

Holy Family Parish

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 22, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

*Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk
Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret
Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell
Kristin Cutcher, Tim Kalishek*

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 8:16-18: The Parable of the Lamp: Now, let's look at these points one by one. The first thing that happens is that a lamp has been lit. What is the lamp? The lamp is man's life, the life which he is given when he is born into the world. Who lit it? God lit it. God kindles the light. Every believer has had his lamp ignited by God. He is like an oil-burning lamp that burns and shows forth light. Jesus says that his disciple is to be like a light. How do we become a light? Through the word of God we can become the light. God's word is that by which the fire will be kindled in our hearts. When we let the word of Christ dwell in us, when we let it so deeply implanted within us so as to control our lives, we become more and more like Christ. We reflect more and more the light of Christ.

In order for man to have his lamp lit, he has to take some initiative. He has to come to Jesus, the light of the world, and receive the quickening spark of His light. He has to put the lamp of his life up to the light of Christ in order to be lit. This is taught by Jesus in those terms. *I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life* (Jean 8:12). 'He who follows Me shall have the light of life.' We have to follow Him. If we don't, we won't have the light. So it is the person who commits himself to Christ who will have the 'light of life,' the knowledge of God which gives life to his soul. And as a result of that light in us, we become the light of the world. *Once you were darkness*, we read in Ephesians 5:8, *but now you are light in the Lord*.

Secondly, the purpose of lighting a lamp is not to conceal the light, but to illumine a room so that those who enter can see. So once the lamp has been lit, you don't cover it with a vessel or put it under a bed. When God puts light in us and makes us light, He doesn't want that light to be covered. However, if it does get covered, it is not God who does it. It is we who cover ourselves.

Here, several things are mentioned that might cover us. Luke mentions the vessel. When

you light a lamp, you don't cover it with a vessel. Mark mentions a bushel. When you light a lamp, you don't cover it with a bushel. And both Mark and Luke mention the bed. When you light a lamp, you don't have it covered by a bed, i.e., you don't put it under a bed. What is this saying to us? The point being made here is that you don't let the world get on top of you. If you let the world get on top of you, your light will get dimmer. It might not even shine anymore. Notice that these things literally get on top of the light. Covered with a vessel. Covered with a bushel. Covered by a bed. How can your light shine when you have these things on top of you?

A bushel is a basket that contains grain. It is a measure for grain. And grain means what? It means wheat. It means barley. It means corn. In other words, it means food. If you let your concern for food get on top of you, it will be hard for your lamp to give light. What about the vessel? We saw that a bushel contains dry matter. A vessel, on the other hand, contains liquid; food and drink, the basic necessities of life. Did we forget something? Yes, the bed! A place where we rest. And where do we usually rest if it is not in our homes?

Food, drink and shelter are the necessities of life. In Matthew 6, Jesus says, 'Do not be anxious about your life, your physical life. Don't worry about what you are going to eat, what you are going to drink, where you are going to sleep. God gives food and shelter to the birds of the air. He will likewise take care of the believer who trusts Him. Don't be anxious over these things, but seek first the kingdom of God.'

Don't be so preoccupied with the material things of this world that they dominate your life (as necessary as those things are). In other words, don't allow them to get on top of you. Don't allow them to cover your light. Otherwise you will begin to neglect God and His kingdom, and your light will get dimmer and dimmer.

(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	June 23 rd	8:00 A.M. -	NO Mass
Tues.	June 24 th	<i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Phil & Lela Dubord	
Wed.	June 25 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – J.W. Pascoe Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	June 26 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Don Stangel 12:00 Noon- Parish office closed
Fri.	June 27 th	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Ian Becker 11:00 AM - Funeral Mass for Linda Roberts ----- Parish Office closed	
Sat.	June 28 th	<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King	
Sun.	June 29 th	<i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Special intentions of the St. Vincent DePaul Society	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

65 envelopes returned for Sunday, June 15th

Adults.....	\$2,617.00
Loose.....	201.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$2,838.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,509.61
Short.....	\$1,671.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	5.00
Priest Retirement.....	105.00
Mass Stipends.....	130.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	150.00

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!

NO ADORATION AT THE HOSPITAL

There will be NO adoration from Sunday June 22nd at 5:00 pm to Wednesday, July 16th at 9:00 AM (for three weeks) This is due to the reconstruction of the hospital parking lot. The chapel will still be open.

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 22nd** - You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they should do for themselves.
- June 23rd** - Life with Christ is an endless hope, Without Him a hopeless end.
- June 24th** - I question not if thrushes sing, If roses load the air; Beyond my heart I need not reach When all is summer there.
- June 25th** - When you turn “green” with envy, You’re getting “ripe” for trouble.
- June 26th** - I used to ask God to help me, then I asked if I might help Him. I ended up by asking Him to do His work through me.
- June 27th** - Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.
- June 28th** - While looking for ways to serve and help others, you will find most of your own faults automatically corrected.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ we hear Jesus ask his disciples, “Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?” And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes.

Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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

Monday Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5	Tuesday Is 49:1-6 Lk 1:57-66,80
Wednesday Gn 15:1-12,17-18 Mt 7:15-20	Thursday Gn 16:1-12,15-16 Mt 7:21-29
Friday Ez 34:11-16 Lk 15:3-7	Saturday Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17
Sunday Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19	

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

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.

You're Invited To tour St Vincent de Paul Center Operations

June 28, 2025 10am to 1pm
115 North 8th St., Escanaba

Come and see how we help our neighbors in need. See our recycle operation, pantry food distribution, the soup kitchen and donation sorting to be sold in the thrift store. Last but not least our rag cutting program.

With your help we can continue serving our community. And refreshments too!!