

Holy Family Parish

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Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27, 2025

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

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

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

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

Continuation of the Sermon on the Plain: Where then is the key to the Sermon? It comes in [Luke 6:24](#). There Jesus says, "Woe to you who are rich because you have all the comfort you are going to get." The word Jesus uses for have is the word used for receiving payment in full of an account. What Jesus is saying is this, "If you set your heart and bend your whole energies to obtain the things which the world values, you will get them--but that is all you will ever get." In the expressive modern phrase, literally, you have had it! But if on the other hand you set your heart and bend all your energies to be utterly loyal to God and true to Christ, you will run into all kinds of trouble, you may by the world's standards look unhappy, but much of your payment is still to come; and it will be joy eternal.

We are here face to face with an eternal choice which begins in childhood and never ends till life ends. Will you take the easy way which yields immediate pleasure and profit? Or, will you take the hard way which yields immediate toil and sometimes suffering? Will you seize on the pleasure and the profit of the moment? Or, are you willing to look ahead and sacrifice them for the greater good? Will you concentrate on the world's rewards? Or, will you concentrate on Christ? If you take the world's way, you must abandon the values of Christ. If you take Christ's way, you must abandon the values of the world. Jesus had no doubt which way in the end brought happiness. It is Jesus' teaching that the joy of heaven will amply compensate for the trouble of earth. Will you be happy in the world's way, or in Christ's way?

Sermon on the Plain (Cont.): THE GOLDEN RULE: Luke 6: 27- 49)

There is no commandment of Jesus which has caused so much discussion and debate as the commandment **to love our enemies**. Before we can obey it we must discover what it means. In Greek there are three words for to love. There is *eran* which describes *passionate love*, the love of a man for a maid. There is *philein* which describes our *love for our nearest and dearest*, the warm affection of the heart. Neither of these two words is used

here; the word used here is *agapan* which needs a whole paragraph to translate it.

Agapan describes an active feeling of benevolence towards the other person; it means that no matter what that person does to us we will never allow ourselves to desire anything but his highest good; and we will deliberately and of set purpose go out of our way to be good and kind to him. This is most suggestive. We cannot love our enemies as we love our nearest and dearest. To do so would be unnatural, impossible and even wrong. But we can see to it that, no matter what a man does to us, even if he insults, ill-treats and injures us, we will seek nothing but his highest good.

One thing emerges from this. The love we bear to our dear ones is something we cannot help. We speak of falling in love; it is something which happens to us. But this love towards our enemies is not only something of the heart; it is something of the will. It is something which by the grace of Christ we may will ourselves to do.

This passage has in it two great facts about the Christian ethic.

(i) The Christian ethic is positive. It does not consist in not doing things but in doing them. Jesus gave us the Golden Rule which bids us do to others as we would have them do to us. That rule exists in many writers of many creeds in its negative form. Hillel, one of the great Jewish Rabbis, was asked by a man to teach him the whole law while he stood on one leg. He answered, "*What is hateful to thee, do not to another. That is the whole law and all else is explanation.*" Philo, the great Jew of Alexandria, said, "*What you hate to suffer, do not do to anyone else.*" Isocrates, the Greek orator, said, "*What things make you angry when you suffer them at the hands of others, do not you do to other people.*" The Stoics had as one of their basic rules, "*What you do not wish to be done to yourself, do not you do to any other.*" When Confucius was asked, "*Is there one word which may serve as a rule of practice for all one's life?*" he answered, "*Is not Reciprocity such a word? What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others.*"

(We will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	April 28 th	<i>St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	April 29 th	<i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Loretta Robitaillie ----- Parish Office closed
Wed.	April 30 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Francis Grenier Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help ----- Parish office closed
Thurs.	May 1 st	<i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all who have or will receive a prayer shawl 8:30 A.M. - Prayer shawl ministry in the church basement ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	May 2 nd	<i>First Friday</i> <i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp 6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 3 rd	<i>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – For the intentions of Fr. Sebastian 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	May 4 th	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Angela May 10:00 AM - First Communion Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

84 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 20th

Adults.....	\$3,782.00
Loose.....	306.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	<u>55.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,168.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Short..... \$ 341.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	65.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	80.00

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please make note that again this year we will be joining All Saints Church in Gladstone for Divine Mercy Sunday this Sunday, April 27th. 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.

We congratulate Noah & Zoey Boucher and Wendell LaPalm, Jr. on receiving the sacrament of Baptism and Noah & Sarah Boucher and Wendell LaPalm, Jr. on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

May 3rd - Cast out all negative thoughts about yourself today and focus on the gifts you do have.

Sunday, May 11th is Mothers' Day and the men of our parish will be putting on a breakfast for all ladies and daughters of the parish. So we can plan accordingly please sign up at the back of church if you plan to attend. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting families providing them with food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills. Thank You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday, April 29th thru May 7th. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, May 8th.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Friday

Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Saturday

1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Sunday

Acts 5:27,32,40b-41
Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19

Doris is looking for someone to take over care of the perennial garden in front of church. It just needs to be weeded in the Spring and Fall, and dead plants replaced in Spring and cut down in Fall. If you are interested in taking over the garden, please call Doris at 906-786-8974.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish
Breakfast

Sunday, April 27th from 9:00 to 12:30 PM

Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity in the *Change for Life* fundraiser for Pregnancy Services of Delta County. Holy Family Church raised a total of \$1,922.72! Your contributions help women and families in our area who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, as well as those with young children. It will help insure that parents are receiving the education, support, and encouragement they need to choose life and become better parents. Feel free to stop by our center at 2501 First Avenue North, Escanaba to see how your donations are changing and saving lives. May God richly bless you for your generosity!

Pregnancy Services of Delta County