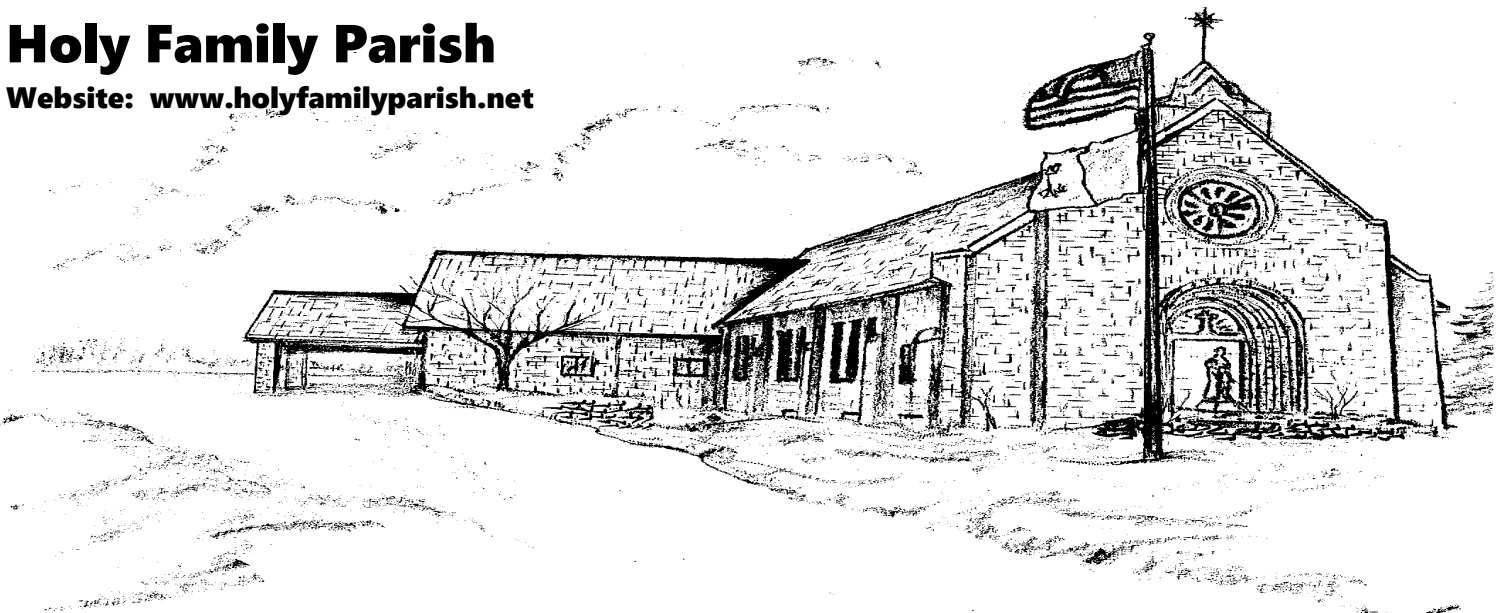


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The Ascension of the Lord – June 1, 2025

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Notice of six months is required

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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

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, Denise Seymour**
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

Messengers of John (7:18-23): In last week's episode we saw John sending emissaries to Jesus inquiring whether he was the one who was expected by the people of Israel. But Jesus does not give a straightforward answer to John; rather speaks about the Messianic works foretold by the Prophets, which are fulfilled through the works of Jesus, that is, healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind and open the ears of the deaf and preaching the good news.

(ii) Note the proof that Jesus offered. He pointed at the facts. The sick and the suffering and the humble poor were experiencing the power and hearing the word of the Good News. Here is a point which is seldom realized--this is not the answer John expected. If Jesus was God's anointed one, John would have expected him to say, "My armies are massing. Caesarea, the headquarters of the Roman government, is about to fall. The sinners are being obliterated. And judgment has begun." He would have expected Jesus to say, "The wrath of God is on the march." but Jesus said, "The mercy of God is here." Let us remember that where pain is soothed and sorrow turned to joy, where suffering and death are vanquished, there is the kingdom of God. Jesus' answer was, "Go back and tell John that the love of God is here." We don't know whether John was satisfied with the answer of Jesus or not.

(iii) Luke 7: 24-35: After John's emissaries had gone, Jesus paid his own tribute to him. People had crowded out into the desert to see and hear John and they had not gone to see a reed shaken by the wind. That may mean one of two things.

(a) Nothing was commoner by Jordan's banks than a reed shaken by the wind. It was in fact a proverbial phrase for the commonest of sights. It may then mean that the crowds went out to see no ordinary sight.

