

Holy Family Parish

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7, 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.....

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

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 (Cont.)

Mary's Magnificat (Cont.)

Mary Compares the Lot of the Humble and the Proud (Luke 1:51-56)

Next, Mary compares the lot of the humble and the proud. Compare these statements: "He has scattered the proud", "He has put down the mighty", "He has sent the rich away empty", versus "He has exalted the lowly" "He has filled the hungry with good things." It is not so much Mary telling us these things, but Jesus in her womb is speaking through His Mother's lips. When He was older and began His public ministry, this is almost the theme of His Gospels. God exalts the humble; He humbles the proud. We are inclined to take this too mechanically and mistakenly suppose that this reward of the humble and retribution of the proud always takes place regularly in our lives. But in the modern world, as we notice, obviously the proud get prouder and are exalted. Who makes the headlines? Who are honored and praised and who are ignored in this world? But no matter! The span of human life on earth, even the longest life, is short compared to eternity. Heaven is the glorification of humility, and hell is the humiliation of pride. Thank God that Heaven and Hell are both real.

Mary Tells Us that God Keeps His Promises

Lastly, Mary tells us that God keeps His promises. His faithfulness in the face of the disloyalty of the Jewish people over the centuries before Christ is hardly credible. The Old Testament tells of one dreary failure after another of their failure to live up to the Covenant that Yahweh had made with them; they constantly relapsed into idolatry and resisted God's commands. Yet, after their infidelity, murdering their Prophets, ignoring Yahweh's laws and resisting His Will, there was nevertheless a Covenant between Yahweh and His people. They had failed Him miserably and sadly, but as Mary says, God does not fail. How well have we, with whom God has entered into a New Covenant, kept our part of this covenant?

THE BIRTH OF JOHN: Luke 1: 56-66: When Elizabeth bears a son, all those around her hear that *the Lord had shown her great mercy*. Though these events are cosmic in their reach, they involve the divinity's personal touch. God has shown his mercy and magnified it to Elizabeth. Those who had shared her pain now rejoice with her. God's mercy expresses itself in concrete, loving action. According to custom, the circumcision and naming of the child follow. Though children were often named at birth in the Old Testament (Gen 25:25-26; 29:32-35), it appears that sometimes such naming was associated with circumcision. The presence of the parents at circumcision shows them as pious, law-abiding Jews (Gen 21:4; Lev 12:3).

Many features of the naming of John are surprising. The crowd fully expects custom to be followed. They wish the child to be named Zechariah. Sons were often named after fathers or grandfathers. Elizabeth rejects the crowd's desire and goes her own way. The name she chooses is the one the angel gave Zechariah in verse 13. The text is silent on how she knew this name, but that detail is unimportant. The choice of the surprising name indicates that a major lesson of obedience has been learned. And as noted above, when God names a child, that child is significant in his plan. The protest of the crowd shows that they are unaware of what God is doing. Surely the father of the house will not sanction this breaking of custom. So they motion to Zechariah to find out what the name of the child should be. Their gesture to Zechariah indicates that he is both deaf and mute. The reply comes on a wooden tablet covered with wax. By repeating the name his wife gave, **Zechariah** echoes the instructions of the angel, not the crowd and custom. He goes the way of God and amazes his neighbors.

(Will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 8 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	July 9 th		<i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Doris Begalle
		6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent dePaul Society Meets
Wed.	July 10 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – JW Pascoe
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	July 11 th		<i>Saint Benedict, Abbot</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger
Fri.	July 12 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For Fr. Sebastians Intentions
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	July 13 th		<i>Saint Henry</i>
		3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	July 14 th		<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Dale Richer (3 rd Anniv.)
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

79 envelopes returned for Sunday, June 30th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,295.00
Loose.....	143.00
General Maintenance.....	38.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$3,476.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Short.....	\$ 913.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	399.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	155.00
Donation.....	25.00
Donation for vestment.....	200.00

Its that time of year again....Time to start talking HARVEST DINNER NEWS! We are looking for someone to sponsor our Raffle Tickets again! If you would like to please call the parish office.

Carmelite Fall Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22, 2024 from noon to 3:00 PM Carmel of the Holy Cross Monastery Junction US2 and M95, Iron Mountain, MI Tickets are available at the parish office. 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. Drawing will be 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 22nd at the Monastery (need not be present to win)

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA BLUE ARMY
COLLECTING ITEMS**

Religious items in good condition will be accepted in our parish office of St. Anne's, Escanaba, on behalf of the Blue Army for their state fair booth in August. New or gently used rosaries, bibles, medals, statues, books and pictures can be donated.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

July 13th - If God is your Father through Jesus Christ, then you will know and feel that ALL of His children are your brothers.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel the people ask : "How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands?" Because of your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul many "miraculous deeds" are accomplished for the poor.

This week put a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope, knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

A Mighty is her call Retreat 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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22
Mt 9:18-26

Wednesday
Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12
Mt 10:1-7

Friday
Hos 14:2-10
Mo 10:16-23

Tuesday
Hos 8:4-7,11-13
Mt 9:32-38

Thursday
Hos 11:1-4,8c-9
Mt 10:7-15

Saturday
Is 6:1-8
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday
Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

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.