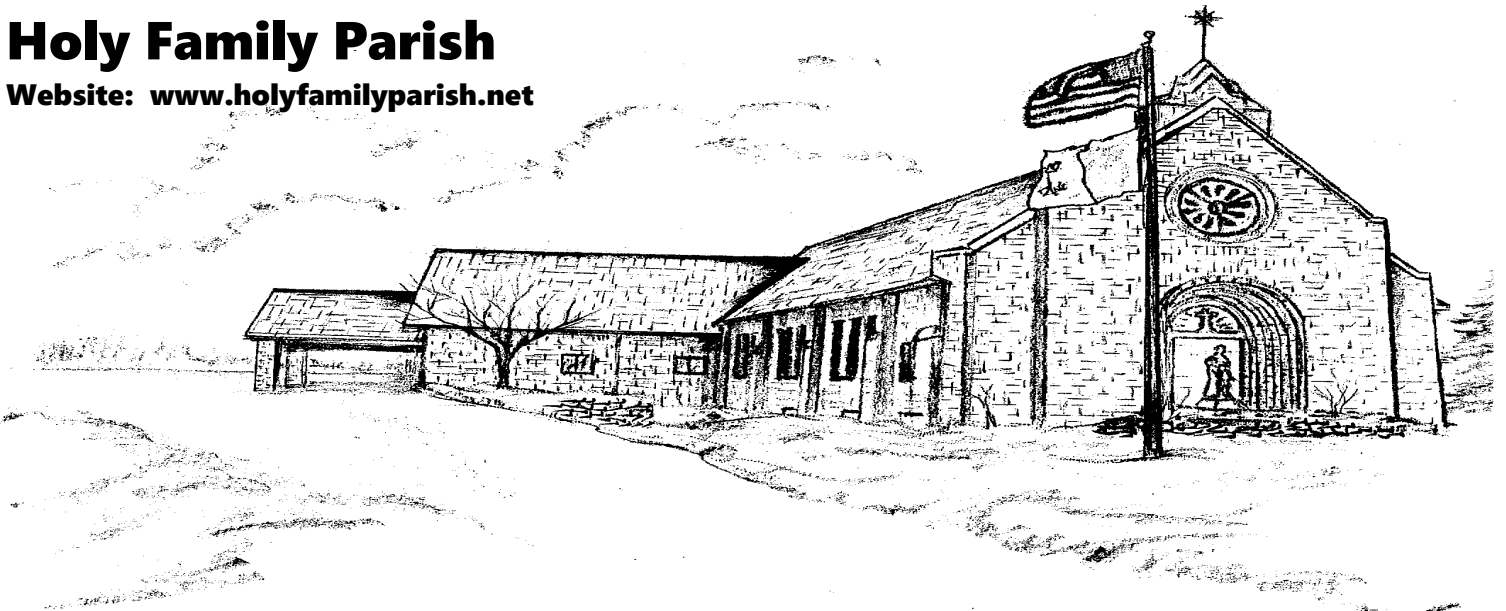


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The Ascension of the Lord – May 17, 2026

Pastor

(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

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
Pete Way, Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret
Christina Theoret Zion, Brenda Chouinard, Frank Chenier
Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr.
Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit, Denise Seymour, Don Smith*
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 PRECIOUS GIFT (Luke 21:1-4)

In the Court of the Women in the Temple there were thirteen collecting boxes known as the Trumpets. They were shaped like trumpets with the narrow part at the top and the wider part at the foot. Each was assigned to offerings for a different purpose--for the wood that was used to burn the sacrifice, for the incense that was burned on the altar, for the upkeep of the golden vessels, and so on. It was near the Trumpets that Jesus was sitting.

After the strenuous debates with the emissaries of the Sanhedrin and the Sadducees Jesus was tired and his head drooped between his hands. He looked up and he saw many people flinging their offerings into the Trumpets; and then came a poor widow. All she had in the world was two lepta. Lepta were the smallest of all coins; the name means "the thin one." It was worth one fortieth of a new penny. But Jesus said that it surpassed all the other offerings, because it was everything she had.

Two things determine the value of any gift.

(i) There is the spirit in which it is given. A gift which is unwillingly extracted is a gift which is given with a grudge, a gift that is given for the sake of prestige or of self-display loses more than half its value. The only real gift is that which is the inevitable outflow of the loving heart, that which is given because the giver cannot help it.

