

Holy Family Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 18, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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Pam Marenger – President	Diane Danhoff
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Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee	
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee	

Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron	Piper Desy
Mary Kay Nolde	Frank Chenier

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.....

**Mike Gasperich, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk
Herb Iverson, Michael Theoret, Brenda Chouinard
Sue Boudreau, Jan Carter, Baby Hubbard**

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

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. In a Roman legion there were 6,000 men; the legion was divided into sixty centuries, each containing 100 men, and in command of each century there was a centurion. These centurions were the long-service, regular soldiers of the Roman army. They were responsible for the discipline of the regiment, and they were the cement which held the army together. In peace and in war alike the morale of the Roman army depended on them. The centurions were the finest men in the Roman army.

It is interesting to note that every centurion mentioned in the New Testament is mentioned with honor. There was the centurion who recognized Jesus on the Cross as the Son of God; there was Cornelius, the first Gentile convert to the Christian Church; there was the centurion who suddenly discovered that Paul was a Roman citizen, and who rescued him from the fury of the rioting mob; there was the centurion who was informed that the Jews had planned to murder Paul between Jerusalem and Caesarea, and who took steps to foil their plans; there was the centurion whom Felix ordered to look after Paul; there was the centurion accompanying Paul on his last journey to Rome, who treated him with every courtesy, and accepted him as leader when the storm struck the ship.

The story of this centurion appears in Matthew's gospel 8: 5-13 slightly different from the story of Luke. To point out a few differences: in Matthew the centurion himself approaches Jesus and knelt before him with the request of healing his servant; whereas in Luke he sends the elders of the Jews to Jesus. It is logical to conclude that as the centurion was a Roman pagan he didn't want to approach Jesus who was a Jew. Luke mentions that

this centurion, though he was not a Jew, loved Palestine and even a built a synagogue for the local Jews. Matthew does not say anything about that. In Matthew Jesus promised the centurion that he would come with him. But as he was a gentile he didn't want Jesus to enter his house and become unclean and he requested Jesus to say only a word and his servant would be healed. But according to Luke when Jesus agreed to go with the elders to the centurion's house, he sent his friends to Jesus requesting that Jesus should not take the trouble to enter under his roof, but only say the word that his servant be healed.

Couple great qualities we notice in this centurion: first of all, though he was a gentile he had absolute trust in Jesus a Jewish Rabbi. Secondly his attitude to his servant, who could be a slave, was amazing. It is very clear from the story that the centurion was grieved that his servant was ill and was determined to do everything in his power to save him.

That was the reverse of the normal attitude of master to slave. In the Roman Empire slaves did not matter. It was of no importance to anyone if they suffered, and whether they lived or died. A slave was no better than a thing. A slave had no legal rights whatsoever; his master was free to treat him, or maltreat him, as he liked. Gaius, the Roman legal expert lays it down in his Institutes: "We may note that it is universally accepted that the master possesses the power of life and death over the slave." Varro, the Roman writer on agriculture, has a grim passage in which he divides the instruments of agriculture into three classes--the articulate, the inarticulate and the mute, "the articulate comprising the slaves, the inarticulate comprising the cattle, and the mute comprising the vehicles." The only difference between a slave and a beast or a cart was that the slave could speak.

(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 19 th	8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	May 20 th	<i>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson	
Wed.	May 21 st	<i>Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mike Beauchamp (10 th Anniv.) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Thurs.	May 22 nd	<i>Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - Carol LaFave (2 nd Anniv.)	
Fri.	May 23 rd	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – For all souls in purgatory Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 24 th	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	May 25 th	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Richard & Rita Anderson	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes returned for Sunday, May 11th

Adults.....	\$2,877.00
Loose.....	219.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	50.00
Total.....	\$3,176.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,509.61
Short.....	\$1,333.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	20.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	55.00
Priest Retirement.....	865.00
Votive Lights.....	261.00
Donation.....	500.00

Knights of Columbus

The Fourth Degree Knights will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at their June 18th monthly meeting. Drop off your worn and tattered flags at the K.C. Hall, 1812 9th Ave. N. in Escanaba. Please place the flag in the tote located by the flagpole. These flags will be disposed of in a respectful and proper manner.



***Congratulations to
Holy Family's
2025 Graduate
Eric Smith***

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

Please join us after the 10:00 am Mass for a light reception in the Church Hall to wish him well!



Our parish condolences are extended to the family and friends of ***Jill Young***. May she rest in peace

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- May 24th** - O keep me sweet, and let me look Beyond the frets that life must hold, To see the glad eternal joys; yes, keep me sweet, in growing old.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “I give you a new commandment: love one another....This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.

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 14:21-27
Jn 14:21-26

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Rv 21:10-14,22-23
Jn 14:23-29

HELP WANTED! **PARISH SECRETARY- BOOKKEEPER**

With the retirement of Cindy Matthys, All Saints Parish is actively looking for someone to join our parish staff as a full-time secretary and bookkeeper.

The job is typically Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00PM. We offer a significant benefits package, including health insurance and retirement.

Among the requirements for this position are:

Bookkeeping/accounting, computer and organizational skills

Experience working with the general public
Good interpersonal communication skills with the ability to communicate verbally and in writing
Ability to maintain confidentiality in all matters
Proficient in typing skills
Basic knowledge of Catholic Faith
Ability to meet deadlines and perform outlined tasks
All applications must be submitted for consideration by Tuesday, May 20th. For a more detailed look at the job description and benefits, please visit our parish website: allsaintsgladstone.org/jobs

The Knights of Columbus Escanaba Council 640 would like to thank all who donated canned or dry goods to the “40 Cans for Lent” food drive. We collected an amazing 2,522 pounds of food. All food items collected were given to St. Vincent dePaul to stock their shelves. Again, the Knights of Columbus thanks everyone for their generosity to help those in need.