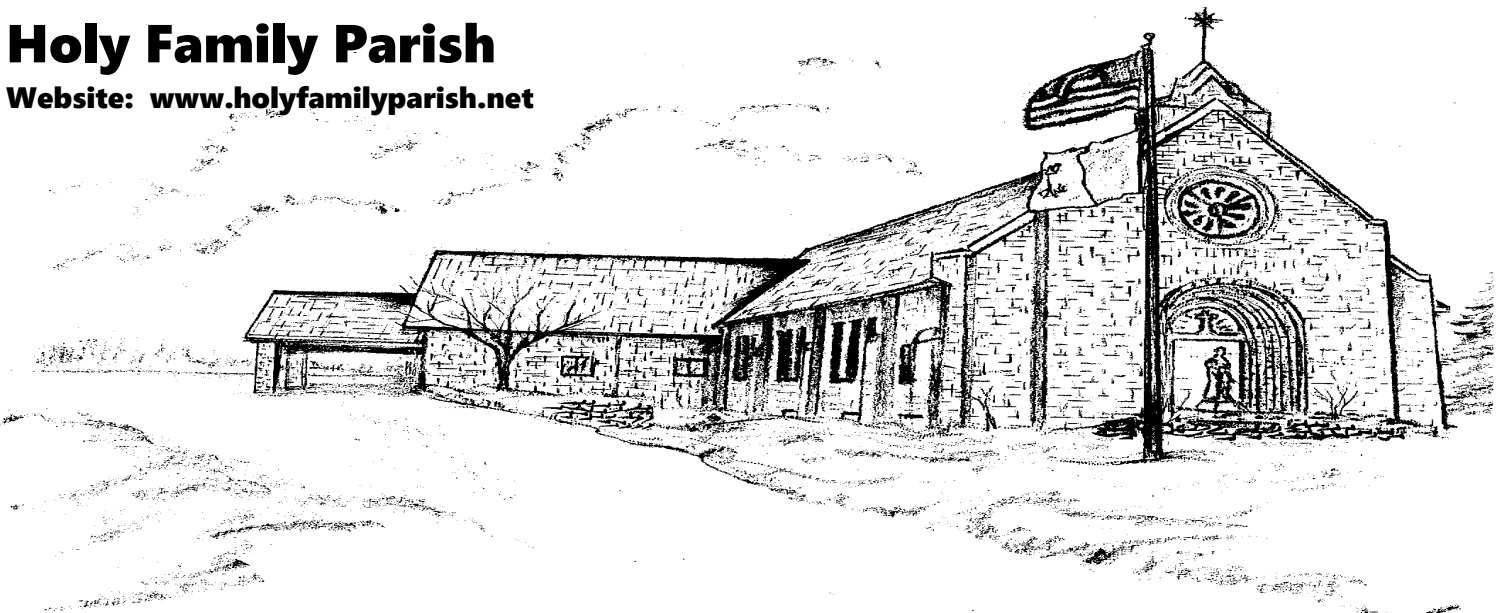


# Holy Family Parish

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 25, 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](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
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

### 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 7:11-23: Raising of the Widow's Son and the Messengers from John the Baptist.**

#### **Raising of Widow's Son: Old Testament**

**Background:** The Old Testament background for the story of Jesus raising the widow's son is miracles wrought by Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-24) and Elisha (2 Kings 4:18-37). Most Jews (and possibly Gentile Christians) of Jesus' day would know the stories of Elijah and Elisha in detail and would quickly understand how they relate to the story of Jesus raising the widow's son.

Elijah invoked God's help to restore life to the dead son of the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:10-24). The parallels between this story and the story of Jesus and the widow of Nain are striking. Both Elijah and Jesus come to a gate (1 Kings 17:10, 17; Luke 7:12). Both involve a widow whose only son has died (1 Kings 17:17-18; Luke 7:12). Elijah cries out to the Lord, and Jesus has compassion (1 Kings 17:20-21; Luke 7:13). Elijah stretches himself upon the child, and Jesus touches the bier (1 Kings 17:21; Luke 7:14). "The soul of the child came into him again" and "He who was dead sat up, and began to speak" (1 Kings 17:22; Luke 7:15). Both Elijah and Jesus "gave him to his mother"—the wording in the Greek Septuagint version of the Old Testament is exactly the same (1 Kings 17:23; Luke 7:15). The mother said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of Yahweh in your mouth is truth," and the crowd said of Jesus, "A great prophet has arisen among us" (1 Kings 17:24 and Luke 7:16).

A major difference between the two stories has to do with the comparative ease with which Jesus raises the man from the dead. While Elijah stretched himself out over the boy three times and prayed to God for the boy's life (1 Kings 17:20-22), Jesus simply touches the bier and commands the young man to rise (Luke 7:14).

