

Holy Family Parish

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 14, 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
John King, Shelly Polaczyk, Mike Mosher
Brenda Chouinard, Clifford Marcella, Michael Theoret*

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

The Birth of John the Baptist (Cont.): Last we saw the dramatic moments taking place in naming the child of Elizabeth. She indicated that he should be named, John, instead of Zachariah. When Zachariah repeated the same with a sign board his tongue was loosed and he started talking. Thus the punishment came to an end as the angel promised in Luke 1: 20.

The event has three unusual features: (1) the old have given birth, (2) the child has a strange name, and (3) Zechariah's handicap is taken away, whereupon he launches into praise about what God is doing. Such remarkable events cause the crowd to fear and reflect. Something different and surprising is happening, things worth remembering and considering. So they wonder, "*What then is this child going to be?*" Luke wants his readers to consider the same question. The story's close indicates that *the Lord's hand was with him*. With John, God has prepared the way for his promise. God's ways were not traditional or what had been culturally expected, but they were his ways nonetheless.

A FATHER'S JOY (Luke 1:67-80); The Canticle of Zachariah

Zachariah had a great vision for his son. He thought of him as the prophet and the forerunner who would prepare the way of the Lord. All devout Jews hoped and longed for the day when the Messiah, God's anointed king, would come. Most of them believed that, before he came, a forerunner would announce his coming and prepare his way. The usual belief was that Elijah would return to do so ([Malachi 4:5](#)). Zachariah saw in his son the one who would prepare the way for the coming of God's king.

[Luke 1:75-77](#) give a great picture of the steps of the Christian way.

(i) There is preparation. All life is a preparation to lead us to Christ. When Sir Walter Scott was young his aim was to be a soldier. An accident made him slightly lame and that dream had to be abandoned. He took to reading the old Scottish histories and romances and so became the master novelist.

(ii) There is knowledge. It is the simple fact that men did not know what God was like until Jesus came. The Greeks thought of a passionless God, beyond all joy and sorrow, looking on men in calm unmoved detachment--no help there. The Jews thought of a demanding God, whose name was law and whose function was that of judge--nothing but terror there. Jesus came to tell that God was love, and in staggered amazement men could only say, "We never knew that God was like that." One of the great functions of the incarnation was to bring to men the knowledge of God.

(iii) There is forgiveness. We must be clear about one thing regarding forgiveness. It is not so much the remission of penalty as the restoration of a relationship. Nothing can deliver us from certain consequences of our sins; the clock cannot be put back; but estrangement from God is turned to friendship. The distant God has become near and the God we feared has become the lover of the souls of men.

(iv) There is walking in the ways of peace. Peace in Hebrew does not mean merely freedom from trouble; it means all that makes for a man's highest good; and through Christ a man is enabled to walk in the ways that lead to everything that means life, and no longer to all that means death.

(Will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 15 th	<i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	July 16 th	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Catherine Becker
Wed.	July 17 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rudy Marcella Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 12:00 Noon- Parish Office closed
Thurs.	July 18 th	<i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine & Joy Berbohm ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	July 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	July 20 th	<i>Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	July 21 st	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dorothy Sylvester (23 rd Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass – Roger Guenette (1 st Anniv.)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

75 envelopes returned for Sunday, July 7th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,499.00
Loose.....	99.00
General Maintenance.....	215.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$3,813.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	\$ 696.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	171.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	406.00
Mass Stipends.....	180.00

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. Drawing will be 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 22nd at the Monastery (need not be present to win)

We would like to thank everyone who signed up for our Meal Train. Many signed up, plus some extras who helped stock our freezer and fill our bellies even before our little one arrived. It's been wonderful so far. The parish blessing us with two meals per week is such a huge help during this special time; thank you so much! Also, thank you Mom for organizing it!
With love, The Swansons

The parish office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, July 17th thru Monday, July 22nd. The office will be open on Tuesday, July 23rd.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

July 19th - In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path. Prov. 3:6

July 20th - If you cannot do great things, you can at least do small things in a great way.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs "two by two", 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.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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

Is 1:10-17
Mt 10:34—11:1

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7,13b-16
Mt 11:25-27

Friday

Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8
Mt 12:1-8

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9
Mt 11:20-24

Thursday

Is 26:7-9,12,16-19
Mt 11:28-30

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

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.

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.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th or above anniversaries, as well as newlyweds are invited along with their families to the annual Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Golden anniversary couples are additionally invited to submit information and photos for publication in *The U.P. Catholic* newspaper. The celebration will be at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, beginning with Mass at 3:30 p.m. ET. See the July 19 issue of *The U.P. Catholic* for the registration form.