. Please donate if you can. Thanks

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>** - We will praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that is to come.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

**The Knights of Columbus Council 640** would like to thank all for their donations of canned goods for our Food for Families drive. We are about 2/3 thirds of the way to our goal of 2,000 pounds. Please continue to bring canned goods to help those in need. Thanks

There is a signup sheet at the back of church for the meal on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be having PIZZA but are looking for desserts & drinks. If you can help out that would be great. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Nm 21:4-9  
Jn 8:12-20

**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**

Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

### St. Anthony of Padua 2025/2026 Calendar Raffle

Only 300 tickets will be sold. Weekly prize of \$100 awarded June 2025 - May 2026, with an additional special \$500 prize drawn on June 13th, the Feast Day of St. Anthony. All winning tickets are put back in the drum for future drawings. Winners are posted on Facebook and in our bulletin. Tickets are \$50 each and are available in the parish office at St. Thomas Church, 1820 9th Ave North, Escanaba.

### 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. Meetings are held in the parish hall at St. Joseph & St. Parick's Parish. 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.

### 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.

### St. Thomas Breakfast

Sunday, April 6th, 9:00am-12:30pm  
\$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12, 5 and under FREE!

**Mark Your calendars! Church Cleaning  
BEE Monday – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM**