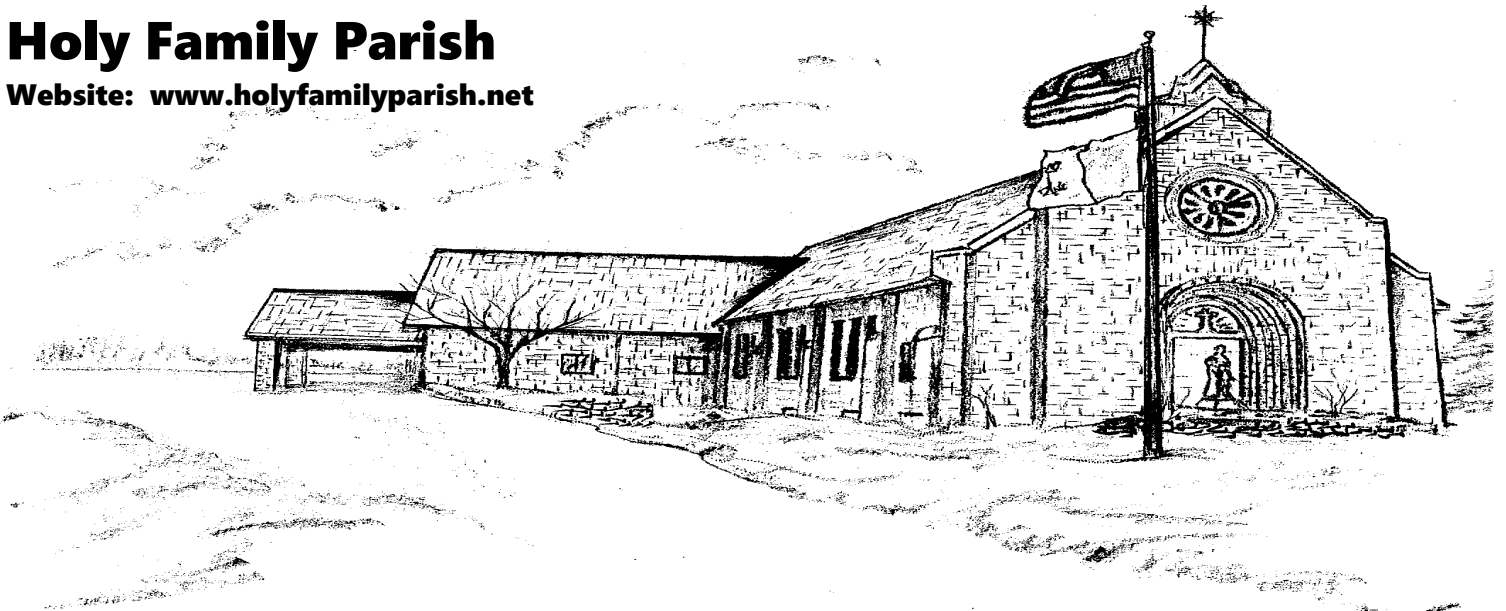


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Pentecost Sunday – May 24, 2026

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

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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

SATAN ENTERED INTO JUDAS (Luke 22:1-6):

It was at Passover time that Jesus came to Jerusalem to die. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is not, strictly speaking, the same thing as the Passover. The Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted for a week, from 15th to 21st Nisan (April), and the Passover itself was eaten on 15th Nisan. It commemorated the deliverance of the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt ([Exodus 12:1-51](#)). On that night the angel of death smote the first-born son in every Egyptian family; but he passed over the homes of the Israelites, because the lintels of their doors were smeared with the blood of the lamb to distinguish them. On that night they left so quickly that, at their last meal, there was no time to bake bread with leaven. It was unleavened cakes they ate.

There were elaborate preparations for the Passover. Roads were repaired; bridges were made safe; wayside tombs were whitewashed lest the pilgrim should fail to see them, and so touch them and become unclean. For a month before, the story and meaning of the Passover was the subject of the teaching of every synagogue. Two days before the Passover there was in every house a ceremonial search for leaven. The householder took a candle and solemnly searched every nook and corner in silence, and the last particle of leaven was thrown out.

Every male Jew, who was of age and who lived within 15 miles of the holy city, was bound by law to attend the Passover. But it was the ambition of every Jew in every part of the world (as it is still) to come to the Passover in Jerusalem at least once in his lifetime. To this day, when Jews keep the Passover in every land they pray that they may keep it next year in Jerusalem. Because of this vast numbers came to Jerusalem at the Passover time. Cestius was governor of Palestine in the time of Nero and Nero tended to belittle the importance of the Jewish faith. To convince Nero of it, Cestius took a census of the lambs slain at one particular Passover. Josephus tells us that the number was 256,500. It was in a city crowded like that the drama of the last days of Jesus was played out.

