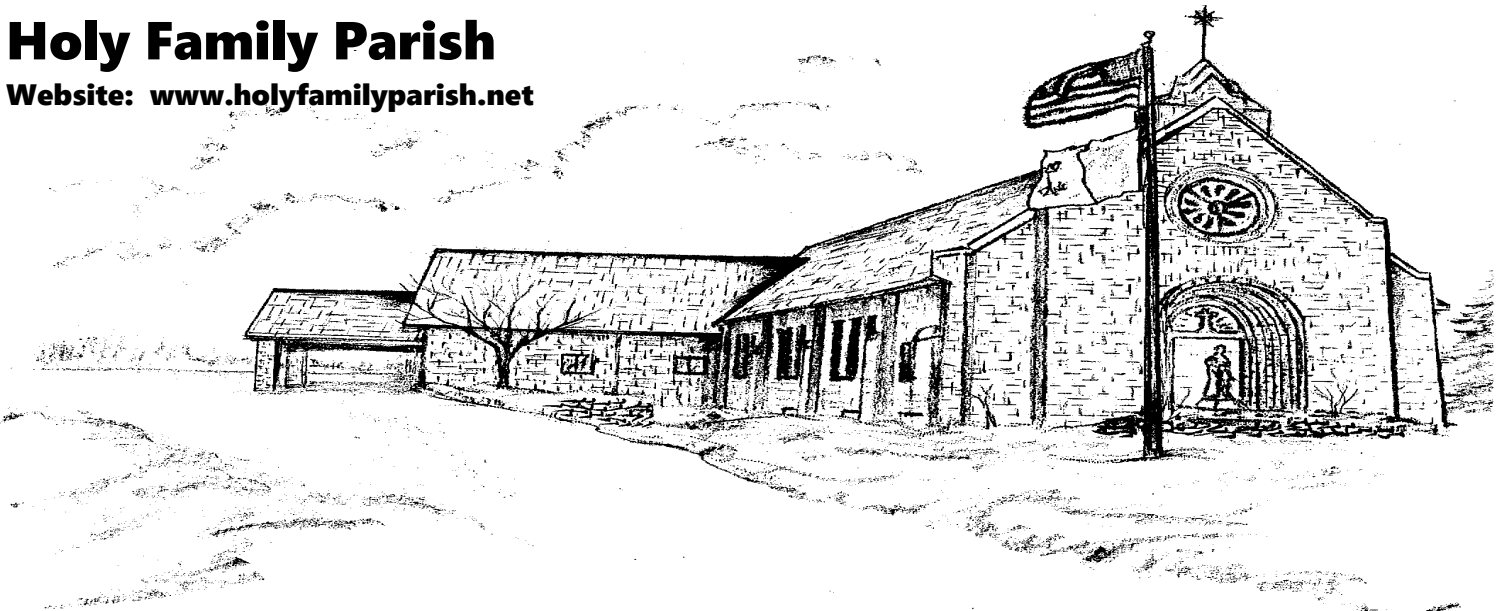


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2026

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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Gerald Miron Piper Desy

Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

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, Shelly Polaczyk, Ken Viau
Pete & Jean Way, Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Mike & Tom Theoret
Christina Theoret Zion, Brenda Chouinard, Frank Chenier
Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr.
Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit, Denise Seymour, Don Smith*

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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)—Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE (HEBREWS 4:12)

Dear brothers and sisters, we all know that any fruit bearing seed that is sown in a fertile ground with availability of water germinates, grows, and bears fruit. The Word of God is like water or rain. Anyone listening to the Word of God is like a tree that is planted beside this running water, which will bring forth fruit. The prophet Isaiah tells us that rain makes everything grow and brings forth fruit. God's Word is like the rain which falls from heaven, giving new life and growth. The prophet assures us that no matter how dry and hopeless our situation seems to be, our God is still working in our lives, and he will bring to fruition his divine plans for our well-being and everlasting glory.

Jesus, speaking in parables to his listeners in today's gospel, drives this message home clearly when he points out that the Kingdom of God is planted like a seed in the hearts of those who are willing to accept it. Different people respond differently to God's Word which is alive and active in the world of our hearts. Jesus exhorts us, his disciples, to be the rich soil so that we can absorb his teaching and take his words to heart, allowing his words to take root in our lives.

