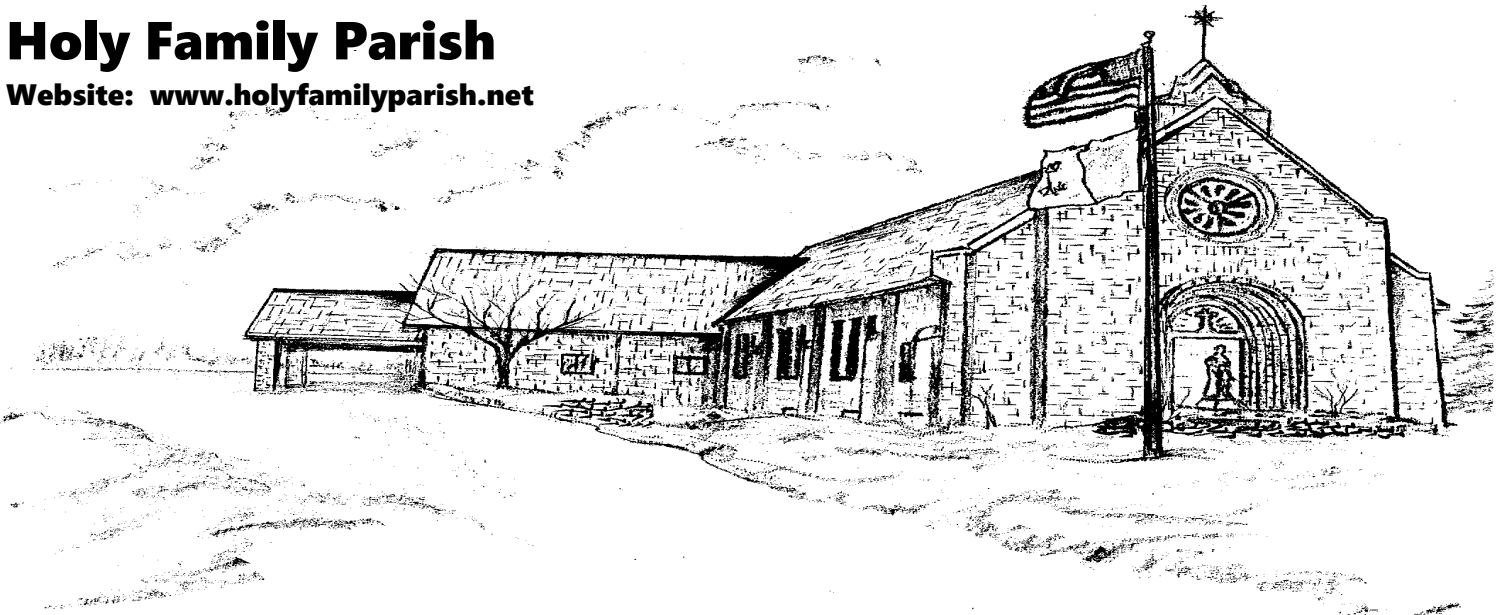


# Holy Family Parish

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

### Pastor

(906) 440-4193

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

Deacon: Robert Berbohm 786-9082

Email Address: [deacon@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:deacon@holyfamilyparish.net)

### 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*

E-mail Address: [secretary@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyparish.net)

### 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](mailto: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, Denise Seymour*  
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

### THE WARNINGS OF JESUS (Luke 20:41-44)

It is worth while taking this little passage by itself for it is very difficult to understand. The most popular title of the Messiah was Son of David. That is what the blind man at Jericho called Jesus (Luke 18:38-39), and that is how the crowds addressed him at his entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). Here Jesus seems to cast doubts on the validity of that title. The quotation is from Psalms 110:1. In Jesus' time all the Psalms were attributed to David and this particular Psalm was taken to refer to the Messiah. In it David says that he heard God speak to his Anointed One and tell him to sit at his right hand until his enemies became his footstool; and in it David calls the Messiah My Lord. How can the Messiah be at once David's son and David's Lord?

Jesus was doing here what he so often tried to do, trying to correct the popular idea of the Messiah which was that under him the golden age would come and Israel would become the greatest nation in the world. It was a dream of political power. How was that to happen? There were many ideas about it but the popular one was that some great descendant of David would come to be invincible captain and king. So then the title Son of David was inextricably mixed up with world dominion, with military prowess and with material conquest.

Really what Jesus was saying here was, "You think of the coming Messiah as Son of David; so he is; but he is far more. He is Lord." He was telling men that they must revise their ideas of what Son of David meant. They must abandon these fantastic dreams of world power and visualize the Messiah as Lord of the hearts and lives of men. He was implicitly blaming them for having too little an idea of God. It is always man's tendency to make God in his own image, and thereby to miss his full majesty.

