

Holy Family Parish

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Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025

Pastor

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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

E-mail Address: secretary@holyfamilyparish.net

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
Wanda Chenier – Secretary	Harold Flagstadt
Kevin Dubord	Tina Cryderman
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.....

**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

JESUS CHOOSES HIS MEN: 6:12-19: Here we see Jesus choosing his men. It is interesting and salutary to see why he chose them, because it is for the same reasons that he still wants and needs men.

(i) [Mark 3:14](#) tells us that he chose them that they might be with him. That means two things.

(a) He chose them to be his friends. It is amazing that Jesus needed human friendship. It is of the very essence of the Christian faith that we can say in all reverence and humility that God cannot be happy without men. Just because God is Father there is a blank in his heart until the last man comes home.

(b) Jesus knew that the end was coming. Had he lived in a later age he might have written a book which would have carried his teaching all over the world. But, living when he did, Jesus chose these men that he might write his message upon them. They were to be his living books. They were to accompany with him that they might someday take his message to all men.

(ii) Jesus chose them from his disciples. The word disciple means a learner. They were to be those who were always learning more and more about him. A Christian is a man whose whole life is spent learning about that Lord whom he will someday meet face to face and will then know even as he is known.

(iii) Jesus chose them to be his apostles. The Greek word apostolos means someone who is sent out. It can be used for an envoy or an ambassador. They were to be his ambassadors to men. The ambassador is the man who in a foreign land represents his country. He is supremely the sample of his country. The Christian is ever sent to be an ambassador for Christ, not only by his words but by his life and deeds.

About the Twelve themselves we may note two things.

- (i) They were very ordinary men. There was not a wealthy, nor a famous, nor an influential man

amongst them; they had no special education; they were men of the common folk. It is as if Jesus said, "Give me twelve ordinary men and I will change the world." The work of Jesus is not in the hands of men whom the world calls great, but in the hands of ordinary people like us.

(ii) They were a strange mixture. To take but two of them--Matthew was a tax-collector, and, therefore, a traitor and a renegade. Simon was a Zealot, and the Zealots were fanatical nationalists, who were sworn to assassinate every traitor and every Roman they could. It is one of the miracles of the power of Christ that Matthew the tax-collector and Simon the Zealot could live at peace in the close company of the apostolic band. When men are really Christian the most diverse and divergent types can live at peace together. It was said of Gilbert Chesterton and his brother Cecil, "They always argued, they never quarreled." It is only in Christ that we can solve the problem of living together; because even the most opposite people may be united in their love for him. If we really love him, we will also love each other.

THE END OF THE WORLD'S VALUES ([Luke 6:20-26](#)): Luke's Sermon on the Plain and Matthew's Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5:1-48](#); [Matthew 6:1-34](#); [Matthew 7:1-29](#)) closely correspond. Both start with a series of beatitudes. There are differences between the versions of Matthew and Luke, but this one thing is clear--they are a series of bombshells. It may well be that we have read them so often that we have forgotten how revolutionary they are. They are quite unlike the laws which a philosopher or a typical wise man might lay down. Each one is a challenge. They take the accepted standards and turn them upside down. The people whom Jesus called happy the world would call wretched; and the people Jesus called wretched the world would call happy. Just imagine anyone saying, "Happy are the poor, and, Woe to the rich!" To talk like that is to put an end to the world's values altogether.

(We will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 21 st	8:00 A.M. -	NO Mass
Tues.	April 22 nd	8:00 A.M. -	NO Mass
Wed.	April 23 rd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Earl Guenette Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 24 th	8:00 A.M. - ----- 6:00 P.M. -	Mass - In celebration of Sirena Nieman's Birthday Parish Office closed Holy Family Men's Smear League Banquet
Fri.	April 25 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Duane & Joy (22 nd Anniv.) Berbohm Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 26 th	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	April 27 th	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Ron & Mary Ann Bruce	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

82 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 13th

Adults.....	\$4,960.00
Loose.....	173.29
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	25.00
Total.....	\$5,158.29

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Over..... \$ 648.68

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	130.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	325.00
Easter Flowers.....	165.00
Reimbursement from Altar Society.....	846.10

A huge thank you to all who contributed to our Lenten Soup Suppers in any way! It is greatly appreciated!

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.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2025 SENIORS!

If you have a child graduating this year, please call the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Easter Blessings!!
From Fr. Sebastian and Staff

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Apr. 26th - Believing Christ died, that's history. Believing Christ died for you, that's salvation.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This year the Silver Rose Prayer Service will be held at All Saints Church in Gladstone on April 21st. The service will be held after the 8:30 am mass. Please attend if you are able.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 2:14,22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Friday

Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Acts 5:12-16
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19
Jn 20:19-31

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.

St. Thomas Pasty Sale May 7th & 8th 3:00 - 5:00 PM

**1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba
\$6.50 each, plain or with rutabaga
Pre-orders aren't necessary.**

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Novena to The Divine Mercy started 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!