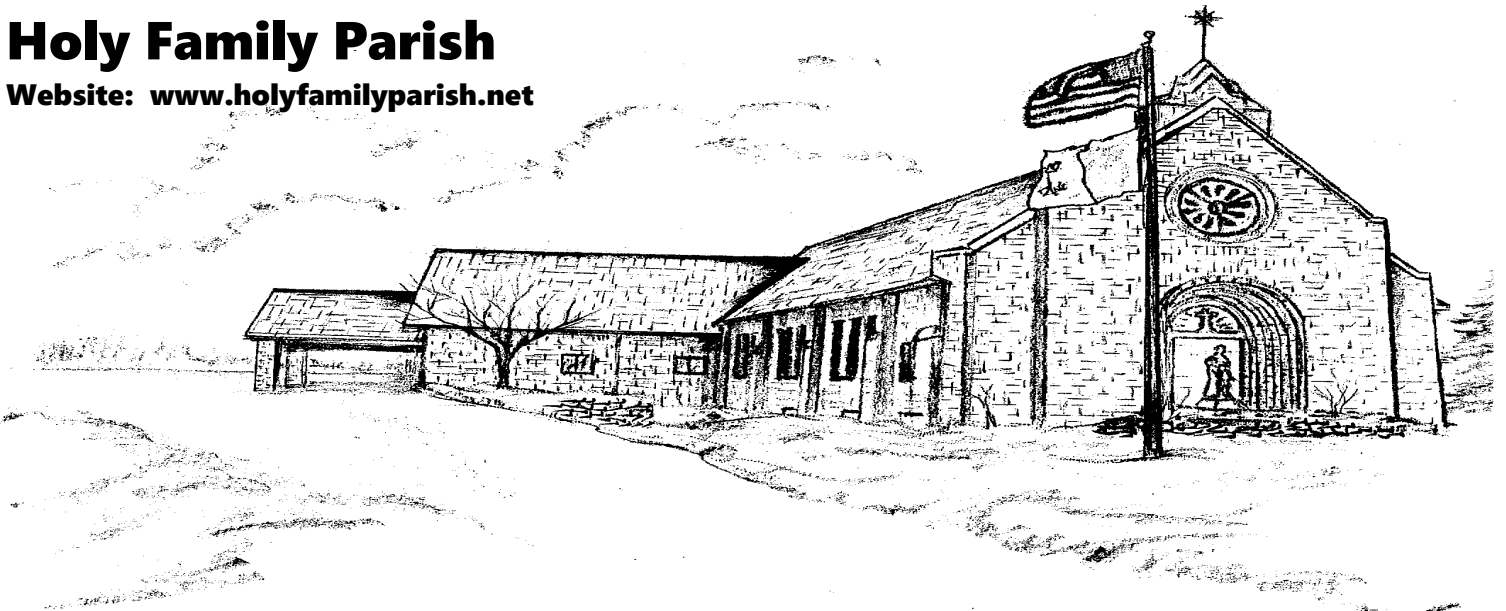


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Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026

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

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Bulletin articles should be submitted

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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

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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
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

Luke 19: 28-40 (Cont.): In our last week episode we have been talking about the cleansing of the Temple by Jesus. There we saw the role of the money changers. Also there was the selling of animals and birds for the sacrifice. Let us look at the sellers of animals. Almost every visit to the Temple involved its sacrifice. Victims could be bought outside at very reasonable prices; but the Temple authorities had appointed inspectors, for a victim must be without spot or blemish. It was, therefore, far safer to buy victims from the booths officially set up in the Temple. But the price charged would be even 10 times more than what was charged by outside booths. Again it was a deliberately planned victimization of the poor pilgrims, nothing more or less than legalized robbery. Worse, these Temple shops were known as the Booths of Annas and were the property of the family of the High Priest. That is why Jesus was brought first before Annas when he was arrested ([John 18:13](#)). Annas was delighted to gloat over this man who had struck such a blow at his evil monopoly. Jesus cleansed the Temple with such violence because its traffic was being used to exploit helpless men and women. It was not simply that the buying and selling interfered with the dignity and solemnity of worship; it was that the very worship of the house of God was being used to exploit the worshippers. It was the passion for social justice which burned in Jesus' heart when he took this drastic step.

(iii) There is something almost incredibly audacious in the action of Jesus in teaching in the Temple courts when there was a price on his head. This was sheer defiance. At the moment the authorities could not arrest him, for the people hung upon his every word. But every time he spoke he took his life in his hands and he knew well that it was only a matter of time until the end should come. The courage of the Christian should match the courage of his Lord. He left us an example that we should never be ashamed to show whose we are and whom we serve.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY? (Luke 20:1-8)

This chapter describes what is usually called the Day of Questions. It was a day when the Jewish authorities, in all their different sections, came to Jesus with question after question designed to trap him, and when, in his wisdom, he answered them in such a way as routed them and left them speechless.

