

Holy Family Parish

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 13, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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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

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

THE DEFIANCE OF JESUS ([Luke 6:6-11](#)): In 6:1-5 we have seen how Jesus' disciples broke the Sabbath law by picking up the grains. By this time the opposition to Jesus was quite open. Another day he was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath day and the scribes and Pharisees were there with the set purpose of watching him so that, if he healed, they could charge him with breaking the Sabbath. There is this interesting touch. If we compare the story in [Matthew 12:10-13](#) and [Mark 3:1-6](#) with Luke's version, we find that only Luke tells us that it was the man's right hand which was withered. There speaks the doctor, interested in the details of the case.

In this incident Jesus openly broke the law. To heal was to work and work was prohibited on the Sabbath day. True, if there was any danger to life, steps might be taken to help a sufferer. For instance, it was always legal to treat diseases of the eye or throat. But this man was in no danger of his life; he might have waited until the next day without peril. But Jesus laid down the great principle that, whatever the rules and regulations may say, it is always right to do a good thing on the Sabbath day. He asked the piercing questions, **"Is it legal to save life or to destroy it on the Sabbath?"** That must have struck home, for a while he was seeking to help the life of the man; they were doing all they could to destroy him. It was he who was seeking to save and they who were seeking to destroy.

In this story there are three characters.

(i) There is the man with the withered hand. We can tell two things about him.

(a) One of the apocryphal gospels, that is, one which never gained admission into the New Testament, tells us that he was a stone mason and he came to Jesus, begging his help and saying, "I was a stone mason earning my living with my hand; I beseech you, Jesus, give me back my health that I may not have to beg my bread with shame." He was a man who wanted to work. God always looks with approval on the man who wants to do an honest day's work.

(b) He was a man who was prepared to attempt the impossible. He did not argue when Jesus told him to stretch out his useless hand; he tried and, in the strength Jesus gave him, he succeeded. Impossible is a word which should be banished from the vocabulary of the Christian. As a famous scientist said, "The difference between the difficult and the impossible is only that the impossible takes a little longer to do."

(ii) There is Jesus. There is in this story a glorious atmosphere of defiance. Jesus knew that he was being watched but without hesitation he healed. He bade the man stand out in the midst. This thing was not going to be done in a corner.

(iii) There are the Pharisees. Here were men who took the quite extraordinary course of hating a man who had just cured a sufferer. They are the outstanding example of men who loved their rules and regulations more than they loved God. We see this happen in churches over and over again. Disputes are not about the great matters of the faith but about matters of church government and the like. Leighton once said, "The mode of church government is unconstrained; but peace and concord, kindness and goodwill are indispensable." There is an ever present danger of setting loyalty to a system above loyalty to God.

(We will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 14 th	8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. -	Mass – For all of our Special Intentions Cleaning the church for Easter St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	April 15 th	8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. -	Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger Stations of the Cross
Wed.	April 16 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Ken Beauchamp Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 17 th	<i>Holy Thursday</i> 7:00 P.M. -	Mass - Phil Dubord <i>Adoration immediately following Mass until 10:00 PM</i>
Fri.	April 18 th	<i>Good Friday</i> 3:00 P.M. - -----	Good Friday Services Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 19 th	<i>Holy Saturday</i> 9:00 P.M. -	Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	April 20 th	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 AM -	Mass – John Culliton Mass – Carl VanDrese (25 th Anniv.)



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

78 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 6th

Adults.....	\$4,107.00
Loose.....	398.00
General Maintenance.....	320.00
Fuel.....	<u>395.00</u>
Total.....	\$5,220.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Over..... \$ 710.39

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	100.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	605.00
Easter Flowers.....	200.00

Area Penance Services

All Saints, Monday, April 14th at 7:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..... We will be holding our annual bake sale on April 26th & 27th. We will have our famous cinnamon rolls, rye bread and much much more. If anyone would like to bake something, please bring it packaged and priced on Saturday, April 26th.

***Mark Your calendars! Church Cleaning
BEE Monday – April 14th at 8:45 AM
Please bring your buckets and if you have a
vacuum cleaner.***

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Apr. 19th** - God sends trials not to impair us, but to improve us.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

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 carry their cross of suffering and pain.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday
Ex 12:1-8,11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday
Is 52:13—53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday
Gn 1:1 2 2:2 or 1:1,26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or 11:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
Ex 14:15 – 15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4
Ez 36:16-17a,18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Mt 28:1-10

Sunday
Acts 10:34a,37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or 41 Lk 24:13-35

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 7th at 6:00 pm. All women are welcome. For more information, contact Maddi at (906) 280-6994.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025



Holy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 P.M.

Lector: Rosemary Beauchamp

Following the Mass of the Lord's supper, we will have ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT until 10:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 18th at 3:00 P.M.

Lector: Karen Berbohm



Rules of Fast and Abstinence for Good Friday: On Good Friday, everyone 14 and older must abstain from consuming meat, and everyone from the age of 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to a medical reason.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Novena to The Divine Mercy will start on Good Friday thru Saturday, April 26th. 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, Confessions, and the distribution of Holy Communion. Mark your calendars to join us!

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19th at 9:00 PM

Lectors: Diane Danhoff & Karen Berbohm

Easter Sunday, April 20th

8:00 AM Mass Lector: Beverly Plimpton

10:00 AM Mass Lector: Rosemary Beauchamp

Please pray for the following catechumens who will be receiving the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025.

Sacrament of Baptism: Wendell LaPalm, Jr., Noah & Zoey Boucher

Sacrament of Confirmation: Wendell LaPalm, Jr., Sarah & Noah Boucher

ATTENTION PARENTS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS

If you have a child in the 11th or 12 grade, please call the parish office. A letter will be going out soon about our graduation mass that will be Sunday, May 18, 2025 and we do not want to miss anyone. Thank you.

MUSEUM AND CENTER HOURS

The Baraga Educational Center and Museum (615 S. Fourth Street, Marquette, MI) is now open Monday-Friday noon to 5 p.m. for tours. Evening and weekend times are available by appointment.

NOMINATE A CATHOLIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Developed in the spirit of Legacy of Faith to preserve and foster the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula, the Catholic Service Award annually recognizes lifetime dedication and service to the Church. Learn more about the prestigious award and nominate someone that you feel deserves this honor and recognition at upcatholicfoundation.org/catholic-service-awards. Nominations due annually by May 1.