- Elisha raised the only son of a Shunammite woman, *who was not a widow*, from the dead (2 Kings 4:18-37). Shunem was located 7 miles (11 km) south of Nazareth, and Nain was located 5.5

miles (9 km) southeast of Nazareth—so the place where Jesus raises the widow's son is geographically quite near the place where Elisha raised the Shunammite woman's son. There are few other parallels, however, between the Elisha's story and the Jesus story.

Another difference between the Elijah-Elisha stories and the Jesus story is that both Elijah and Elisha had benefited from the hospitality of the respective mothers and were, in a sense, indebted—but there is no indication that Jesus ever saw the widow of Nain prior to this occasion where he raises her son from the dead.

These parallels between the Old Testament prophets and Jesus help the people to understand that Jesus is a prophet (v. 16).

#### **The Messengers from John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-23).**

(i) This incident has worried many because they have been surprised at the apparent doubt in the mind of John. Various explanations have been advanced.

(a) It is suggested that John took this step, not for his own sake, but for the sake of his disciples. He was sure enough; but they had their qualms and he desired that they should be confronted with proof unanswerable.

(b) It is suggested that John wished to hurry Jesus on because he thought it was time Jesus moved towards decisive action.

(c) The simplest explanation is the best. Think what was happening to John. John, the child of the desert and of the wide-open spaces, was confined in a dungeon cell in the castle of Machaerus. Shut in his cell, choked by the narrow walls, John asked his question because his cruel captivity had put tremors in his heart.

**(We will continue)**

### **THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Philip Neri, Priest Memorial</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions ----- Parish Office closed
Tues.	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Charolette Poquette
Wed.	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold & Judy Bussineau Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Paul VI, pope</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - Robert “Jim” Pascoe
Fri.	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Helen & Lester Ness, Jr. ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>The Visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>The Ascension of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Ken Kelloniemi

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

#### **envelopes returned for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,029.00
Loose.....	123.02
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	-0-
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,172.02</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$4,509.61</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>\$2,337.59</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	25.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	125.00
Priest Retirement.....	120.00
Reimbursement.....	91.72
Flowers.....	20.00

### **WORLD CHURCH COMBINED COLLECTION**

**JUNE 7-8, 2025**

Please use the envelope provided in your packet.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Fourth Degree Knights will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at their June 18<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. Drop off your worn and tattered flags at the K.C. Hall, 1812 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**IN MEMORY OF MANY  
IN HONOR OF ALL  
THANK YOU!  
FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FOURTH DEGREE!**

### **SUMMER HOURS**

The Baraga Educational Center is back and in full swing for the summer! Come and visit Bishop Baraga's house Monday-Friday noon to 5 p.m., and evenings and weekends by appointment. Group tours are welcome! Contact us to schedule at (906) 227-9117. *Our prayer gardens and votive house are open daily 7 a.m.-7 p.m.*

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** - If you cannot make light of your troubles, keep them in the dark.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** - 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 28<sup>th</sup>** - Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

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

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

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** - Could we read the final chapter Of our life, then we would see Great advantages and blessings Come from our adversity.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

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

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.



11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Walk for Life**  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N, Escanaba; call (906) 786-7474; visit [psdcpartners.org/events](http://psdcpartners.org/events);

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Acts 16:11-15  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

### **Tuesday**

Acts 16:22-34  
Jn 16:5-11

### **Wednesday**

Acts 17:15,22-18:1  
Jn 16:12-15

### **Thursday**

Acts 18:1-8  
Jn 16:16-20

### **Friday**

Acts 18:9-18  
Jn 16:20-23

### **Saturday**

Zep 3:14-18a  
Lk 1:39-56

### **Sunday**

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53

**We are busy bees this summer at Holy Name !**

FIRST **Thank you!!**

For supporting our Spring Fling! It was a fun success!

THEN Registration is in full swing!

We have openings for students at all grade levels.  
Curious? Call and ask us about our test scores,  
or to arrange a tour of the grade school or high  
school ... or both! School Office: (906) 786-7550

In Search of ...

Did you attend catholic school?  
Did your parents / grandparents attend?  
Jane in our Alumni Office would love  
to talk to those who have generational stories!

Please call or email [JArts@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:JArts@holynamecrusaders.com)  
906-280-3015

### Ask Bishop John Doerfler to Pray for You

A direct mailing will be sent to all registered households from Bishop John in the next six weeks. Helping to fulfill one of his primary obligations, to pray for the people of the Diocese of Marquette, Bishop John invites parishioners to send personal prayer requests. Returned prayer cards are kept in his private chapel, where he will pray for your intentions for the next year.