The first question was put by the chief priests, the scribes and the elders. The chief priests were a body of men composed of ex-High Priests and of members of the families from which the High Priests were drawn. The phrase describes the religious aristocracy of the Temple. The three sets of men--chief priests, scribes and elders--were the component parts of the Sanhedrin, the supreme council and governing body of the Jews; and we may well take it that this was a question concocted by the Sanhedrin with a view to formulating a charge against Jesus.

No wonder they asked him by what authority he did these things! To ride into Jerusalem as he did and then to take the law into his own hands and cleanse the Temple, required some explanation. To the orthodox Jews of the day, Jesus' calm assumption of authority was an amazing thing. No Rabbi ever delivered a judgment or made a statement without giving his authorities. He would say, "There is a teaching that . . ." Or he would say, "This was confirmed by Rabbi So and So when he said . . ." But none would have claimed the utterly independent authority with which Jesus moved among men. What they wanted was that Jesus should say bluntly and directly that he was the Messiah and the Son of God. Then they would have a ready-made charge of blasphemy and could arrest him on the spot. But he would not give that answer, for his hour was not yet come.

The reply of Jesus is sometimes described as a clever debating answer, used simply to score a point. But it is far more than that. He asked them to answer the question, "Was the authority of John the Baptist human or divine?" The point is that their answer to Jesus' question would answer their own question. Everyone knew how John had regarded Jesus and how he had considered himself only the fore-runner of the one who was the Messiah. If they agreed that John's authority was divine then they had also to agree that Jesus was the Messiah, because John had said so. If they denied it, the people would rise, against them. Jesus' answer in fact asks the question, "Tell me--where do you yourself think I got my authority?" He did not need to answer their question if they answered his.

To face the truth may confront a man with a sore and difficult situation; but to refuse to face it confronts him with a tangle out of which there is no escape. The emissaries of the Pharisees refused to face the truth, and they had to withdraw frustrated and discredited with the crowd.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 20 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	April 21 st	<i>Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Donald Theoret
Wed.	April 22 nd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the intentions of Sirena Nieman Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 23 rd	<i>Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gilbert VanDrese 6:00 P.M. - Smear Banquet ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	April 24 th	<i>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Martinson ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 25 th	<i>Saint Mark, Evangelist</i>	3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
Sun.	April 26 th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joy Berbohm (23 rd Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

67 envelopes returned for April 12, 2026

Adults.....	\$3,654.00
Loose.....	179.00
General Maintenance.....	75.00
Fuel.....	<u>65.00</u>
Total.....	\$3,973.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23
Short..... \$ 621.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	40.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	175.00
Priest Retirement Diocesan Collection...	25.00

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

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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

This year we are doing something a little different for Mother's & Father's Day Breakfast. Instead of holding two separate breakfast we will have one breakfast to honor both mothers and fathers on Sunday May 10th after the 8:00 AM Mass. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the back of church. We would like to have a head count! Thank you.

Fr. Tyler Rivard's First Mass
Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026
Time: 4:30 pm
Place: All Saints Catholic Church

Please join Fr. Tyler Rivard and his family in the celebration of his first Mass, with dinner to follow. We would love to have you be a part of the celebration!

Please RSVP by entering your name and number of guests on the sign up sheet in the church gathering area. Or follow the QR Code to "Join the Guest List" online



SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Apr. 21st - We may find God's priorities difficult - but they are true wisdom.

Apr. 22nd - Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not to envy, to follow but not to imitate, to praise but not to flatter, and to lead but not manipulate.

Apr. 23rd - Truth doesn't hurt unless it ought to.

Apr. 24th - If Christ is the way, why waste time traveling some other way.

Apr. 25th - Don't feel bad about growing old. Some people never get the chance.

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.

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.

Marquette Diocesan Priest Retirement

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.

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
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

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.

Holy Name High School is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser/social to support the next pilgrimage to Rome, offering a full meal and an opportunity to hear from past pilgrims about this wonderful opportunity.

Date: Friday, April 24th, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: Holy Name Multi Room
Cost: \$12.00 Adults, or \$9.00 for children 8 and under
Menu: Chicken Alfredo or Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, garlic bread, salad, drink and dessert

Join us at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish for
The Best Breakfast in Town!
Sunday, April 26th from 9:00 am—12:30 pm

Serving

- Pancakes
- Scrambled eggs
- Toast
- Sausage
- Corned beef hash
- Cheesy potatoes
- Cinnamon rolls
- Juice & coffee

13 yrs to adult \$12 Children 6-12 \$7
Children under 6 FREE. Family Rate \$35
To qualify for the Family Rate, all individuals must reside
in the same household—parents or guardians & children.

This will be our last breakfast until next fall. We hope to see you all there!