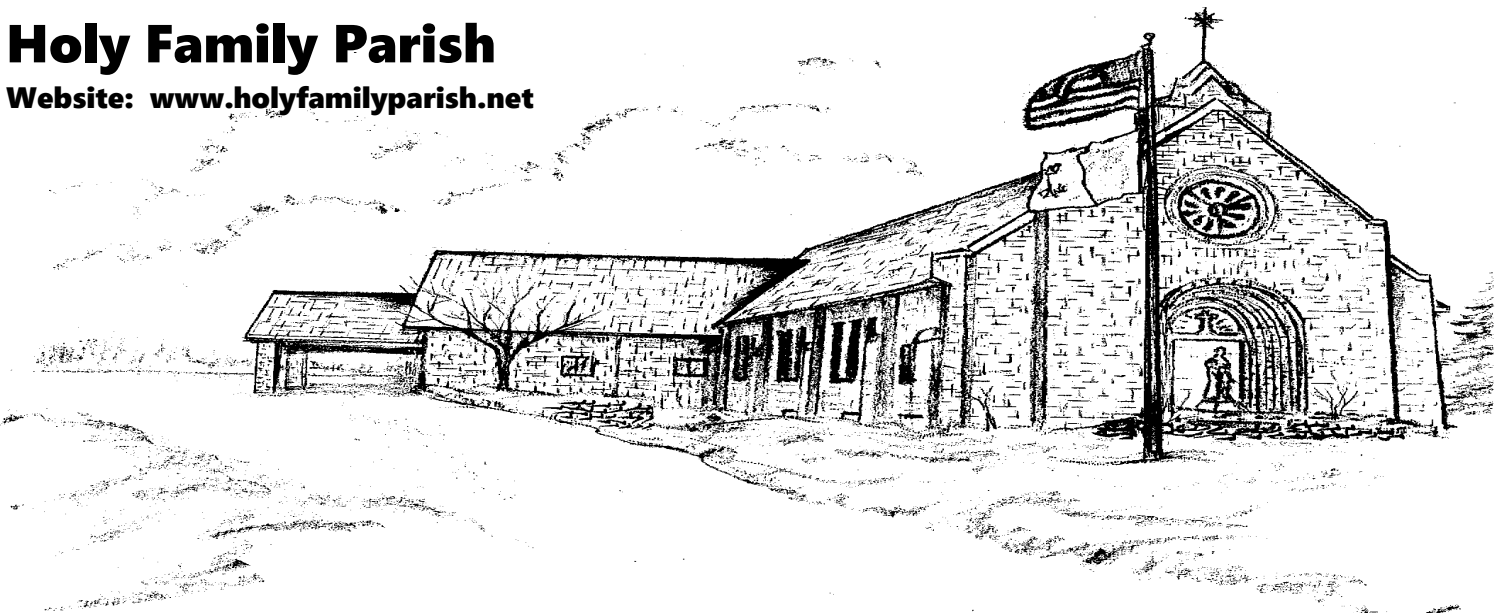


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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 21, 2024

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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.....

*Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk
Brenda Chouinard, John King, Mike Mosher
Clifford Marcella, Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson*

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 Jesus: Luke 2:1-20

The angel announced that Mary would give birth to a son. Here in this passage, this happens just as the angel foretold. God continues to be the active agent in the birth of His Son who will bring about the eternal kingdom of God. While Caesar Augustus may appear to exercise world-dominating power, the text turns our attention to the power of God to bring about what he has announced and promised.

On the same night that the baby is born, a delegation is sent to announce his birth. The angel's proclamation to the shepherds (another contrast with the power of Caesar Augustus) has five elements. *First*, they are not to be fearful but rather joyful. *Second*, what they are about to hear is "good news" for *everyone*. *Third*, a savior has been born. *Fourth*, the savior is the Anointed One of God. *Fifth*, the baby in the manger is the "sign" that affirms the truthfulness of this proclamation. Fear is the regular experience of people in this narrative who encounter angels (cf., 1:12, 30) but in each instance the person discovers that God has attended to them. Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary all receive a child. The shepherds will receive a sign. Each of these receives a reason for celebrating God's attention to them, and the shepherds too are told that the news they are about to receive is exceedingly good and joyful news and therefore is nothing to fear.

