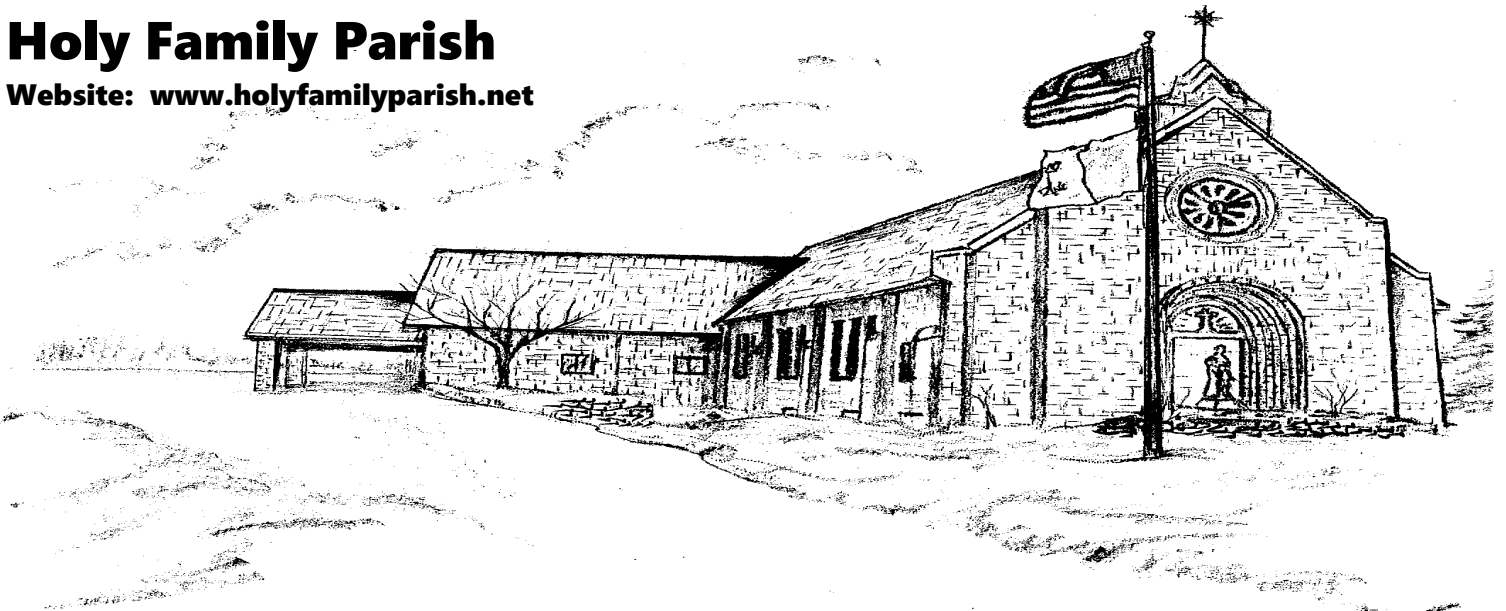


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Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026

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

Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

*Bulletin articles should be submitted
by Noon on Wednesdays*

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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

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

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

A PARABLE WHICH WAS A CONDEMNATION (Luke 20:9-18)

This is a parable whose meaning is crystal clear. The vineyard stands for the nation of Israel (compare Isaiah 5:1-7). The tenants are the rulers of Israel into whose hands the nation was entrusted. The messengers are the prophets who were disregarded, persecuted and killed. The son is Jesus himself. And the doom is that the place which Israel should have occupied is to be given to others.

The story itself is the kind of thing which could and did happen. Judaea in the time of Jesus was in the throes of economic trouble and labor unrest. There was many an absentee landlord who let out his lands in just such a way. The rent was seldom paid in money. It was either a fixed amount of produce, irrespective of the success or failure of the harvest, or it was a percentage of the crop, whatever it might be.

In its teaching this is one of the richest of the parables. It tells us certain things about man.

(i) It tells us of human privilege. The tenants did not make the vineyard. They entered into possession of it. The owner did not stand over them with a whip. He went away and left them to work in their own way.

