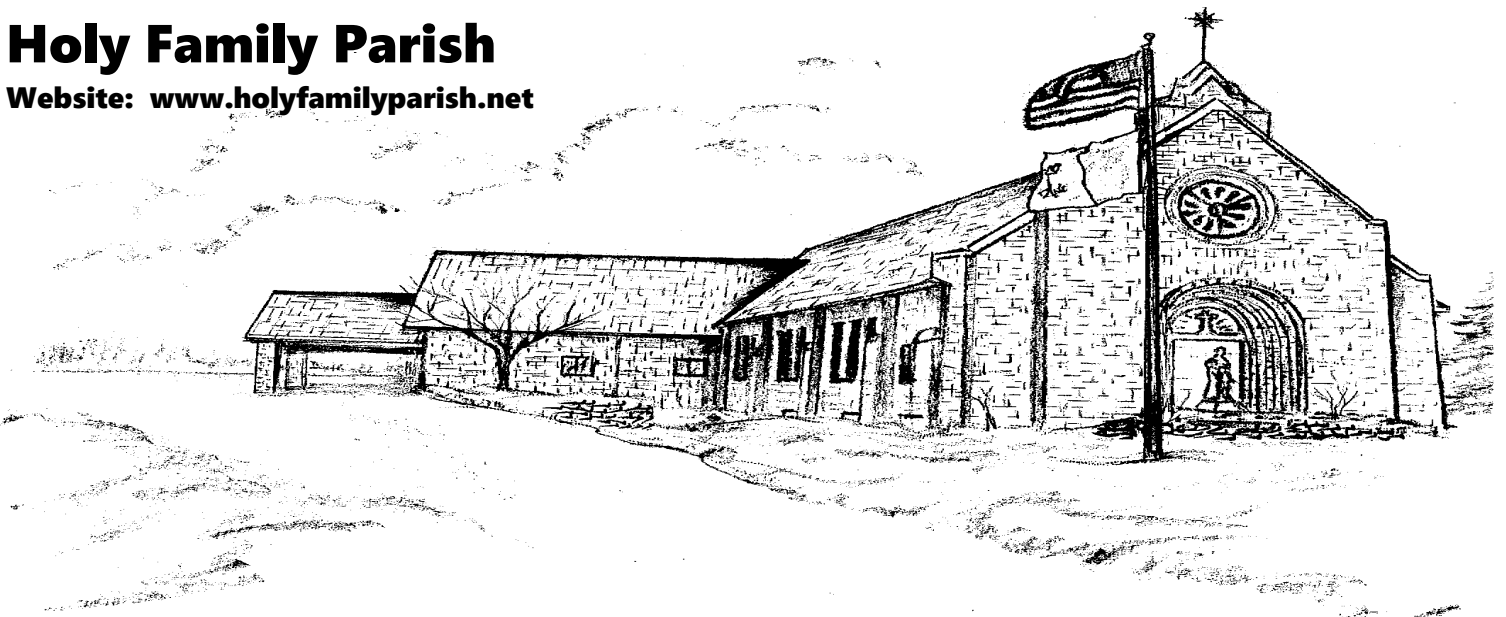


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Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024

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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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts/Offertory: In the Liturgy of the Eucharist first, bread and wine are offered as gifts by the people and then Consecrated and changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, which we receive in Holy Communion. In the third part of the Mass we will be going through the **presentation of the gifts; the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion Rite.**

After the prayer of the faithful you see the Ushers taking the collection and after that at least three people bring the bread and wine and the money offering to the Altar which are received by the presiding priest. (*Due to COVID the offertory procession is suspended*). The presentation of the gifts in the liturgy has its roots in the early Church. Already in 155 AD, St. Justin, the Martyr, mentioned the custom of someone bringing bread and wine to the priest after the prayers of intercession. As the ritual developed, the faithful or the representative would process toward the Altar to present the wide range of gifts in addition to the bread and wine, such as oil, wool, fruit, wax or flowers. The bread and wine are used in the Eucharistic Liturgy and others are used to support the priest or serve the poor.

The presentation of the gifts at the Mass is also known as the ‘Offertory,’ based on the Latin word *offerre*, which means to present, to bring or to offer. Indeed, there was much significance in the offering of these gifts, for they typically came from one’s home or field and were made by one’s hand. As such, they express a gift of sacrificial overtones. This is why the presentation of the gifts symbolizes the individual’s giving of himself to God.

