

# *Congratulations to Holy Family's 2023 Graduates*



*Daniel Smith*



*Tyler Smith*



*Cody Nelson*



*Jake Lippens*

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## **Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023**

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### **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

### **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*

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 (Cont.)

### Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Day of Obligation (Cont.): Holy Days of Obligation

The modern word 'holiday' is derived from 'holy day.' When the Western world was Catholic, during the centuries before it was disrupted by Protestant Revolution, holy days were feast days and they were observed like Sundays, by going to Mass and abstaining from work. In the past there were ten Holy Days of Obligation. But today they are reduced to five such as: **January 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Mother of God; August 15<sup>th</sup>, The Assumption of our Lady; November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day; December 8<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception and December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas.**

The Ascension of the Lord is also Holy Day of obligation which is observed on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the Resurrection of the Lord which falls on Thursday. But many dioceses in our country moved this Feast to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter which is the Sunday after Thursday. Our Diocese also follows this rule. The Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on these Holy Days of obligation. The exemptions are granted on serious situations.

**Servile Work:** The Church commands all Catholics to keep Sunday holy by not only attending Mass but also abstaining from hard physical labor. In the modern materialistic world, the big corporate has taken away from the employees' their constitutional right to worship God on Sundays. So these days it is very common to see the shops and factories remain open. So the employees are forced to work on Sundays and Holy Day of Obligation. Naturally, these employees are exempted from the Sunday of Obligation, whenever they have to work on Sundays. But for the convenience of people the American churches keep the Saturday evening Mass which is equitant to Sunday Mass. If one is free from work on Saturday, he/she is supposed to make use of this opportunity. By servile work we mean in general that which requires more of the body than mind. The following are considered to be servile works; any work in factories or shops, plowing, sowing, harvesting, land mowing, masonry work, any work in one's own home workshop. But after attending Mass one is allowed to go for games, recreational activities, driving etc. But the unavoidable situations will give exemption from this rule.

### Second Precept: Keep the days of fasting and abstinence appointed by the Church.

This precept is important not only for the positive law it embodies but also for the principle it implies means, the necessity of mortification. Fasting and abstinence involve self-denial and penance. To some extent mortification is obligatory on all – in so far it is necessary to overcome mortal sin. The English Catechism tells us that the Church Commands to fast and abstain so that we may mortify the flesh and satisfy God for our sins.

There is difference between fasting and abstinence. Fasting on certain days of the year demands that one should eat only one full meal a day; it does not forbid us to take a light meal or some fruits as a substitute of the second meal. In the past there were more days of obligatory fasting observed in the Church. But today there are only two days of obligatory fasting, such as on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. But the faithful are encouraged to fast more than these two days. Abstinence forbids one eating meat or meat products on prescribed days, such as on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. And also during the Lenten season every Friday is the day of abstinence. But during these days eggs and fish are allowed. All those who have attained the age of 14 and above are bound to abstain and fast. But those who are old and the sick are exempted from this rule.

(We will continue next week).

### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please remember, this Sacrament is a healing Sacrament and it should be administered on anyone who is seriously sick or dying or very old. Those who are getting ready for a serious surgery which involves anesthesia need to receive this Sacrament before the surgery. Please don't think that this is the Sacrament to receive only before the last breath goes from a person. Of course, there are unexpected situations on which one may not be able to find a priest on time. Don't worry about that time.

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe Nolde
Wed.	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Samien de Veuster, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Shelley Kern Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - Confirmation class for grades 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs.	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M.- Mass – Prayer Shawl Ministry Intentions 8:30 A.M. - Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the church basement
Fri.	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Ann Marcella ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 P.M. 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish 9:00 A.M. - Breakfast served to all mothers & children 10:00 AM - Mass – Joyce Viau

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

80 envelopes returned for Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Adult Offering.....	\$ 3,975.00
Loose.....	129.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	15.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,129.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,980.50**  
**Overage..... \$ 148.50**

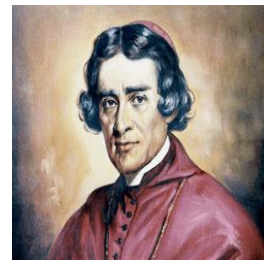
Priest Retirement Collection.....	\$1,133.00
Mass Stipends.....	350.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	472.00

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 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.***

***Celebrating the Wisdom of Bishop Baraga*** - Especially today I have had lingering definite, resolute thoughts and plans of resigning, and (again become) an Indian missionary. Thy will be done, O Lord God! And so continually and everywhere.



Bishop Baraga May 24, 1857

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** - 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 9<sup>th</sup>** - There is nothing human so dependable, so irresistible, so unselfish as true mother love.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** - You may have tangible wealth untold; Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold; Richer than I you can never be - I had a mother who read to me.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Who we are, who we become, is determined by those who love us.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - You are young only once, but you can stay immature for life.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of  
Kenneth Kelloniemi  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in the gentle peace of our Lord.

Don't forget to register for the **DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** that will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please visit [revival.yoopercatholic.org](http://revival.yoopercatholic.org).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Acts 14:5-18  
Jn 14:21-26

**Wednesday**  
Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

**Friday**  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

**Tuesday**  
Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Thursday**  
Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

**Saturday**  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

### **Sunday**

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY: Director of Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation**

The Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation program is looking for a Part-time Director, mid-August through mid-May; 3 days/week; 15-19 hours/week. Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation includes three parishes: St. Anthony of Padua, Wells; St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba; and St. Thomas the Apostle, Escanaba. \$20/hour  
Please apply in person, or send an application (<https://files.ecatholic.com/32488/documents/2022/10/PM-A-081.pdf?t=1665460186000>) and resume to: St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1820 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Escanaba, MI 49829.

### **Breakfast Fundraiser for Seminarians**

The Escanaba Knights of Columbus will have a breakfast fundraiser for Seminarians at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall 1820 9<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Escanaba Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12:30pm Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast Coffee & Juice \$9 ages 13 & up, \$6 ages 6-12, Ages 5 and under are free

### **Good Shepherd Collection**

On Good Shepherd Sunday, our parish and all parishes and missions throughout our diocese took up a special collection to support our priests' retirement fund, known as the St. Joseph Association. Collectively, our parishioners have raised \$1,133 to date. We truly appreciate your support. Parishioners can also donate to the St. Joseph Association online by visiting [osvhub.com/diocesefmarquette/giving/funds/st-joseph-association](http://osvhub.com/diocesefmarquette/giving/funds/st-joseph-association).