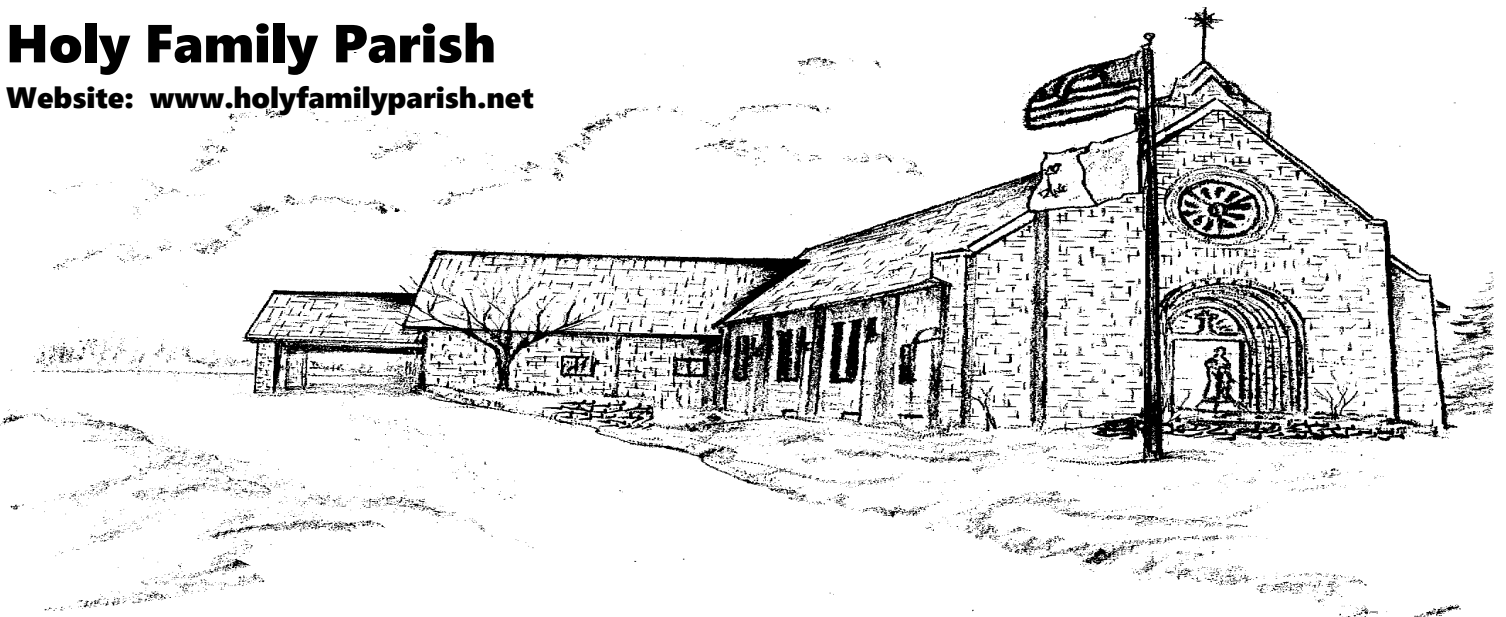


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Sacrament of Marriage

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

Presentation of Gifts (Cont.): After offering the bread and wine the priest washes his hands in gesture that signals a dramatic event is about to take place. I remember, in my younger age some good Christians explained this as re-enacting the act of Pilate who washed his hands before he condemned Jesus to death. Perhaps they believed so, for the very reason that the Mass is the re-enactment of the Sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. But this has nothing to do with Pilate's washing of hands. This practice actually recalls the rites for the priests of the Old Testament. Before entering the sanctuary to offer sacrifice, the priests and Levites had to undergo ritual of washings before they could perform their duties in the sanctuary (Ex.29:4). The priests needed to wash their hands and feet before entering the sanctuary or drawing near to the altar for incense. Keeping in mind this Biblical background, the washing of hands in the Mass indicates that he, like the Levitical priests of the Old, the priest at Mass is about to stand in a most holy place. This is the place where God is about to come down to His people. Finally, keeping in mind, his unworthiness, the priest begs for the prayers of the congregation before he begins the Eucharistic Prayer. In the new translation the use of two phrases to be noticed: **'my sacrifice' and 'yours'** The use of my sacrifice points out to Christ's sacrifice which will be made present through the ordained minister who acts in the person of Christ.