(b) It may stand for fickleness. It was no vacillating, swaying character men went out to see like a swaying reed, but a man immovable as a mighty tree. They had not gone out to see some soft effeminate soul, like the silk-clad courtiers of the royal palace. What then had they gone to see?

(a) First, Jesus pays John a great tribute. All men expected that before God's anointed king arrived upon the earth, Elijah would return to prepare the way and act as his herald ([Malachi 4:5](#)). John was the herald of the Highest.

(b) Second, Jesus states quite clearly the limitations of John. The least in the kingdom of heaven was greater

than he. Why? Some have said that it was because John had wavered, if but for a moment, in his faith. It was not that. It was because John marked a dividing line in history. Since John's proclamation had been made, Jesus had come; eternity had invaded time; heaven had invaded earth; God had arrived in Jesus; life could never be the same again. We date all time as before Christ and after Christ--B.C. and A.D. Jesus is the dividing line. Therefore, all who come after him and who receive him are of necessity granted a greater blessing than all who went before. The entry of Jesus into the world divided all time into two; and it divided all life into two. If any man be in Christ he is a new creation ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

THE PERVERSITY OF MEN (Luke 7:30-35)

But the Pharisees and the scribes frustrated God's purpose for themselves because they were not baptized by him. "To whom," asked Jesus, "will I compare the men of this generation? And to whom are they like? They are like children seated in the market place who call to one another, 'We have piped to you, and you did not dance. We have sung you a dirge and you did not weep.' John the Baptizer came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you say, 'Look! a gluttonous man and a wine-drinker, the friend of tax-collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is justified by her children."

This passage tells of the perils of free-will. The scribes and the Pharisees had succeeded in frustrating God's purpose for themselves. The tremendous truth of Christianity is that the coercion of God is not of force but of love. It is precisely there that we can glimpse the sorrow of God. It is always love's greatest tragedy to look upon some loved one who has taken the wrong way and to see what might have been, what could have been and what was meant to have been. That is life's greatest heartbreak. (ii) It tells of the perversity of men. John had come, living with a hermit's austerity, and the scribes and Pharisees had said that he was a mad eccentric and that some demon had taken his wits away. Jesus had come, living the life of men and entering into all their activities, and they had taunted him with loving earth's pleasures far too much. We all know the days when a child will grin at anything and the moods when nothing will please us. The human heart can be lost in a perversity in which any appeal God may make will be met with willful and childish discontent. **(We will continue)**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	June 2 nd	<i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	June 3 rd	<i>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jim Graham
Wed.	June 4 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Leann Vandermission Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	June 5 th	<i>Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - Frank & Bernadette Thomas
Fri.	June 6 th	<i>First Friday – No Adoration</i> <i>Saint Norbert, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Elvira Carlson ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	June 7 th	8:00 A.M. - <i>First Saturday Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Sebastian</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	June 8 th	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bill Smith (3 rd Anniv.)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

68 envelopes returned for Sunday, May 25

Adults.....	\$3,125.00
Loose.....	237.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$3,362.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,509.61
Short.....	\$1,147.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	544.00
U.P. Catholic Services 57 appeal.....	120.00
Priest Retirement.....	35.00
Flowers.....	5.00
Mass Stipends.....	180.00

WORLD CHURCH COMBINED COLLECTION

All parishes in the Diocese of Marquette will be taking up the World Church Collection on June 8. The World Church Collection supports the following outreach ministries: the Catholic Relief Services Overseas Fund, the Holy Land & National Communications Collection, the Peter's Pence Collection, and the Diocesan Missionary Collection (New!).

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- June 1st** - Better do a kindness near at home than walk a thousand miles to burn incense.
- June 2nd** - If your Christian life is a drag, worldly weights are probably to blame.
- June 3rd** - He loves each one of us, as if there were only one of us.
- June 4th** - My Lord knows the way through the wilderness. All I have to do is follow.
- June 5th** - Fellowship with God is a sacred flower which is experienced here in the bud, but whose full bloom is reserved for heaven.
- June 6th** - No parent should spend all of his time in the garden of a child's life digging up weeds; there is always the danger of scratching out flowers not above the ground.
- June 7th** - To some people a tree is something so incredibly beautiful that it brings tears to the eyes. To others it is just a green thing that stands in the way.

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.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Everyone is cordially invited to the Priestly Ordination of Dcn. Zachary Mazurek, June 6, 2025
St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, MI 49855
3:30 PM
A light reception will be held afterwards,
all are welcome to attend

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:aab-19

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Thursday

Acts 22:30;23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13
Jn 14:15-16,23b-26

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.



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;

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.*