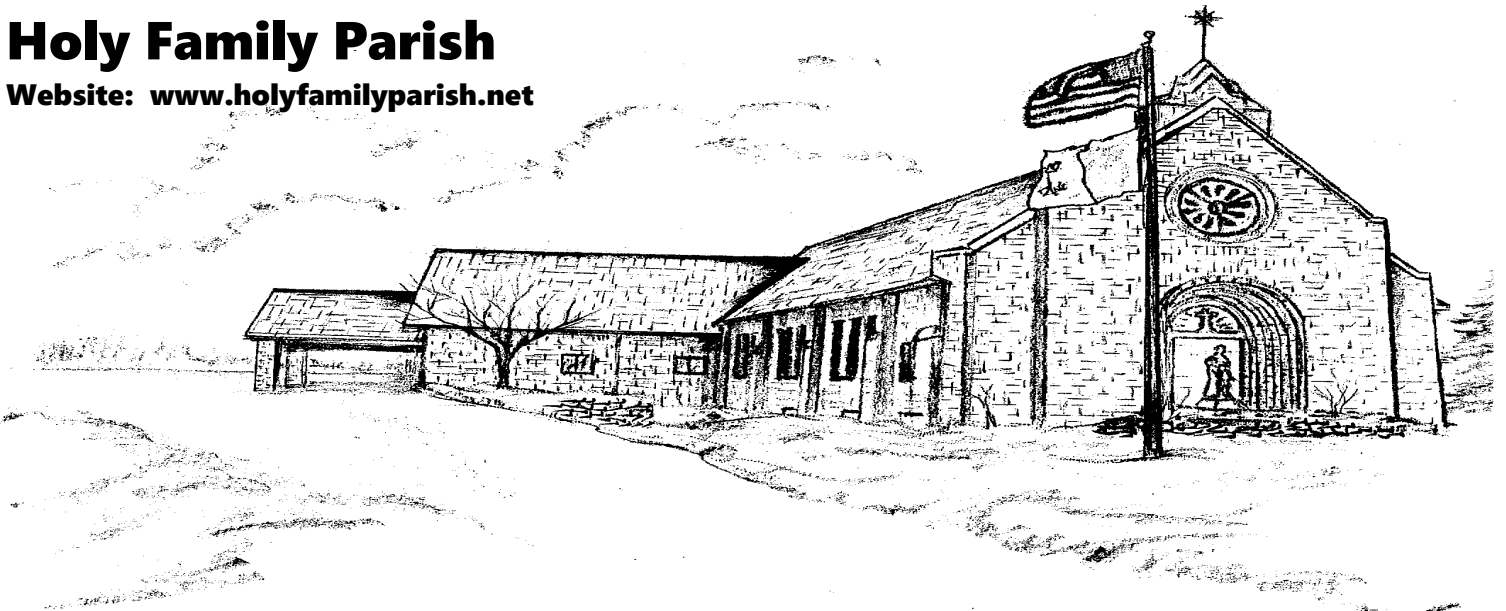


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Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12, 2026

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

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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*

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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

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

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 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.....

*Fr. Jose, Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Shelly Polaczyk
Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret, Benny Herioux
Christina Theoret Zion, Brenda Chouinard, Frank Chenier
Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr.
Pete Way, Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit*

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 ENTRY OF THE KING (Luke 19:28-40)

From Jerusalem to Jericho was only seventeen miles, and now Jesus had almost reached his goal. Jerusalem, journey's end, lay just ahead. The prophets had a regular custom of which they made use again and again. When words were of no effect, when people refused to take in and understand the spoken message, they resorted to some dramatic action which put their message into a picture which none could fail to see. We get examples of such dramatic actions in 1 Kings 11:29-31; Jeremiah 13:1-11; Jeremiah 27:1-11; Ezekiel 4:1-3; Ezekiel 5:1-4. It was just such a dramatic action which Jesus planned now. He proposed to ride into Jerusalem in a way that would be an unmistakable claim to be the Messiah, God's Anointed King. We have to note certain things about this entry into Jerusalem.

(i) It was carefully planned. It was no sudden, impulsive action. Jesus did not leave things until the last moment. He had his arrangement with the owners of the colt. The Lord needs it was a password chosen long ago.

(ii) It was an act of glorious defiance and of superlative courage. By this time there was a price on Jesus' head. (John 11:57.) It would have been natural that, if he must go into Jerusalem at all, he should have slipped in unseen and hidden away in some secret place in the back streets. But he entered in such a way as to focus the whole lime-light upon himself and to occupy the center of the stage. It is a breath-taking thing to think of a man with a price upon his head, an outlaw, deliberately riding into a city in such a way that every eye was fixed upon him. It is impossible to exaggerate the sheer courage of Jesus.