The atmosphere of Passover time was always inflammable. The headquarters of the Roman government was at Caesarea, and normally only a small detachment of troops was stationed at Jerusalem; but for the Passover season many more were drafted in. The problem which faced the Jewish authorities was how to arrest Jesus without provoking a riot. It was solved for them by the treachery of Judas. Satan entered into Judas. Two things stand out.

- (i) Just as God is ever looking for men to be his instruments, so is Satan. A man can be the instrument of good or of evil, of God or of the devil. The Zoroastrians see this whole universe as the battle ground between the god of the light and the god of the dark, and in that battle a man must choose his side. We, too, know that a man can be the servant of the light or of the dark.
- (ii) But it remains true that Satan could not have entered into Judas unless Judas had opened the door. There is no handle on the outside of the door of the human heart. It must be opened from within.

THE LAST MEAL TOGETHER (Luke 22:7-23)

Once again Jesus did not leave things until the last moment; his plans were already made. The better class houses had two rooms. The one room was on the top of the other; and the house looked exactly like a small box placed on top of a large one. The upper room was reached by an outside stair. During the Passover time all lodging in Jerusalem was free. The only pay a host might receive for letting lodgings to the pilgrims was the skin of the lamb which was eaten at the feast. A very usual use of an upper room was that it was the place where a Rabbi met with his favorite disciples to talk things over with them and to open his heart to them. Jesus had taken steps to procure such a room. He sent Peter and John into the city to look for a man bearing a jar of water. To carry water was a woman's task. A man carrying a jar of water would be as easy to pick out as, say, a man using a lady's umbrella on a wet day. This was a prearranged signal between Jesus and a friend. So the feast went on; and Jesus used the ancient symbols and gave them a new meaning.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 25 th	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions ----- Parish Office closed
Tues.	May 26 th	<i>Saint Philip Neri, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marie Theoret
Wed.	May 27 th	<i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Martinson Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	May 28 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Ann Marcella
Fri.	May 29 th	<i>Saint Paul VI, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jean Johnson ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 30 th	3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Mary Kowalski
Sun.	May 31 st	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Helen Ness

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

58 envelopes returned for May 17, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,217.00
Loose.....	189.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	<u>20.00</u>
Total.....	\$2,426.00
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,594.23
Short.....	\$ 2,168.23
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	5.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	220.00

Catholic Play Group

Wednesday Mornings at 10 a.m.

All ages welcome! Come play and connect!

Contact Megan Hansen for more information at [906-280-2665](tel:906-280-2665).

Knights of Columbus Council #640

Fourth Degree, Escanaba Assembly 507 wishes to remember and honor all our departed Brother Knights that served our country. May they rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus

The Fourth Degree Knights will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at their June 17th monthly meeting. You may drop off your worn and tattered flags at the K.C. Hall, 1812 9th Avenue North 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.

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 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.

May 25th - With Jesus at my side I have nothing to
fear, even on the heights.

May 26th - If you cannot make light of your troubles,
keep them in the dark.

May 27th - I have held many things in my hands, and
I have lost them all; but whatever I have
placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

May 28th - Prayer should be the key of the day and
the lock of the night.

May 29th - Don't wait for something to turn up. Get
a spade and dig for it.

May 30th - Lord, may the scorching sun remind me of
my need for the dew of your Spirit.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to
his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, so I send you."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus
to the poor by assisting families, in providing food,
and money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-
3610.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

*Our prayers and
sympathies to the family
and friends of Phyllis
Theoret who passed on
Monday, May 18th.*

Eternal rest grant unto

*her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon
her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Gn 3:9-15,20
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday
1 Pt 1:10-16
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday
1 Pt 1:18-25
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday
1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12
Mk 10:46-52

Friday
1 Pt 4:7-13
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday
Jude 17,20b-25
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday
Ex 34:4b-6,8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

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 at 4:30 pm

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

We would love to have you be a part of the celebration!
Please RSVP by entering your name and number of
guests on the signup sheet in the church gathering area.

Part Time Help Wanted

St. Joseph & St. Patrick is looking for a part-time
janitor to work approximately 10 hours per
week. Duties would include cleaning the church and
assisting with lawn and sidewalk care. Candidates
must undergo a background check and complete safe
environment training. Please stop by the parish office
to pick up an application, or email
sjspoffice709@gmail.com.