

Holy Family Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 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

E-mail Address: 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

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

Herb Iverson Sue Boudreau, Jan Carter

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

(iii) **Luke 6:43-44**: remind us that a man cannot be judged in any other way than by his deeds. It was said to a teacher, "I cannot hear what you say for listening to what you are." Teaching and preaching are both "truth through personality." Fine words will never take the place of fine deeds. That is very relevant to-day. We fear the menace of communism and of other secular movements. We will never defeat them by writing books and pamphlets and holding discussion groups. The only way to prove the superiority of Christianity is to show by our lives that it produces better men and women.

(iv) **Luke 6:45**: In this verse Jesus reminded men that the words of their lips are in the last analysis the product of their hearts. No man can speak of God with his mouth unless God's Spirit be in his heart. Nothing shows the state of a man's heart so well as the words he speaks when he is not carefully considering his words, when he is talking freely and saying, as we put it, the first thing which comes into his head. If you ask directions to a certain place, one person may tell you it is near such and such a church; another, that it is near such and such a cinema; another, that it is near such and such a football ground; another, that it is near such and such a public house. The very words of the answer to a chance question often show where a man's thoughts most naturally turn and where the interests of his heart lie. Always our speech betrays us

Luke 6: 46-49: To get the real picture behind this parable we have to read Matthew's version of it as well. (**Matthew 7:24-27**.) In Luke's version the river does not seem to make sense; that is because Luke was not a native of Palestine and had not a clear picture of the circumstances in his own mind; whereas Matthew did belong to Palestine and knew just what the picture was. In summer many of the rivers dried up altogether and left a sandy bed empty of water. But in winter, after the September rains had come, the empty river bed became a raging torrent. Many a man, looking for a site for a house, found an inviting stretch of sand and butt

there, only to discover when the winter came, that he had built his house in the middle of a raging river which swept it away. The wise man searched for rock, where it was much more difficult to build and where it was hard labor to cut out the foundations. When the wild winter weather came, his toil was amply repaid, for his house stood strong and firm and secure. In either form the parable teaches the importance of laying the right foundation for life; the only true foundation is obedience to the teaching of Jesus.

What made the foolish builder choose so unwisely?

(i) He wanted to avoid toil. He could not be bothered to dig into the rock. The sand was much more attractive and much less trouble. It may be easier to take our way than it is to take Jesus' way but the end is ruin; Jesus' way is the way to security here and hereafter.

(ii) He was short-sighted. He never troubled to think what his chosen site would be like six months afterwards. In every decision in life there is a short view and a long view. Happy is the man who never barter future good for present pleasure. Happy is the man who sees things, not in the light of the moment, but in the light of eternity.

When we learn that the hard way is often the best way, and that the long view is always the right view, we will found our lives upon the teaching of Jesus and no storms will ever shake them.

Luke 7:1-10: A Centurion's Faith:- This is the first time in Luke we see the appearance of a centurion before Jesus with a request. Even in the brief appearance that he makes on the stage of the New Testament story this centurion is one of the most attractive characters in the gospels. The centurions were the backbone of the Roman army.

(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 12 th	<i>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	May 13 th	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – John King
Wed.	May 14 th	<i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Shelly Kern Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	May 15 th	<i>Saint Isidore</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - In celebration of the 46 th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Sebastian to the Priesthood
Fri.	May 16 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Earl Guenette ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 17 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	May 18 th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Roger Bourdreau, Sr. (29 th Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Graduates Mass - For the people of our parish Light reception to follow in the church basement

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

81 envelopes returned for Sunday, May 4th

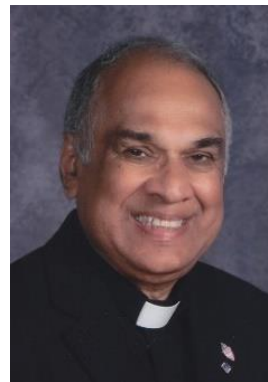
Adults.....	\$4,093.00
Loose.....	214.10
General Maintenance.....	285.00
Fuel.....	390.00
Total.....	\$4,982.10

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,509.61

Over..... \$ 472.49

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	60.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	485.00
Pentecost Flowers.....	280.00
Priest Retirement.....	20.00

A HUGE THANK YOU everyone who baked, donated or bought from the Altar Society's bake sale! We made a profit of \$778.75. These proceeds are used to purchase Altar supplies.



***Happy 46th Ordination
Anniversary to the
Priesthood***

May 15th

Fr. Sebastian

Thank you for saying yes to the Call and to serving our people for another year! Holy Family is very blessed to have you. May the Lord bless you with many, many more years!

This Sunday, May 11th is Mothers' Day and the men of our parish will be putting on a breakfast for all ladies and daughters.



SPIRIT LIFTERS

May 11th - 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 12th - Who we are, who we become, is
determined by those who love us.

May 13th - You are young only once, but you can
stay immature for life.

May 14th - Some things may come to us with rough
wrappings, but there is gold inside.

May 15th - When God puts a burden upon you, He
also puts His own arm under you.

May 16th - If you are being run out of town, get in
front of the crowd and make it look like a
parade.

May 17th - Seven days without prayer makes one
weak!

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday”
where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus ,
the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those
who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-
3610.



**11th Annual
Walk for Life
Saturday, June 7th
9 AM Registration/10 AM
Program & Walk**

Miracle of Life Building, UP State Fairgrounds

Bounce House, Live Music, Silent Auction, Lunch,
Stages of Life stations. Free T-shirt to walkers who
raise at least \$25 in pledges.

To register, visit Pregnancy Services at 2501 1st Ave
N, Escanaba; call (906) 786-7474; visit
psdcpartners.org/events;

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Tuesday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Jn 15:9-17

Thursday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday
Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

FREE BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

We know that when children and teens have
consistent access to nutritious food, they have the fuel
they need to grow and thrive. That is why we are
excited to announce that free and healthy summer
meals are available to kids and teens 18 and under
across our community this summer.

Summer Meals Program Details:

- Meals are free for children and teens ages 18
and under.
- No application or registration is required!
- Meals must be consumed on-site.
- James T. Jones School Cafeteria – 400 S. 10th
Street, Gladstone. EVERY Monday thru Thursday in
June and July. Breakfast is served in June only from
8:30-9am. Lunch is served at 11:30 – 12:30pm.

The meals served are nutritious and follow USDA
nutrition guidelines. All breakfasts include milk, fruit
or vegetable, and grain/bread, and all lunches include
milk, two fruits and/or vegetables, grain/bread, and a
meat or protein alternative. Help us spread the word.
To learn more, call 1-906-789-8306 or Email
rlippens@gladstone.k12.mi.us You can also
visit NoKidHungry.org/Help for more information on
summer food resources for kids.

***Next Sunday, May 18th, we will be honoring our
Highschool graduates at the 10:00 AM Mass.
Everyone is invited down for a light reception
immediately following Mass.***