The good news is "for all the people" (*verse 10*). **This news is not only for the Jews but also for all people.** This will be reiterated in 2:32 when Simeon announces that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel"
The joyful good news is that a Savior has been born. In the age of Augustus, when power is rooted in imperial Rome, and when the emperor was acclaimed as a savior, the angel announces

the arrival of the real Savior. This should, however, be set not only against the backdrop of Roman power but also against the backdrop of the Old Testament. There we find over and over that God is the real Savior, the real deliverer. God is the one who rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt, delivered Israel from her enemies, raised up David and other kings to fight Israel's battles, and brought Israel back from exile. Now, God has brought his proclamation to Mary to fulfillment, and God has brought His promise of a savior to completion.

Indeed, this Savior is the Christ, the one Anointed and chosen by God as the descendant of David who will deliver Israel from her enemies.

Where are the shepherds to find this baby? It is nowhere but in an animal's feeding trough in Bethlehem. Lowly status is emphasized again. The angel's proclamation ends with the sudden appearance of a multitude of God's heavenly messengers praising God and declaring God's glory, God's blessing of peace on the earth, and God's favor. Once again, the emphasis falls on God's blessing and favor rather than on human action or capacity.

In response to the announcement they have received, the shepherds got up and went to see if what they had heard was true, and they found all of it to be so. When they had seen the sign for themselves, they could not keep silent about all they had heard and seen. And their testimony about the child caused an extraordinary impression among those who heard it. Finally, just as the angels praised God, so too the lowly shepherds returning to their work in the fields also praise God for all they had experienced.

(Will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 22 nd	<i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS ----- Parish Office closed
Tues.	July 23 rd	<i>Saint Bridget, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Wed.	July 24 th	<i>Saint Sharbel Makhluj, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine & Joy Berbohm Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	July 25 th	<i>Saint James, Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all who have or will receive a prayer shawl 8:30 A.M. - Prayer shawl ministry in the Fr. Matt Hall
Fri.	July 26 th	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tom Arkens ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	July 27 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	July 28 th	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Dec. members of the St. Vincent dePaul Society

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

75 envelopes returned for Sunday, July 14th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,576.00
Loose.....	141.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$3,747.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,509.61
Short..... \$ 762.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	55.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	125.00
Mass Stipends.....	60.00
Votive Lights.....	358.00

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)

ST. ANNE'S IS HIRING!

Beginning August 1st, St. Anne's Parish Office will need a new Secretary to replace Lori Gerard who is retiring after 9 years. Good computer, communication, record keeping and clerical skills are needed for the position. If you are interested in assisting in the daily operations of the Parish Office, please send Fr. Fran a letter of interest and resume, or call him at 786-1426 for more details. This is a great opportunity to work with Fr. Fran, the parish staff and our faith community! Competitive wages and training will be provided. The work schedule and hours are negotiable.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

July 21st - In the tears of His saints God sees a rainbow.

July 22nd - About the only thing that comes without effort is old age.

July 23rd - You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day; By the deeds you do, by the words you say; Men read what you write, whether false or true. Say, what is the gospel according to you?

July 24th - No one will know what you mean by God is love until you act it as well.

July 25th - Youth is not a time of life, It is a state of mind. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; People grow old by deserting their ideals.

July 26th - Half our trouble comes of wanting to have our own way, and the other half is due to failure to face the facts.

July 27th - Salvation is given....not gained!

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope in your packet.

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

Sg 3:1-4b
Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Wednesday

Jer 1:1,4-10
Mt 13:1-9

Friday

Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15,18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Thursday

2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

2 Kgs 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO VISIT OUR LADY OF CHAMPION SHRINE

Signup no-later than August 25 (after 10 mass) for a visit to **Our Lady of Champion** 17 miles northeast of Green Bay. We'll leave the church parking lot on Wednesday September 4 at 7 am....returning at 8 pm. Cost:(depending how many sign up – if we get 50, cost will be approx. \$35, if less, cost goes up)

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.