(iii) It was a deliberate claim to be king, a deliberate fulfilling of the picture in Zechariah 9:9. But even in this Jesus underlined the kind of kingship which he claimed. The ass in Palestine was not the lowly beast that it is today; but it was noble. Only in war did kings ride upon a horse; when they came in peace they came upon an ass. So Jesus by this action came as a king of love and peace, and not as

the conquering military hero whom the mob expected and awaited.

(iv) It was one last appeal. In this action Jesus came, as it were, with pleading hands outstretched, saying, "Even now, will you not take me as your king?" Before the hatred of men engulfed him, once again he confronted them with love's invitation.

THE PITY AND THE ANGER OF JESUS (Luke 19:41-48)

In this passage there are three separate incidents. (i) There is Jesus' lament over Jerusalem. From the descent of the Mount of Olives there is a magnificent view of Jerusalem with the whole city fully displayed. As Jesus came to a turn in the road he stopped and wept over Jerusalem. He knew what was going to happen to the city, which would be destroyed in AD 70 by the Romans in retaliation against the upheaval of the Jews. The tragedy was that if only they had abandoned their dreams of political power and taken the way of Christ it need never have happened.

The tears of Jesus are the tears of God when he sees the needless pain and suffering in which men involve themselves through foolish rebelling against his will.

(ii) There is the cleansing of the Temple. Luke's account is very summary; Matthew's is a little fuller (Matthew 21:12-13). Why did Jesus, who was the very incarnation of love, act with such violence to the money changers and the sellers of animals in the Temple courts?

First, let us look at the money changers. Every male Jew had to pay a Temple tax every year of half a shekel. A month before the Passover, booths were set up in all the towns and villages and it could be paid there; but by far the greater part was actually paid by the pilgrims in Jerusalem when they came to the Passover Feast. In Palestine all kinds of currencies were in circulation, and, for ordinary purposes, they were all--Greek, Roman Tyrian, Syrian, and Egyptian--equally valid. But this tax had to be paid either in exact half shekel of the sanctuary or in ordinary Galilean shekels. That is where the money changers come in action.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 13 th	8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Tues.	April 14 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Paula & Jennifer Chenier
Wed.	April 15 th	8:00 A.M. - 12:00 PM -	Mass – For all souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish office closed
Thurs.	April 16 th	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Cecilia Terrien Smear League
Fri.	April 17 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Ken Neuens Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 18 th	3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Mary Kowalski
Sun.	April 19 th		<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Rosella Flagstadt

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

85 envelopes returned for April 5, 2026

Adults.....	\$5,457.00
Loose.....	500.01
General Maintenance.....	195.00
Fuel.....	<u>369.00</u>
Total.....	\$6,521.01

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Over.....	\$1,926.78

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	145.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	595.00
Mass Stipends.....	160.00
Priest Retirement Diocesan Collection...	20.00

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).

Please make note that again this year we will be joining All Saints Church in Gladstone for Divine Mercy Sunday this 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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS....If you have a child that will be graduating this year, please contact the parish office at 786-1209. According to past records we have only ONE. Our Mass for our Seniors will be Sunday, May 16th, and we don't want to miss any students. Thank you.

A HUGE thank you for everyone who helped in any way for our Holy Week Services.

Mark your calendars..... There will be a farewell/retirement party for Fr. Sebastian on Sunday, June 21st. More information will be forth coming.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Apr. 14th - If we could merit our own salvation, Christ would never have died to provide it.

Apr. 15th - A fellow can't be blamed for his start in life - it's the finish he's responsible for.

Apr. 16th - Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is bestowed, it always brings in big returns.

Apr. 17th - Jesus came to save the LOST the LAST the LEAST.

Apr. 18th - It is a greater thing to obey the Word of the Lord than to preach it.

St. Vincent de Paul 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.

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.

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. You can also make a donation online at osvhub.com/diocesefmarquette/giving/funds. We thank you in advance for your generous support of the retired priests of the Diocese of Marquette!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

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 2:14,22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Thank you!



Thank you for your generosity in the *Change for Life* fundraiser for Pregnancy Services of Delta County. Holy Family Parish raised a total of **\$7,039.19!** 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 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*



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Spring Fling
Voooper Faith & Family
Saturday, April 18th
is less than a week away!
To purchase tickets, go to:
www.holynamecrusaders.com
See you there!