The offering of bread was not merely a side dish to a meal as it is in the Western societies today. For the ancient Israelites, bread was the most basic type of food, seen as necessary to sustain life. The offering of bread and wine in the Mass has strong support in Scripture. In addition to being used in the Passover of Jesus’ time and the same Jesus used in the Last Supper, bread and wine were offered up regularly in Israel’s sacrificial rites. Again wine was not a side beverage for the Jewish people but a common part of the ancient Israelite at meals and this was the only drink in the celebrations like wedding. It was always consumed with bread. The prayer, the priest says over the gifts shows the same idea that it is the fruit of the earth and work of human hands.

The practice of offering the collection of the day eventually took over the offering of oil, wool and other materials. Putting money in the basket is not simply a contribution to some good cause. It, too, expresses the giving of our lives to God. Our money embodies the fruit of our hard work which we now offer to God during Mass in the presentation of gifts. Of course, God does not need our gifts. Lacking nothing, God is God with or without our gifts. But we need to grow in self-giving love, and this is one reason why He invites us to unite our lives and the fruit of our labor with the sacrifice.

At least some of you may have wondered, why does the priest add a little water to the wine before he offers it? It was the ancient practice to dilute the wine a little with water, before it was served to the guest. But Christians have seen profound theological significance in the mixing of water and wine at this moment in the liturgy. The meaning is expressed in the prayer that accompanies this rite: **“By the mystery of the water and wine may be come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity.”** (*As this prayer is said by the priest in low voice, the congregation has no chance to hear it*). In a traditional interpretation of this practice, the wine symbolizes the divinity of Christ and water symbolizes our humanity. The mingling of the wine and water points to the Incarnation.

(We will continue).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 8 th	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	April 9 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Glenn King 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	April 10 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duaine Chenier Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD classes for grades 1-7 and 10 th & 11 th
Thurs.	April 11 th	<i>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Johanne Conway 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Smear League
Fri.	April 12 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Daniel Carlson ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 13 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Dwaine & Joy Berbohm
Sun.	April 14 th	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dennis & Jeff Pepin 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

88 envelopes returned for Sunday, March 31st

Adult Offering.....	\$6,148.20
Loose.....	347.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	50.00
Total.....	\$6,565.20
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Over.....	\$2,175.78
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	485.00
The Word Among Us.....	20.00
Mass Stipends.....	30.00

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7, 2023

All Saints Church

3:00 PM Holy Hour

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Preaching of Divine Mercy**
- **Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- **Blessing the Image of our Lord’s Mercy**
- **Opportunity for Confession**
- **Distribution of Holy Communion**
- **Benediction**

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Apr. 7th** - Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.
- Apr. 8th** - When a man begins to amass wealth, it is a question whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man.
- Apr. 9th** - Blessed are the hard-of-hearing for they miss much small talk.
- Apr. 10th** - The only true beauty found in us is that beauty which comes by letting Jesus live His life through us.
- Apr. 11th** - He who merits praise he never receives is better off than He who receives praise he never merits.
- Apr. 12th** - We will praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that is to come.
- Apr. 13th** - Friendship is a commitment. A trust that consists of not letting a person down when they need you. It is rare and should be treasured.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

April 7 – All present were overwhelmed with tears when the Right Reverend Bishop Baraga fell to his knees and for a quarter of an hour, visibly moved, praised God at the baptismal font for the sanctifying grace received here and shed tears while enraptured in God.

St. Thomas Breakfast

1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba

April 7th, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,

Ages 5 and under are FREE!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

Friday

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15,17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Good Shepherd Collection

The Diocese of Marquette is blessed with many senior (retired) priests (those who are no longer assigned to a parish). These men make present Christ, the Good Shepherd, and continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are grateful.

As is the case with many pension plans in today's world, our priests' retirement program is not fully funded. On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 20-21, our Diocese will take up a special collection to support our priests' retirement and help remedy the shortfall in the St. Joseph Association. I hope you will consider using the envelope provided in your packets to support this important collection. Parishioners can also donate to the St. Joseph Association online by visiting osvhub.com/diocesefmarquette/giving/funds/st-joseph-association.

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**THE WILD WEST IS COMING!
SPRING FLING 2024
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**

4:30 DOORS OPEN/REGISTRATION

SILENT AUCTION/BUCKET RAFFLE/GAMES/50/50

6:00 WESTERN STYLE DINNER

8:00 CRUSADER CASH RAFFLE WINNERS DRAWN

9:00 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE JAM BAND