### THE LOVE OF HONOR AMONG MEN (Luke 20:45-47)

The honors which the scribes and Rabbis expected to receive were quite extraordinary. They had rules of precedence all carefully drawn up. In the college of Rabbis the most learned Rabbi took precedence; at a banquet, the oldest. They claimed to rank even above parents. They said, "Let your esteem for your friend border on your esteem for your teacher, and let your respect for your teacher border on your reverence for God." "Respect for a teacher should exceed respect for a father, for both father and son owe respect to a teacher." "If a man's father and teacher have lost anything, the teacher's loss has the precedence, for a man's father only brought him into this world; his teacher, who taught him wisdom, brought him into the life of the world to come.... If a man's father and teacher are carrying burdens, he must first help his teacher, and afterwards his father. If his father and teacher are in captivity, he must first ransom his teacher, and afterwards his father." Such claims are almost incredible; it was not good for a man to make them; it was still less good for him to have them conceded. But it was the claim like that the scribes and Rabbis made.

Jesus also accused the scribes of devouring widows' houses. A Rabbi was legally bound to teach for nothing. All Rabbis were supposed to have trades and to support themselves by the work of their hands, while their teaching was given free. That sounds very noble but it was deliberately taught that to support a Rabbi was an act of the greatest piety. "Whoever," they said, "puts part of his income into the purse of the wise is counted worthy of a seat in the heavenly academy." "Whosoever harbors a disciple of the wise in his house is counted as if he offered a daily sacrifice." "Let thy house be a place of resort to wise men." It is by no means extraordinary that impressionable women were the legitimate prey of the less scrupulous and more comfort-loving rabbis. At their worst, they did devour widows' houses.

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	<b>NO</b> Mass
Tues.	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	<b>NO</b> Mass
Wed.	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Cecilia Terrien Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i></b>	
		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
Fri.	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – In celebration of Fr. Sebastian’s 47 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary to the priesthood
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. –	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Darlene Smith (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Ascension of the Lord</i></b>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Phil, Lela & Kent Dubord
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Graduates Mass – For the people of our parish

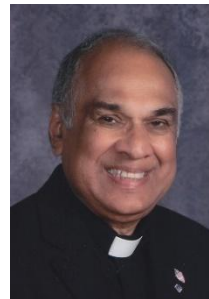
**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**76 envelopes returned for May 3, 2026**

Adults.....	\$10,747.00
Loose.....	413.00
General Maintenance.....	175.00
Fuel.....	249.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11,584.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$4,594.23</b>
<b>Over.....</b>	<b>\$6,989.77</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	115.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	310.00
Priest Retirement Diocesan Collection...	70.00
Flowers.....	20.00



**Happy 47<sup>th</sup> Ordination  
Anniversary to the  
Priesthood  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. Sebastian**

Thank you for saying yes to the Call! Holy Family is very blessed to have you shepherd our people. We will miss you dearly but hope you enjoy many happy and healthy years of retirement.

***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.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Fr. Jose Maramattam who was the Pastor in our Parish is seriously sick with some liver problems. Please keep him in your prayers so that the Lord may touch him with his healing hand. Last year I met him and spend some good time with him. Only recently his health declined considerably.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Some things may come to us with rough wrappings, but there is gold inside.
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** - When God puts a burden upon you, He also puts His own arm under you.
- May 16<sup>th</sup>** - If you are being run out of town, get in front of the crowd and make it look like a parade.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.



*Congratulations to our three students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation!!!*

*Laura Herioux  
David Kelloniemi  
Emma Trombley*

*May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen you in your faith.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <b>Monday</b><br>Acts 16:11-15<br>Jn 15:26—16:4a        | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Acts 16:22-34<br>Jn 16:5-11       |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Acts 17:15,22—18:1<br>Jn 16:12-15   | <b>Thursday</b><br>Acts 1:15-17,20-26<br>Jn 15:9-17 |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Acts 18:9-18<br>Jn 16:20-23            | <b>Saturday</b><br>Acts 18:23-28<br>Jn 16:23b-28    |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>Acts 1:1-11<br>Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20 |   |

### 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 21<sup>st</sup>. More information will be forth coming.

### *OUR NEW PASTOR*

*As of July 1, 2026 Father Michael Ocran will serve as our new pastor. Father Michael is currently serving St. Therese, AuTrain; Sacred Heart, Munising, and Holy Roary, Grand Marais.*

## Happy Mother's Day



Vacation Bible School will be held at All Saints Church in Gladstone.