

Holy Family Parish

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 23, 2024

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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.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan, Jean Way
Shelly Polaczyk, Amanda, Jan Carter, Mike Mosher
Mike & Lori, John King, Brenda Chouinard*

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

God's Message to Mary (Cont.)

Luke 1: 29-38: To the perplexed Mary, the angel, Gabriel, imparts the words of comfort and great promise: **"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will call him Jesus" (1:30-31).** The name "Jesus" would have special meaning for her and all Israelites, because it is derived from a Hebrew word that means "savior" and signifies the promise of one who saves God's people. Not only will Mary conceive a child in a way never heard of before, but the child will play a special role in the salvation of all God's people. Hear the message of the angels: *"To you is born in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (2:11).*

The proclamation of who Jesus is has to be one of the most exalted in all Scripture: *"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (1:32-33).*

In Jesus, the fulfillment of the ages has come. The Messiah, so longed for in the history of God's people, brings together the reign of David and the promise of life to the family of Jacob/Israel. Thus it is no wonder that Mary responds: "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" (1:34).

The wonderful exchange between Mary and the angel Gabriel continues to express God's pure and simple gift to Mary: *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God" (1:35).* Within this single verse, we

have the basis why the Christian faith is centered in the triune God. **All three persons are present in the God we confess as "the Most High," in Jesus Christ "the Son of God," and the overshadowing presence of "the Holy Spirit."**

The connection back to the verses that preceded our text (1:5-25) now draws this story to a conclusion, once again linking John and Jesus in a familial relationship: "And now your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren"(1:36).

THE PARADOX OF BLESSEDNESS ([Luke 1:39-45](#)) *As per the message Mary received from the angel about the pregnancy of Elizabeth in her old age she rushed to the hill country of Judah where she entered the house Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth. In return Elizabeth greeted Mary* which is a kind of lyrical song on the blessedness of Mary. Nowhere can we better see the paradox of blessedness than in her life. To Mary was granted the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. Well might her heart be filled with a wondering, tremulous joy at so great a privilege. Yet that very blessedness was to be a sword to pierce her heart. It meant that some day she would see her son hanging on a cross.

To be chosen by God so often means at one and the same time a crown of joy and cross of sorrow. The piercing truth is that God does not choose a person for ease and comfort and selfish joy but for a task that will take all that head and heart and hand can bring to it.

(We will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	June 24 th	<i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	June 25 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	June 26 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – All Souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	June 27 th	<i>Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duaine Chenier
Fri.	June 28 th	<i>Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – JW Pascoe ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	June 29 th	<i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Duaine Chenier
Sun.	June 30 th	<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Special Intentions of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

70 envelopes returned for Sunday, June 16th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,139.00
Loose.....	216.00
General Maintenance.....	85.00
Fuel.....	----- -0-
Total.....	\$3,440.00
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Short.....	\$ 949.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	70.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	90.00
World Church collection.....	35.00
Pasties.....	54.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 8th- 12th
Ages 4 – grade 4 at All Saints Church. Go online at allsaintsgladstone.org to sign up. Contact Kathy at 428-3100 or email kkohntala@allsaintsgladstone.org.
Adult Crew Leaders & Awesome Teen Volunteers are still needed!

A Mighty is her call Retreat

Her Call is Surrender

October 12, 2024 8 am – 3:00 pm

Come renew your vocation to motherhood in the spirit of surrender. Find encouragement, support and refreshment for your soul. Be blessed by Mass, confession, inspiring talks, and the occasion to share together our faith, joys and challenges as we live out this sacred calling. For more information or to register go to www.mightyishercall.com.

MEAL TRAIN

Thank you to the 3 volunteers who signed up to make a meal for Heidi & Adam. It is such a wonderful gift to them and so appreciated during this transitional time! There are still 5 open dates on their calendar. If you would like to sign up for a meal, you can find their information on our website (Heading - > Parish Ministries, then, Meal Train Ministry) or contact Mary Nolde at 906-399-5299.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- June 29th** - Love does not consist of looking at each
other, but in looking outward together, in
the same direction.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples “Why are you lacking in faith.” In our life’s journey, we also must learn to believe in God’s presence and to trust in his care.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to continue show God’s love and care to others by assisting families with food, for utility and rent bills.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

WE ARE HIRING!!!

Full Time Driver. Help your community. Starting pay \$12.50 hourly – 90 days probationary period, paid holidays after 90 days. Chauffeur License, but will help to obtain one. Must have valid drivers license. Must be able to lift u to 50 lbs. work in hot and cold environments. Good oral communications skills.

**Apply at St. Vincent DePaul Warehouse
815 1st Avenue North, Escanaba**

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

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| Monday
Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66,80 | Tuesday
2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,
31-35a,36
Mt 7:6,12-14 |
| Wednesday
2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3
Mt 7:15-20 | Thursday
2 Kgs 24:8-17
Mt 7:21-29 |
| Friday
2 Kgs 25:1-12
Mt 8:1-4 | Saturday
Acts 12:1-11
Mt 16:13-19 |
| Sunday
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 Mt 5:21-43 | |

Eucharistic Congress

Last June we celebrated our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress at the Superior Dome. It was a privileged opportunity for us to worship God, and learn more about the esteemed gift of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

There are still free tickets available for the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21 in Indianapolis. I encourage you to attend. Though the tickets are good for the whole Congress, you could also attend for just a day or a couple days as your schedule allows. This will be an opportunity to gather with Catholics from across the country to worship God, experience the community of the Church, and deepen our faith.

To learn more about the National Eucharistic Congress, visit the official Congress website:

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

To claim your free ticket, follow this link: <https://dioceseofmarquette.org/retreats-and-pilgrimages>

ASK BISHOP JOHN DOERFLER TO PRAY FOR YOU

A direct mailing was just sent to all registered households from Bishop John Doerfler. Helping to fulfill one of his primary obligations, to pray for the people of the Diocese of Marquette, Bishop John Doerfler 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.