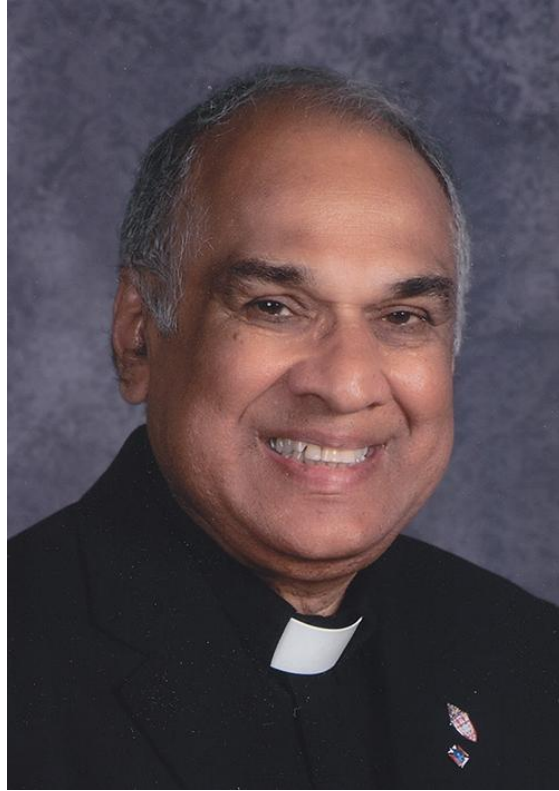


Farewell & Safe Travels

Fr. Sebastian



It is a sad reality that I will never see again your smiling faces; nor will I hear your loving and kind words. The love, warmth and affection we shared with each other once are snatched away from us. But so far I live and my memory remains intact, you will be in my heart. Let's pray for each other.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep;
But I have promises to keep;
And miles to go before I sleep;
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost
From his poem "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening."

GREAT APPRECIATION AND SINCERE THANKS!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

During my 6 years here, if I have done something good and achieved anything it is thanks to the support and encouragement I have received from you. A Parish becomes alive and vibrant by the active participation of the Parishioners. The Pastor is only a medium and co-coordinator. So in many ways, as your Pastor I am indebted to you. You always made me at home, happy and content. Your kind gestures and words were great comfort for me. I never felt that I was away from my home and family members. On this occasion I express my great love and gratitude towards you. Your financial support is amazing. We completed quite a few projects and saved very good amount. So far we never failed to reach the goal of our UPCSAs, thanks to your generosity and extra help of a few members. For everything what you have done, no words of gratitude will be sufficient. God Bless you and Reward you!

For the best administration and Pastoral care the priest has to rely on the help of a good Secretary/General Manager. For the past 40 years Pam was serving the Community in different areas of Parish Life. Wherever she can do something, even going out of her job description, right away, she steps in. Her fundraising efforts make a big difference in our annual income. As a Pastor in many ways she was a great help and guide for me. Quite a few Secretaries worked with me; but I have not found one like Pam so hard working and willing. She is an asset to Holy Family. So far she worked, with at least 9 priests. You can imagine the challenges she faced to adjust with the work style and temperament of each priest. Pam, please accept my heartfelt love and gratitude.

My Special appreciation and admiration

As you all agree, what a great social gathering we had for my farewell. By your great presence in big number made the occasion grand which is also the reflection of your sincere love and consideration towards me. I am so much moved by that. Many of you presented me cards with big monetary gifts in them, though I didn't find any gold and diamond. There is big sacrifice behind these gifts. I will use the money strictly for my retirement expenses, especially for travelling a bit to enjoy the natural beauty in India. I wish I could thank you personally; but in a short time I am unable to do so. So please accept my big thanks and appreciation. God Bless You!

With Love and Regards!
Fr. Sebastian

A Deacon in the Parish is not a decoration in the Sanctuary during Mass, just to lead the penitential rite and wish you the peace. As an ordained minister, he is the right hand of the Pastor in all the matters of Pastoral care of the Community. Deacon Bob is the first Deacon ever I had. Ever since I came here I have been exempted from the preparation of marriage and the RCIA (OCIA) program where we prepare the Catechumens and Candidates to come back to the Catholic Faith. He does a very good service and during these six years we got a few people to join the Community. My great appreciation and gratitude go to him. God Bless him!