At the end of the school year when students take the end of year or end of semester examinations, some students although taught by the same teacher(s) may have different results. This different result is partly due to the different ways in which the same teaching was received by the students. Some students hear what the teacher has to say, accept the facts but do not study or try to absorb the knowledge. Therefore, the knowledge bears no fruit. Both the first reading and the Gospel tell us that the Word of God is living and active and gives us life and produces fruit. But that is only true if we receive the Word of God and are willing to act upon it. It is not enough to listen to it and accept it as true. No, we must allow it to influence our lives. It's like saying: **'hear with your heart and BE CONVERTED.'** if we just listen and agree but do nothing about it the word of God falls on the rocky ground or among thorns. We become like someone looking in the mirror and immediately forgetting what he has seen.

In his Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul expounds on what a life of faith can produce, that which he explains as the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). When that living and active Word of God is sown in a heart which is ready and willing to absorb it, the Holy Spirit of God nourishes it and causes it to produce the fruit of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." This kind of growth helps the listener or disciple of Jesus to develop character traits that befit a person who receives and accepts the Word of God. These fruits of the Holy Spirit, then, become the character traits of such a person which leads you to perform acts of mercy, peace, and justice in the community and spread the gospel message to others.

Has the Living and Active Word of God produced any fruit in you? Has it fallen on good soil? Has it changed your way of life? What about the kindness we heard about previously? Have you really tried to be more friendly towards people? With others, the fruits of peace, patience, tolerance, etc. is far greater treasure than riches and brings us far greater happiness.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 13 th	<i>Saint Henry</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	July 14 th	<i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer (5 th Anniv.)
Wed.	July 15 th	<i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all the souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help ----- Parish Office closed
Thurs.	July 16 th	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Mike & Tom Theoret ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	July 17 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Catherine Becker ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	July 18 th	<i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
Sun.	July 19 th	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rudy Marcella 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes returned for July 5, 2026

Adults.....	\$4,019.00
Loose.....	209.00
General Maintenance.....	290.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$4,248.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,661.53
Short..... \$ 413.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	148.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	416.00
Mass Stipends.....	10.00
Donation.....	20.00

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.

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.

Mark Your calendar!!! Bishop John will be here the weekend of Aug. 1st & 2nd to install Fr. Michael as our new pastor. There will be a light reception after every mass. Hope to see everyone here!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

July 14th - Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.

July 15th - With the kiss of the sun for pardon, And the song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on earth.

July 16th - It's not what you eat that causes ulcers; it's what's eating you.

July 17th - Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

July 18th - Peace of mind never comes to any home when someone is always handing out a piece of mind.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

KIDS FISHING CONTEST

Sponsored by the Brother Felix Council of Gladstone and Escanaba Council 640 of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, August 15th

Gladstone's Van Cleve Park near Yacht Harbor

Registration 11 am – Fishing 12-2

Lunch will be provided

Open to all children 3-16 years

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 1:10-17

Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7,13b-16

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Is 26:7-9,12,16-19

Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5

Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

Wis 12:13,16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Carmelite Fall Festival - September 12th & 13th

Noon—3:00 PM CST

Festival Features Sister's Homemade Bread, Fall Favorite Baked Goods, Theme Basket Raffles, Italian Turkey Plate Lunch, Crafts & Homemade Items

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$1 Each or 6 for \$5

Tickets are available for purchase at the Parish Office. Need not be present to win.

Holy Family is looking for a tech-savvy volunteer to help update our website with events. You don't need any knowledge or experience - we can train you - but you must be comfortable with computers and technology. Responsible teenagers and young adults are encouraged to apply. Contact Heidi for details and interest. 399-5461.

A LITTLE TIME, A BIG DIFFERENCE

Thanks to The Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Locker Room Safety renovation is in full swing! We would Love to have your help! Please call 906-786-7550 with questions or PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER.

To stay in contact with Fr. Sebastian, you can download the free WhatsApp and his number is 91 701 258 9761. Or email him at skavumkal@yahoo.com

The Parish office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week!