

Holy Family Parish

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 6, 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

8: 22-25: Luke tells this story with an extraordinary economy of words, and yet with extraordinary vividness. It was no doubt for much needed rest and quiet that Jesus decided to cross the lake. As they sailed, he fell asleep. It is a lovely thing to think of the sleeping Jesus. He was tired, just as we become tired. He, too, could reach the point of exhaustion when the claim of sleep is imperative. He trusted his men; they were the fishermen of the lake and he was content to leave things to their skill and seamanship, and to relax. He trusted God; he knew that he was as near to God by sea as ever he was by land.

Then the storm came down. The Sea of Galilee is famous for its sudden squalls. A traveler says, "The sun had scarcely set when the wind began to rush down towards the lake, and it continued all night long with increasing violence, so that when we reached the shore next morning the face of the lake was like a huge boiling caldron." The reason is this. The Sea of Galilee is more than six hundred feet below sea level. It is surrounded by table lands beyond which the great mountains rise. The rivers have cut deep ravines through the table lands down into the sea. These ravines act like great funnels to draw down the cold winds from the mountains; and thus the storms arise. The same traveler tells how they tried to pitch their tents in such a gale.

It was just such a sudden storm that struck the boat that day, and Jesus and his disciples were in peril of their lives. The disciples woke Jesus and with a word he calmed the storm.

Everything that Jesus did have more than a merely temporal significance. And the real meaning of this incident is that, wherever Jesus is, the storm becomes calm.

(i) Jesus comes, calms the storms of temptation.

Sometimes temptation comes with almost overmastering force. It comes to us all to meet Satan. If we meet the tempest of temptation alone we will perish; but Christ brings the calm in which temptations lose their power.

(ii) Jesus calms the storms of passion. Life is doubly difficult for the man with the hot heart and the

blazing temper. A friend met such a man. "I see," he said, "that you have succeeded in conquering your temper." "No," said the man, "I didn't conquer it. Jesus conquered it for me."

The Defeat of the Demons (Luke 8:26-39)

We will never even begin to understand this story unless we realize that, whatever we think about the demons, they were intensely real to the people of Gerasa and to the man whose mind was deranged. This man was a case of violent insanity. He was too dangerous to live amongst men and he lived amidst the tombs, which were believed to be the home and the haunt of demons. We may well note the sheer courage of Jesus in dealing with him. The man had a maniacal strength which enabled him to snap his fetters. His fellow-men were so terrified of him that they would never try to do anything for him; but Jesus faced him calm and unafraid.

When Jesus asked the man his name, he answered, "Legion." A Roman legion was a regiment of 6,000 soldiers. Doubtless this man had seen a Roman legion on the march, and his poor, afflicted mind felt that there was not one demon but a whole regiment inside him. It may well be that the word haunted him because he had seen atrocities carried out by a Roman legion when he was a child. It is possible that it was the sight of such atrocities which left a scar upon his mind and ultimately sent him mad.

Far too much difficulty has been made out of the pigs. Jesus has been condemned for sending the demons into the innocent swine. That has been characterized as a cruel and immoral action. Again we must remember the intensity of the belief in demons. The man, thinking the demons were speaking through him, pleaded with Jesus not to send them into the abyss of hell to which they would be consigned in the final judgment. He would never have believed that he was cured unless he had visible demonstration. Nothing less than the visible departure of the demons would have convinced him.

(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 7 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass - For all of our special intentions
Tues.	July 8 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Gert Kutches (<i>12th Anniv.</i>)
Wed.	July 9 th	<i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Sharon Dougoveto Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	July 10 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – J.W. Pascoe (<i>7th Anniv.</i>)
Fri.	July 11 th	<i>Saint Benedict, Abbot</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Debbie Wiltzius
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	July 12 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Bill Smith
Sun.	July 13 th	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Dale Richer (<i>4th Anniv.</i>)
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

57 envelopes returned for Sunday, June 29th

Adults.....	\$2,162.00
Loose.....	159.00
General Maintenance.....	75.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$2,396.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,509.61
Short.....	\$2,113.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	423.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	200.00

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

July 6th - Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

July 7th - The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions - the little soon-forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heart-felt compliment....

July 8th - You are often sorry for saying a harsh word, But you will never regret saying a kind one.

July 9th - To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. Eccl. 3:1

July 10th - It is always commendable to get in and dig, but be careful where you throw the dirt.

July 11th - You can never do a kindness too soon...because you never know how soon...it will be too late.

July 12th - Never mind yesterday, life is today! Never mind yesterday, lay it away! Never mind anything over and done, Here is a new moment, lit with new sun.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members "go out two by two" to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish. 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 19th.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Gn 28:10-22a
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday
Gn 32:23-33
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,
17-24a
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday
Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;
45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15

Friday
Gn 46:1-7,28-30
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday
Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday
Dt 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37

Carmelite Fall Festival

September 13th & 14th from Noon to 3:00 PM

Carmel of the Holy Cross Monastery

Junction 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.

PRAYER INTENTION CARD MAILING FROM THE BISHOP

Everyone should have received the annual "Prayer Intention Card" mailing from the Bishop's Office. Helping to fulfill one of his primary obligations; to pray for the people of the Diocese of Marquette.

To do this, Bishop John Doerfler invites parishioners to send personal prayer requests utilizing the mailing you will receive. Returned prayer cards are kept in his private chapel, where he will pray for the intentions over the next year.

Summer is a great time to plan a spiritual road trip. How about visiting one (or all) of the designated pilgrimage churches for the Jubilee 2025 Year in the Diocese of Marquette? Learn more: [Jubilee Year 2025 - Diocese of Marquette - Marquette, MI](#)