

# Holy Family Parish

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## The Most Holy Trinity – June 15, 2025

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President	Diane Danhoff
Wanda Chenier – Secretary	Harold Flagstadt
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Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee	
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee	

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron	Piper Desy
Mary Kay Nolde	Frank Chenier

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### 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

### Lk 8: 1-3: The Galilean women follow Jesus

In a short note, Luke summarizes Jesus' teaching ministry in Galilee. He is traveling through the towns and villages proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom. Besides the Twelve whom he is training, Luke mentions some women who travel with him and help to support his mission. Luke is the only one who mentions that there were women in Jesus' traveling party and that women helped fund His work. These women of Jesus, like many others, had "their own means," or literally, "serving them from their possessions."

### The Parable of the Sower: Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

This is one of the parables that recorded by the three Evangelists in similar words, (Matthew 13: 3-9; Mark 4:3-9, 13-21). And also this is the first parable of Jesus recorded in the three gospels and the first one among the Kingdom parables. The three Evangelists write the interpretation of this parable too and attribute it to Jesus. In Matthew we have one more parable, **the parable of the Weeds and Wheat** to which Jesus gives the interpretation (Mt. 13: 24-30, 36-43). All the rest of the parables are told by Jesus without any explanation or interpretation. Another frequent argument we hear is that the interpretation, supposed to be given by Jesus is not from him; rather it was given by the early Church preachers. Though the account of the parable looks to be similar in the three gospels, still we find differences. Matthew and Mark give us the location of the parable as the sea side or the Lake of Tiberius. Whereas Luke right away begins the parable without pointing out a particular place. Matthew begins his parable saying that Jesus went '**out of the house**' and sat down by the sea. He mentions the house in definite article, '**the house.**' That means his community was well aware of this house. It is said that this house was the house Peter at Capernaum. In the interpretation we find slight difference in the identity of the '**seed.**' According to Mark the seed is **the Word**, for Matthew it is the **Word of the Kingdom** and for Luke it is the **Word of God.**

The sower, generally speaking is the farmer. Some Biblical scholars like William Barclay is of opinion that Jesus started this parable seeing a farmer sowing the seed in his field near the Lake. But others hold the opinion that though Jesus gives his parable in a spontaneous manner it does not be necessary that he was watching a farmer in action. Again as Jesus was talking to a crowd in the rural set up where people were very familiar with the plowing, sowing and harvesting.

In Palestine very often we don't see acres of plain land. Mostly the fields were in long narrow strips and the ground between the strips was always a right of way. This was beaten as hard as pavement by the walking of the people. In Palestine there were two ways of sowing the seed. It could be sown by the sower scattering it broadcast as he walked up and down the field. Of course, especially when the wind was blowing some of the seeds could be blown out of the field and fallen on the path and adjacent areas. The second way was to fill the seed in a sack and put the sack on an ass and to tear a hole in one corner. As the animal walked, the seed fell on the ground evenly. From the description given by Jesus in the parable it is clear that he was speaking about the first method of sowing.

The stony ground mentioned in the parable is not to be believed to be filled with only stones. It was what was common in Palestine to see land with thin layer of earth underlying above the shelf of lime stones. On such ground, though the seed cannot produce any fruit it will germinate within no time as the soil is thin and warmer. But as the soil is not deep enough, the plants die out soon. The thorny ground was with thorny bush and thistles and very often in the beginning of the autumn season their leaves were fallen and the ground looks pretty clear. But their roots are all spread out and with the first rain they start coming up with full power. Finally among all these we find good soil where the seed gives fruit according to the quality of the soil.

(We will continue)

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Ileen Hughes & Emma & Barb Neuens
Wed.	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Don Anderson Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Romuald, Abbot</i> 8:00 A.M. -	<b>NO Mass</b>
Fri.	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - -----	<b>NO Mass</b> Parish Office closed
Sat.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i> 3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Jack & Rita Gascon
Sun.	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i> 8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – The Canonization of Frederick Ozanam

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### **69 envelopes returned for Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,900.00
Loose.....	224.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	10.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,164.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$4,509.61</b>
<b>Overage.....</b>	<b>\$1,345.61</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	115.00
Priest Retirement.....	15.00

This year Vacation Bible School at All Saints will be held July 14-18. VBS is open to children age 4 through those who are going into 5th Grade. Register your family today!

***HAPPY FATHER'S  
DAY***

### 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.

### Foster Parents Needed

Foster parenting can be the most gratifying work you will ever do but it is not for everyone. It requires opening yourself and your home to children who have experienced loss and need someone to love, nurture, advocate and protect them. Foster care involves partnering with social workers, schools, family court and community resources to meet an infant, child, or young person's needs. All types of people make good foster parents as we all have our own special talents. If your family is thinking of foster care, contact Kaitlyn Beurjey with Catholic Social Services at 906-280-0843 and begin the discussion.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- June 15<sup>th</sup>** - Only a dad, but he gives his all To  
smooth the way for his children small;  
These are the lines that for him I pen;  
Only a dad, but the best of men.
- June 16<sup>th</sup>** - Life is like a ladder, every step we take is  
either up or down.
- June 17<sup>th</sup>** - The greatest gift a father can give his  
children is to love their mother.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>** - A friendship true is like pure gold...It  
won't wear out because it's old.
- June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Lord, show me how to say yes to the  
beauty you are building within me.
- June 20<sup>th</sup>** - Weeping may endure for a night, but joy  
cometh in the morning. Psalm 30:5
- June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Spend time in the Word of God....It is  
your blueprint for successful living.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are suffering. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

*It's that time to start thinking about doing baskets for our annual BASKET RAFFLE for our Harvest dinner which will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.*

### 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.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Monday</b> 2 Cor 6:1-10 Mt 5:38-42	<b>Tuesday</b> 2 Cor 8:1-9 Mt 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday</b> 2 Cor 9:6-11 Mt 6:1-6,16-18	<b>Thursday</b> 2 Cor 11:1-11 Mt 6:7-15
<b>Friday</b> 2 Cor 11:18,21-30 Mt 6:19-23	<b>Saturday</b> 2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 6:24-34
<b>Sunday</b> Gn 14:18-20    1 Cor 11:23-26    Lk 9:11b-17	

### 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.

### **GRIEVING THE END OF A MARRIAGE**

The Beginning Experience is a Christian peer-led ministry serving those who are grieving the end of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. Men and women of all ages are invited to attend their upcoming one-day retreat via Zoom: *In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone*. This will take place Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. For information or to register call Jim at (845) 220-7883 or Denise at (845) 325-3147.

### Carmelite Fall Festival

September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3:00 PM

Carmel of the Holy Cross Monastery

June US2 and M95, Iron Mountain, MI

The Fall Festival is open to the public and all are welcome. Baked goods, arts, crafts, basket raffle, and plate lunch...including the Sisters' famous bread will be available for purchase. \$5.00 Raffle tickets are available for purchase at Holy Family Parish office.