The good Pastoral Council and Finance Council are big advisory bodies for the Pastor. The Pastor seeks guidance and opinion from these Council Members and they guide him. Very often they are the medium between the Pastor and Congregation. People may feel hesitant to express certain things to the Pastor directly; but they feel free to approach a Council Member and then the Pastor gets the message. I am proud to say that we have excellent Councils who were very helpful to me. I appreciate and thank them very sincerely for what they have been to me.

Other Associations like the St. Vincent DePaul, Altar Society, Men's Club, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Knights of Columbus have a vital role to play in the Parish life. I am happy that they do a good service to the Community. There are a lot of volunteers we have who serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. We have a few children who serve at the Altar as Altar servers. A big thanks and appreciation for them! I thank each and every one of you who volunteer whenever there are some events like pasty making and harvest dinner etc.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	June 29 th	<i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	June 30 th	<i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – J.W. Pascoe
Wed.	July 1 st	<i>Saint Junipero Serra, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion VanDrese Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	July 2 nd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the special intentions of Emma Flagstadt
Fri.	July 3 rd	<i>First Friday</i> <i>Saint Thomas, Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention <i>6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM</i> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	July 4 th	<i>First Saturday</i> <i>8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Fr. Michael</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	July 5 th	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Helen Clouser 10:00 AM - Mass – The Canonization of Frederick Ozanam

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

64 envelopes returned for June 21, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,783.00
Loose.....	170.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$2,978.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense **\$4,594.23**
Short..... **\$1,616.23**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	-0-
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	575.00
Reimbursement.....	150.00
Donation.....	150.00

There will be NO confessions on Tuesday morning.

ATTENTION LADIES

We are looking for a lady to answer God's prayer to become our next Altar Society leader. Even if it's for a one-year time period, your services would be most appreciated. The group meets once/month in the church basement from the months of September through May. The primary purpose of this group is: to further the spiritual & material welfare of the HF Church and to offer a social program for our members. The Ladies will buy items that are necessary for the altar & other items connected with being on the altar, such as altar boy garments. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome to our parish community, ***Isabelle Mary***, daughter of Adam & Heidi Swanson. Isabelle was baptized on June 22nd. Congratulations to the proud parents & godparents.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

June 30th - A golden wedding is when the couple has gone fifty-fifty!

July 1st - If you can't sleep, don't count sheep; talk to the Shepherd.

July 2nd - People who deal in Sunshine Are the ones who draw the crowds, They always do more business Than those who peddle clouds.

July 3rd - The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together.

July 4th - Be thankful for America...In humbleness we pray Please God, watch over our dear land And keep it safe from day to day.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" by assisting families in providing food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Vacation Bible School at All Saints Parish

Rainforest Falls

*Exploring the Nature of God
July 13-17, 9am-Noon each day*

*Age 4 through Grade 4
Contact All Saints at 428-3199.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 12:1-11
2 Tm 4:6-8,171-8
Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday

Am 5:14-15,21-24
Mt 8:28-34

Friday

Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

Am 3:1-8;4:11-12
Mt 8:23-27

Thursday

Am 7:10-17
Mt 9:1-8

Saturday

Am 9:11-15
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9,11-13
Mt 11:25-30

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open for *Catholic Summer Camp* at Clear Lake Education Center July 13-16. Fr. Dustin Larson, Fr. Ryan Ford, and a team of adults organize this experience for students ages 7-16. More information: yoopercatholic.org/camp

It's that time of year again to start thinking of the donations for the BUCKET RAFFLE! Also, we are having the HARVEST DINNER, Sunday, Oct. 18th.

We are looking to see if anyone would be interested in sponsoring the Raffle Tickets this year. Please contact the parish office if interested.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to our faithful partners, over \$36,500 was raised this year during our 12th annual *Walk for Life*. Plus, an additional \$35,000 in matching funds were given by generous donors. Holy Family Church participants raised **\$1,020** to bring care, help, and hope to women and families in our community experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Our sincere gratitude to all who walked and donated on behalf of Holy Family Church! The success of our Walk shows what we can do when we are *Walking Together for Life*. Thank you!