

Holy Family Parish

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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

Liturgy of the Eucharist; The Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: This prayer helps us to see with the eyes of the angels what is really happening in the Eucharistic Liturgy. Right away, the opening words, “*Holy, holy, holy Lord...*” take us spiritually up to heaven. They come from Isaiah 6:3, a passage in which the prophet receives a vision of the heavenly King in the divine throne adorned in majesty magnificently displayed and his angelic court adoring him. Isaiah hears the angels singing: “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory*” (Is 6:3). In the New Testament, St. John had a similar experience. He was caught up in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day (Revelation 1:10) and had an ecstatic vision of the heavenly liturgy. Like Isaiah, John sees the six-winged angelic creatures before the throne of God who sing a similar hymn of praise: “**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is and is to come (Rev. 4:8).**”

With this background in mind, we can understand more clearly what it means for us to say at Mass: “**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.**” We are joining our voices with the angels and saints in heaven in their jubilant hymn of praise. In the Eucharistic Liturgy we become like Isaiah and John, caught up in the heavenly liturgy. In the second half of this prayer, we repeat words which the crowds used to greet Jesus as he processed into Jerusalem: “**Hosanna and blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**” Both expressions are originally in Ps 118, a pilgrimage hymn recited on the way to the Temple for major feasts. This Hebrew word “*Hosanna*” means *save us* which becomes an expression of praise in the liturgical worship. It is fitting that we repeat these words at this moment in the Liturgy. Just as the crowds in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus into the holy city with these words from Ps 118, we welcome Jesus into our churches, for he is about to become present in the Eucharist on our altars.

The Words of Consecration

After singing the Holy, holy..the priest begins the most important part in the Eucharistic prayer. Before he begins the Words of Consecration the priest invokes the help of the Holy Spirit to make holy the gifts at the altar. Then takes the bread and says: “**He (Jesus) took bread and, giving thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this all of you, and eat it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.** Then he takes the chalice and says: “**He took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.**”

In order to understand the full meaning of these sacred words, it is important to hear them against the background and of the Passover Feast. The Institution of the Eucharist took place in the context of the Jewish Passover celebration, for which Jesus and his disciples gathered in the upper room. The Jewish Passover celebration was not simply an annual day celebration of the liberation of the Israel from the Egyptian bondage. For the Israelites this was a liturgical ‘memorial.’ A memorial is different from a modern holiday celebration, like the Independence Day or Thanksgiving Day. In Biblical context the ‘memorial’ is not just the recalling of the past rather it is the re-living of the past event. The past event is mystically made present once again in the present day. That is why later when the Jewish Rabbis wrote about the Passover they said that when a Jew celebrates the feast, it is as if he himself is walking out of Egypt with his ancestors from the Exodus generation. Every time when we hear the words of Consecration at the Mass, we are not simply recalling what Jesus did more than 2000 years ago; rather we are making the great event of the Eucharist present once again in our present time. Here we are celebrating the memorial of the great event. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: “*In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real.*”

(Will be continued)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 22 nd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	April 23 rd		<i>Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – In celebration of Sirena Niemi
		6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	April 24 th		<i>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – All Souls in Purgatory
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
		6:30 P.M. -	CCD classes for grades 1-7
Thurs.	April 25 th		<i>Saint Mark, Evangelist</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Carol LaFave
Fri.	April 26 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the healing of Brenda Chouinard
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	April 27 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Ken Kelloniemi (1 st Anniv.)
Sun.	April 28 th		<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Tom Sylvester
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

74 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 14th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,955.00
Loose.....	127.00
General Maintenance.....	70.00
Fuel.....	<u>140.00</u>
Total.....	\$3,292.00

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

Shortage..... \$1,097.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	-0-
Priest Retirement Collection.....	240.00
Pentecost Flowers.....	280.00
Reimbursement.....	84.46
Donation.....	500.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	50.00

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.

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Apr. 27th - It's bad to have an empty purse, but an empty head is a whole lot worse.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families in providing food, and money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

April 21 - Baraga lived by his motto, "One this is necessary". This provides the key into his lifestyle of virtue and holiness, do everything for the love of God.

*Our Parish prayers and sympathies
are extended to the family of
Doris Begalle
May she rest in peace*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:1-10

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

Friday

Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Thursday

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

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 9:26-31
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Good Shepherd Collection

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Marquette are holding a Good Shepherd Sunday special collection to support our priests' retirement fund, called the St. Joseph Association. This collection directly benefits priests of the Diocese of Marquette and is separate from the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports retired clergy and sisters of religious orders across America.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support our own priests' retirement and return your envelope in today's collection or donate to the St. Joseph Association online by visiting osvhub.com/diocesefmarquette/giving/funds/st-joseph-association.

Brenda Chouinard's Meal Train Summary

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make meals for Brenda in the early days of her treatment, healing! We provided 11 meals for her during the first month of her recovery, and I know it was a big blessing to her. Please continue to keep Brenda in your prayers. Thanks again!

If you, or if you know of anyone within the parish, are in need of short term meal assistance postpartum or due to health related issues, please contact Heidi at 399-5461.