The Preface: In the popular language Preface is an introduction to a book or other literary work written by the work's author. An introductory essay written by a different person is a *'foreword'* and precedes an author's preface. The preface often closes with acknowledgments of those who assisted in the literary work. In the liturgical use the term preface is applied to that **portion of the Eucharistic Prayer that immediately precedes the Canon or central portion of the Eucharist** (Mass or Divine Liturgy). **As you notice, it is a prayer of Thanksgiving prayed by the priest.**

After the presentation of the Gifts and the offertory prayer, the priest opens a three parts dialogue that has been recited in the Church since the third century.

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your Spirit. Priest: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right and just.

In the last liturgical exchange the priest says, **"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."** As we have already seen in the Gloria and in the response to the Scripture readings, we hear the word **'thanks.'** Thanksgiving is a common Biblical response to God's goodness and to his saving works in our lives. The priest directing us to give thanks to the Lord echoes the similar exhortation found in the Psalms: *"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good"* (Ps 136: 1-3). In the Jewish tradition thanksgiving is one thing we can actually offer to the Creator. There is a lot to be thankful for at this point of the Mass, especially we have to be thankful for the miracle about to take place in our midst, as the bread and wine on the altar will be changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

After inviting to give thanks to the Lord, the priest now talks to God in a prayer of thanksgiving. The opening line is addressed to the Father and expresses what we have seen throughout Scripture: the duty of Lord's people to thank God. Normally the Preface prayer begins, **"It is truly right and just our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give your thanks, Father most holy..."** But the priest does not say this prayer for himself. He offers it on behalf of the people who just expressed their desire to join the priest in thanksgiving to God when they said, *"It is right and just"* to give God thanks and praise. The preface prayer follows the pattern of thanksgiving in the Psalms in the Old Testament. Thanksgiving in general was offered for the gift of God's creation (Ps 136:4-9), for his provision in their lives (Ps 67:6-7), for his wondrous deeds (Ps 75:1) and for his saving acts (Ps 35:18).

(Will be continued).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

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|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Mon. | April 15 th | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – For all of our special intentions |
| Tues. | April 16 th | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – Pat Beauchamp |
| Wed. | April 17 th | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – Roger Ives Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help |
| | | 6:30 P.M. - | CCD classes for grades 1-7 |
| Thurs. | April 18 th | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – For all who will or have received a prayer shawl |
| | | ----- | Parish Office closed |
| | | 6:00 P.M. - | Holy Family Men’s Smear League Banquet |
| Fri. | April 19 th | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – Mary Ellen Bowden |
| | | 11:00 AM - | Funeral Mass for Doris Begalle with luncheon to follow |
| | | ----- | Parish Office closed |
| Sat. | April 20 th | 3:00 P.M. - | Confessions heard until 3:45 PM |
| | | 4:00 P.M. - | Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe |
| | | ----- | Bake sale after Mass |
| Sun. | April 21 st | <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | |
| | | 8:00 A.M. - | Mass – For the people of our parish |
| | | 10:00 AM - | Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger |
| | | ----- | Bake sale after both of the Masses |

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

89 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 7th

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| Adult Offering..... | \$3,620.00 |
| Loose..... | 129.25 |
| General Maintenance..... | 215.00 |
| Fuel..... | 290.00 |
| Total..... | \$4,254.25 |

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42

Shortage..... \$135.17

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| St. Vincent DePaul Society..... | 70.00 |
| Priest Retirement Collection..... | 20.00 |
| Mass Stipends..... | 240.00 |

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

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.

Great appreciation and thanks!

Very sincerely I appreciate and thank all those of our Family Members who took trouble and effort to send me the Easter Greetings and gifts, which are the clear reflection of your love and thoughtfulness.

**God Bless you!
Fr. Sebastian**

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Apr. 20th** - I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when not feeling it. I believe in God even when He is silent.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

April 14 – "As soon as my parishioners perform their Easter Devotions, I set out to announce the word of God to others of those children of nature who have never heard it from the mouth of a Catholic priest."
Frederic Baraga 1832



BAKE SALE

Next Weekend the Ladies of the Parish will be holding a **BAKE SALE** before/after all the Masses. The proceeds will help buy articles for the Altar. If you would like to bake something please bring to church on Saturday or Sunday before the Masses.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Friday

Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

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.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree presents the prolife Silver Rose to defend and support life in every stage and condition. Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program. We will pray the rosary at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Presentation of the Silver Rose and rosary will start after the 5:30 evening Mass.