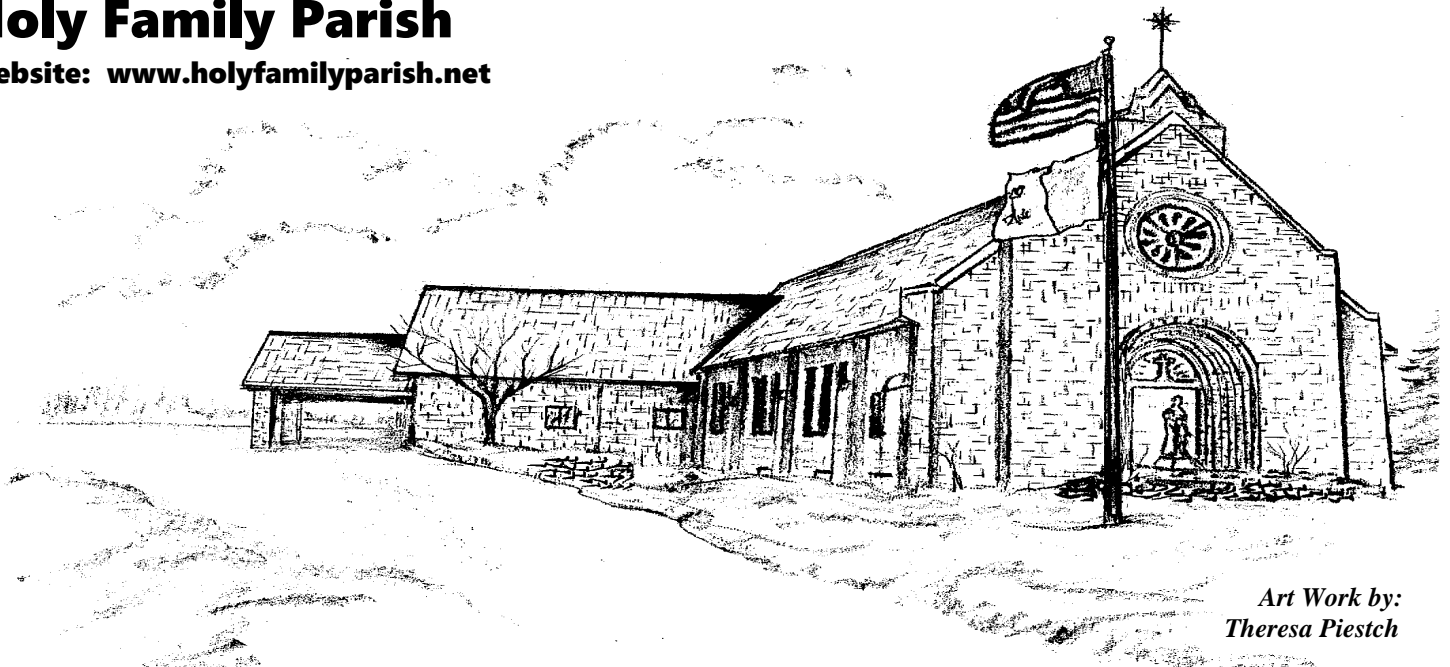


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Sacrament of Marriage

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, Betty Lou, Joan Shelly Polaczyk,
Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Becky, Jean Way
Amanda, Duane, Judy Hubert, Ken Kelloniemi*

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 Precepts of the Church

We have just finished the study of the Ten Commandments in details, which were given to Moses by God. As Jesus was a Jew he strictly observed the Commandments and a few times he emphasized the importance of the Commandments. So the Church strictly follows these Commandments without any alteration. At the same time the Church has codified a lot of rules and regulations for the smooth running of the hierarchy and faith formation of the faithful. All these are written in one book called the **Code of Canon Law** of the Church. As members of the Catholic Church the faithful are supposed to observe these rules and regulations. Among these multiple rules and regulations the Church has formulated a set of regulations known as the **Precepts of the Church**. The Church emphasizes these Precepts as important as the Ten Commandments. So the faithful are strictly advised to observe them. In the following, let us see these Precepts in details.

First Precept: Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Day of Obligation. This Precept is founded on the Third Commandment-**“You shall keep holy the Sabbath.”** The very law of nature demands that a man should devote a certain amount of time to the service of God. Now the Church tells us in details how we must observe this Precept. It is a mortal sin to neglect to attend Mass on Sundays and Obligatory days. To miss Mass is considered to be the transgression of the law in a grave matter and disobedience to the highest authority on earth. All Catholics who enjoy sound reasoning and who have already received the First Communion are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. There is no upper age limit- means so far one is physically able to come to Church are obliged.