(ii) It tells us of human sin. The sin of the tenants was that they refused to give the owner his due and wished to control what it was his sole right to control. ***Sin consists in the failure to give God his proper place and in usurping the power which should be his.***

(iii) **It tells of human responsibility.** For long enough the tenants were left to their own devices; but the day of reckoning came. Soon or late a man is called upon to give account for that which was committed to his charge.

The parable tells us certain things about God.

(i) It tells us of the patience of God. The owner did not strike at the first sign of rebellion on the part of the tenants. He gave them chance after chance to do the right thing. There is nothing as

wonderful as the patience of God. If any man had created the world he would have taken his hand, and, in exasperated despair, he would have wiped it out long ago.

(ii) **It tells us of the judgment of God.** The tenants thought they could presume on the patience of the master and get away with it. But God has not abdicated. However much a man may seem to get away with it, the day of reckoning comes. As the Romans put it, "Justice holds the scales with an even and a scrupulous balance and in the end she will prevail."

The parable tells us something about Jesus.

(i) It tells us that he knew what was coming. He did not come to Jerusalem hugging a dream that even yet he might escape the cross. Open eyed and unafraid, he went on.

(ii) **It tells us that he never doubted God's ultimate triumph.** Beyond the power of the wicked men there stood the undefeatable majesty of God. Wickedness may seem for a time to prevail, but it cannot in the end escape its punishment.

CAESAR AND GOD (Luke 20:19-26)

Here the emissaries of the Sanhedrin returned to the attack. They suborned men to go to Jesus and ask a question as if it was really troubling their consciences. The tribute to be paid to Caesar was a poll-tax of one denarius per year. Every man from 14 to 65 and every woman from 12 to 65 had to pay that simply for the privilege of existing. This tribute was a burning question in Palestine and had been the cause of more than one rebellion. It was not the merely financial question which was at stake. The tribute was not regarded as a heavy imposition and was in fact no real burden at all. The issue at stake was this--the fanatical Jews claimed that they had no king but God and held that it was wrong to pay tribute to anyone other than him. The question was a religious question, for which many were willing to die.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 27 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society
Tues.	April 28 th	<i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer
Wed.	April 29 th	<i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Brenda Moilanen Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	April 30 th	<i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Sister Barbara Berthiaume
Fri.	May 1 st	<i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention <i>6:30 P.M. - First Friday adoration until 7:30 PM</i> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 2 nd	<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> <i>8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – For Fr. Sebastians intentions</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	May 3 rd	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Jill Young (<i>1st Anniv.</i>) – <i>First Communion Mass</i>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

70 envelopes returned for April 19, 2026

Adults.....	\$4,029.00
Loose.....	208.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	<u>55.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,322.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense **\$4,594.23**
Short..... **\$ 272.23**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	-0-
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	190.00
Priest Retirement Diocesan Collection...	20.00
Flowers.....	175.00
The Word Among Us.....	20.00

Congratulations to Mason Hays who will make his First Communion at All Saints this Sunday, April 26th. We have one student, Vale Grabowski, who will be making her First Communion here at Holy Family next Sunday, May 3rd at the 10 AM Mass.

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



Through the waters of baptism we welcome into our parish family, ***Josie Wayne***, daughter of ***Allen & Brittany (Menard) Botwright***. Josie was baptized on Sunday, April 19th. Congratulations to the proud parents and god parents.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Apr. 28th - There are three answers to prayer: YES
NO WAIT A WHILE.

Apr. 29th - Character is like the foundation to a house....it is below the surface.

Apr. 30th - One of the troubles in the world today is the fact we have allowed the Golden Rule to become a bit tarnished.

May 1st - In His hand are the steep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.
Psalm 95:4

May 2nd - Many people treat their religion as a spare tire - they never use it except in an emergency.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

We are also looking for help. If you could please sign up at the back of church. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

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
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

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

Sunday
Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

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.

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

May 7th is National Day of Prayer. Come join us for prayer for our community and our Nation on Thursday, May 7th from 6 to 7 pm at Bay college, Joseph Herman University Center Room 952.

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!

