

Holy Family Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter – May 4, 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, A special intention

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

Sermon on the Plain (Cont.): THE GOLDEN

RULE: Luke 6: 27- 49)

Last week we heard Jesus asking his disciples "love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." And also we saw last week how this similar law was put negatively by other religious people. For instance, . " 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."*

Every one of these forms is negative. It is not unduly difficult to keep yourself from such action; but it is a very different thing to go out of your way to do to others what you would want them to do to you. The very essence of Christian conduct is that it consists, not in refraining from bad things, but in actively doing good things.

(ii) The Christian ethic is based on the extra thing. Jesus described the common ways of sensible conduct and then dismissed them with the question, "What special grace is in that?" So often people claim to be just as good as their neighbor's. Very likely they are. But the question of Jesus is, "How much better are you than the ordinary person?" It is not our neighbor with whom we must compare ourselves; we may well stand that comparison very adequately; it is God with whom we must compare ourselves; and in that comparison we are all in default.

(iii) What is the reason for this Christian conduct? The reason is that it makes us like God, for that is the way he acts. God sends his rain on the just and the unjust. He is kind to the man who brings him joy and equally kind to the man who grieves his heart. God's love embraces saint and sinner alike. It is that love we must copy; if we, too, seek even our enemy's highest good we will in truth be the children of God.

Judge not - See on Matthew 7:1; (note). "How great is the goodness of God, in being so willing to put our judgment into our own hands as to engage

himself not to enter into judgment with us, provided we do not usurp the right which belongs solely to him in reference to others!"

Condemn not - "Mercy will ever incline us not to condemn those unmerciful; whose faults are certain and visible; to lessen, conceal, and excuse them as much as we can without prejudice to truth and justice; and to be far from aggravating, divulging, or even desiring them to be punished."

Forgive - The mercy and compassion which God recommends extend to the forgiving of all the injuries we have received, or can receive.

Luke 6:38, has the strange phrase, "People will give into your bosom." The Jew wore a long loose robe down to the feet, and round the waist a girdle. The robe could be pulled up so that the bosom of the robe above the girdle formed a kind of outsize pocket in which things could be carried. So the modern equivalent of the phrase would be, "People will fill your pocket."

(i) **Luke 6:39-40**: Jesus warned that no teacher can lead his scholars beyond the stage which he himself has reached. That is a double warning to us. In our learning we must seek only the best teacher for only he can lead us farthest on; in our teaching we must remember that we cannot teach what we do not know.

(ii) **Luke 6:41-42**: Here is an example of the humor of Jesus. It must have been with a smile that Jesus drew the picture of a man with a plank in his own eye trying to extract a speck of dust from someone else's eye. He taught that we have no right to criticize unless we ourselves are free of faults. That simply means that we have no right to criticize at all, because "there is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us that it ill becomes any of us to find fault with the rest of us." Man can go wrong in judging as he sees only the appearance, not the innermost heart and intention of somebody. But only God can see the heart of a person.

(We will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 5 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – For all of our special intentions Parish Office closed
Tues.	May 6 th	8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. - -----	Mass – Clifford Marcella Ladies Altar Society meets at Chenier's Greenhouse Parish Office closed
Wed.	May 7 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Dwaine (2 nd Anniv.) & Joy Berbohm Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish office closed
Thurs.	May 8 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass - Amy Chenier Kositzke
Fri.	May 9 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – In celebration for Lincoln Mosier's Birthday Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 10 th	<i>Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;</i> <i>Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Bill Smith	
Sun.	May 11 th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Ann Marcella (21 st Anniv.) 9:00 A.M. - Breakfast served to Mothers and daughters 10:00 AM - For the people of our parish	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

74 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 27th

Adults.....	\$2,562.00
Loose.....	216.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$2,808.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Short..... \$ 1,701.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	523.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	55.00
Pasty Money.....	415.00
Mass Stipends.....	50.00

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



***First Holy Communion
Welcome to the Table of
the Lord!***

***Owen Barron
Rylee Couvillion
Paislee Menard***

ATTENTIONS LADIES....Our Tuesday, May 6th meeting will be at Chenier's Greenhouse. Meet at the Greenhouse for 6:30 PM Church area is in charge of the snacks.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

May 7th - Keeping house is like threading beads on a
string with no knot at the end.

May 8th - A mother is the only person on earth who
can divide her love among ten children and
each child still have all her love.

May 9th - There is nothing human so dependable, so
irresistible, so unselfish as true mother love.

May 10th - The mother's heart is the child's
schoolroom.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their
struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is
the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to
"help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by
joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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.**

*A huge thank you to all who served in any way for
our Holy Week and Easter Services. Also to all who
decorated and cleaned our church!*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Wednesday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Friday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Tuesday
Acts 7:51—8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Thursday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Saturday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday
Acts 13:14,43-52 Rv 7:9,14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

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.

MARQUETTE DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) COLLECTION

On the weekend of May 10th/11th our parish along
with all the parishes and missions of the Diocese of
Marquette will take up a special collection to support
our diocesan priests' retirement fund, called the St.
Joseph Association. Our senior (retired) priests of the
diocese depend on pensions from the St. Joseph
Association to meet their basic needs and health care
costs. To help provide for our senior priests, all
parishes and missions in the diocese are being asked
to participate in a special collection for Good
Shepherd Sunday. Please, prayerfully reflect on how
you can best help support our diocesan priests in their
retirement.

LET YOUR PILGRIMAGE START TODAY!!!

The Walk to Mary is a 22 mile walk (shorter versions
available) starting at the National Shrine of St. Joseph
on St. Norbert's College Campus in DePere, WI and
proceeds to the National Shrine of our Lady of
Champion. Saturday, May 3, 2025 — Check out
their website for more info www.walktomary.com