The Church clearly explains as how to attend the Mass. To fulfill the obligation to attend Mass, four conditions are to be followed. **A) One must be bodily present at the Mass.** One cannot fulfill the obligation by just attending the Mass in a TV, unless special permission or exemption is granted by the local Bishop. And those who are physically unable to move are not obliged to attend the Mass and they can use the TV Mass as a substitute. Perhaps you remember, during the COVID the faithful were exempted from attending Mass for more than one year.

(Unfortunately some Catholics still take this exemption granted and don't attend the Mass anymore.)

B) One must attend the whole Mass. All 4 parts of the Mass such as **the Penitential rite, Word of God, Eucharistic Prayer and Communion** are equally important in the Mass. So unless there is sufficient reason, one should be there for the entire Mass. If one has missed the essential parts of the Mass such as the offertory, the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion rite, he/she has to attend another Mass to fulfill the obligation.

C) One must attend Mass with full attention. It is not just enough to have our bodily presence at the Mass and then we wander with our minds. Of course, it is true that our minds are easily carried away by distractions, worries and concerns. In order to keep our attention focused we have the worship aids such as the prayers and hymns. If we make use of them, to great extent we can avoid the distractions.

D) One must have proper intention. One must come to attend Mass with the right intention to worship God. Our intention to attend Mass should not be just prompted by the obligation attached to it.

It is enough that the Catholics may attend Mass in any Catholic Church or chapel. Attending a service in a Protestant Church on Sunday will never fulfill the Sunday Obligation at all. At the same time due to unavoidable circumstances if one misses the Mass will not be considered as a sin. For instance one is sick; one has to travel and on the way no convenient church is found; one has to take care of the sick at home or hospital; due to work schedule one can't make it- these are some exceptions. At the same time each person should genuinely examine the conscience and decide how serious and unavoidable the situation is. After all, God gives us 168 hours a week and we can use them the way want; but out of which one belongs to God and we have to give him that hour. But it is for our spiritual benefit and our presence will not add anything to God.

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 1 st	<i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	May 2 nd	<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Clayton VanDrese 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meeting
Wed.	May 3 rd	<i>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Jamie Ojala Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes grades 1-7 and 8 th & 9 th
Thurs.	May 4 th	8:00 A.M.- Mass – For the intentions of Angela Chenier
Fri.	May 5 th	<i>First Friday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Francis Kudwa 10:00 AM - Work Bee to tidy up the church grounds 6:30 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 6 th	<i>First Saturday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – May Anne Gascon (30th Anniv.) 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 P.M. 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	May 7 th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Loretta Robitaille (1 st Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – (Graduates Mass) For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

78 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 23rd

Adult Offering.....	\$ 2,737.00
Loose.....	76.25
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	60.00
Total.....	\$ 2,903.25

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,980.50
Shortage.....	\$1,077.25

Donation.....	35.00
Funeral Lunch reimbursement.....	136.80
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	105.00
Pentecost Flowers.....	246.00
Pasty Money.....	68.00



This Friday, May 5th, we will be holding a WORK BEE to clean up the church grounds starting at 10:00 AM. (Weather

permitting) If you have a few extra hours we could use all the help we can get. The more hands the lighter the work load.

If you plan to come, please bring your rakes!!

First Holy Communion



Welcome to the Table of the Lord!

Keagan Chenier

Hunter Hays

Macy VanDrese

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

May 4th - A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials.

May 5th - He that planteth a tree is the servant of God, He provideth a kindness for many generations, And faces that he hath not seen shall bless him.

May 6th - Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not only in the Bible, but in every leaf of springtime.

St. Vincent DePaul 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 information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Don’t forget to register for the **DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** that will be held on June 9th & 10th. For more information, please visit revival.yoopercatholic.org.

Sunday, May 14th is Mother’s Day. The men of the parish will serve breakfast to all mothers, daughters and sons after the 8:00 am Mass in the Fr. Matt Hall. If you plan to attend please sign up at the back of church.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

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

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

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

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.

A HUGE shout out to ALL for the successful Woman’s Altar Society ONLY fund raiser for the year. The net earnings were just shy of \$700. A big appreciation to Father for allowing this event and the enormous encouragement. A big thank you for Pam Leisner and Ann King for spending their Saturday baking 9 loaves of bread, 15 rye bread and 104 cinnamon rolls. Even though these items were sold out before everyone was able to purchase; there were MANY MANY other tasteful contributions donated by other parish members. All items were sold. TRULY A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. We hope to have another sale come fall. THANKS AGAIN to all that donated AND purchased. This is truly a Blessed Family!