(ii) There is the sacrifice which it involves. That which is a mere trifle to one man may be a vast sum to another. The gifts of the rich, as they flung their offerings into the Trumpets, did not really cost them much; but the two lepta of the widowed woman cost her everything she had. They, no doubt gave having nicely calculated how much they could afford; she gave with that

utterly reckless generosity which could give no more. Giving does not begin to be real giving until it hurts. A gift shows our love only when we have had to do without something or have had to work doubly hard in order to give it. How few people give to God like that!

TIDINGS OF TROUBLE (Luke 21:5-24)

The Background of This Passage:

From Luke 21:5 onwards this becomes a very difficult chapter. Its difficulty rests in the fact that beneath it lie four different conceptions.

(i) There is the conception of the day of the Lord. The Jews regarded time as being in two ages. There was the present age, which was altogether bad and evil, incapable of being cured, and fit only for destruction. There was the age to come, which was the golden age of God and of Jewish supremacy. But in between the two there would be the day of the Lord, which would be a terrible time of cosmic upheaval and destruction, the desperate birth-pangs of the new age.

It would be a day of terror. "Behold the day of the Lord comes, cruel with wrath and fierce anger, to make the earth a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it." (Isaiah 13:9; compare Joel 2:1-2; Amos 5:18-20; Zephaniah 1:14-18.) It would come suddenly. "The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." (1 Thessalonians 5:2; compare 2 Peter 3:10.) It would be a day when the world would be shattered. "The stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising and the moon will not shed its light.... Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger." (Isaiah 13:10-13; compare Joel 2:30-31; 2 Peter 3:10.)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 18 th	<i>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	May 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
Wed.	May 20 th	<i>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of the souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	May 21 st	<i>Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joanne Chenier
Fri.	May 22 nd	<i>Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mike Beauchamp (11 th Anniv.) ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 23 rd	3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – David LaMarche
Sun.	May 24 th	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Richard, Rita and Gail Anderson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

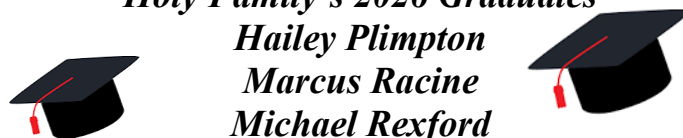
76 envelopes returned for May 10, 2026

Adults.....	\$4,150.00
Loose.....	295.00
General Maintenance.....	90.00
Fuel.....	<u>155.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,690.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense **\$4,594.23**
Over..... **\$ 95.77**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	5.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	150.00
Mass Stipends.....	20.00

***Congratulations to
Holy Family's 2026 Graduates***



We are proud of our seniors and their accomplishments. We pray for God's blessings as they realize their future hopes and dreams.

Congratulations to who all graduated this year, whether it be from Kindergarten, Highschool or College.

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.

Mark your calendars..... There will be a farewell/retirement party for Fr. Sebastian on Sunday, June 21st. It will start with a social at 5:00 PM with a catered meal at 5:30 PM. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church to RSVP if you plan to attend.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- May 17th** - Seven days without prayer makes one weak!
- May 18th** - Live as if Christ died yesterday, arose this morning, and is coming back tomorrow.
- May 19th** - When you “bury the hatchet” don’t leave the handle sticking out.
- May 20th** - The real character of a man may be measured by what he does when no one is looking.
- May 21st** - Worry does not empty the day of its trouble, but only of its strength.
- May 22nd** - Saints are sinners who keep on trying.
- May 23rd** - If a parent takes one step into the world, his children will take two.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ’s saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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

Have you heard??? All Saints Parish in Gladstone is looking to hire a Director of Religious Education. Contact Parish Office at 906-428-3199 for details or email resume to office@allsaintsgladstone.org

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We are doing some spring cleaning in the garage and found some stuff which we would like to sell and some free stuff. They will be outside of the garage after all the masses. Pressure washer \$200; choppersaw \$100; chainsaw \$50 or best offer. Everything is marked.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33	Tuesday Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19	Thursday Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19	Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Sunday Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23	

A huge **THANK YOU** to the people who made breakfast for everyone last Sunday. It was well attended and much appreciated.

12th Annual Walk for Life Saturday, June 13th

9 AM Registration
10 AM Program & Walk
Chamber of Commerce
1001 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba
Bounce House, Live Music, Silent Auction,
Free 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; or visit psdcpartners.org/events;

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.