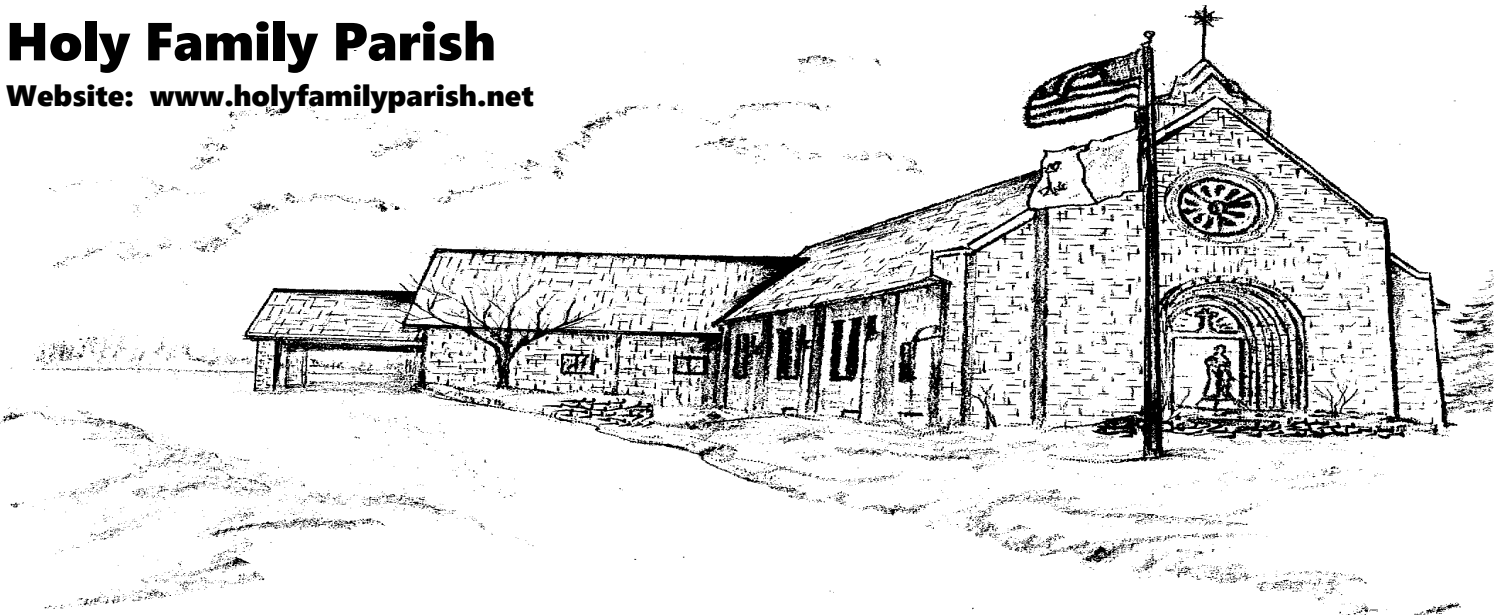


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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Betty Lou, Joan
Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Jean Way
Amanda, Judy Hubert, Shelly Polaczyk*

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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

Virtues

Theological Virtues: Faith (Cont.)

Last week we started with Faith which we didn't complete. Let us continue with it. Faith is a gift from God and by our personal effort alone we are not going to acquire it unless God gives it. But we can desire for Faith and pray for that great gift. Though we cannot acquire Faith we can lose it by our own carelessness. It can be lost by neglecting to know what we are bound to believe; by not making an honest effort to understand what we believe and why; by not performing acts of faith, through internal belief and external profession of what we believe; and by failing to strengthen our faith through the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist and through constant prayer. Once we are given the gift of faith, it is our duty to make all possible efforts and means to persevere the faith. We need to avoid all sorts of evils and temptations and constantly pray for the power to keep our faith. The main **sins against faith are the omission and commission**. By omission we willfully neglect to learn what should be believed. The sins of commission are heresy (if anything God has revealed is doubted or denied), apostasy (if everything is doubted or denied). Of course, we all have natural and reasonable doubts about many supernatural things. But it is our duty then to use all means to get our doubts clarified and then believe.

Hope: The virtue of Hope is supernatural virtue by which we firmly trust that God will give us heaven in the life to come and in this life will provide all the means we need to reach heaven. The foundation of hope is our belief that God is faithful to His Promises. Hope is a supernatural virtue because of its purpose and the way it is received. Its purpose is to lead us to the eternal salvation to which we have no natural right or claim. Hope can be received only by a special gift of God's grace and not by any merely natural effort on our part. When we speak about Hope we are not mainly hoping only for a happy earthly life rather our object of Hope is everlasting happiness, the possession of eternal life. The virtue of Hope is necessary because it is the link between Faith and Charity. We must believe in something before we can hope to obtain it. Our Hope enables us to love what we are looking forward to attain. St. Paul says, "**We must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet**"(Rom 8:25). Like the virtue of Faith, we can only desire and pray for Hope and we cannot acquire it merely by our personal effort. Once we have received this great gift from God it is our duty to preserve it, the way we make efforts to preserve our gift of Faith. All the adults with sound reason are supposed to make the acts of Hope. We have to make the acts of Hope often especially when we are discouraged.

We may lose the virtue of Hope especially committing sins against Hope by presumption and despair. The sin of presumption is that we simply presuppose that we can be saved without the help of God and our personal efforts. The person in the sin of presumption never cares to lead a moral and spiritual life and takes eternal life for granted. On the other hand, the sin of despair is that one feels strongly that salvation is impossible, no matter whatever we do to attain it. Despair is a serious sin because it implies denial of God's mercy.

Charity or Love of God and Neighbor: Charity also is the supernatural virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake and our neighbor as ourselves, as Christ has commanded us. Again, it is a supernatural gift from God and not acquired by our personal effort. It enables us to do what is naturally impossible to attain the eternal vision of God by loving Him, our neighbor, and ourselves with the same love as He has been showing us. The main object of our Charity is God and the secondary objects are ourselves and our neighbors.

The Love of God is the first Commandment and Jesus held the same as the most important Commandment. This Commandment demands that we must love God above all other things and be ready to lose everything rather than offend Him. Charity toward God, expressed by frequent act of love, is necessary for our eternal salvation. A person can sin against charity toward God by failure to make acts of love of God, by inordinate love of creatures, by ungrateful murmuring against God, by a dislike or hatred of God.

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 24 th	<i>Saint Sharbel MakhluF, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	July 25 th	<i>Saint James, Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – A Special Intention 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meeting
Wed.	July 26 th	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Francis & Rosella Flagstadt Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	July 27 th	8:00 A.M.- Mass – Dwaine Berbohm
Fri.	July 28 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Sister Barbara Berthiaume & Tom Berthiaume ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	July 29 th	<i>Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Joseph Nolde
Sun.	July 30 th	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bert Meyette

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

71 envelopes returned for Sunday, July 16th

Adult Offering.....	\$ 2,893.00
Loose.....	205.20
General Maintenance.....	<u>25.00</u>
Total.....	\$ 3,123.20

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42
Short..... \$ 1,266.22

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	45.00
St. Kateri Church Collection.....	1,413.00

A huge thank you to all of the parishioners who donated to the St. Kateri Church. We took in a total of \$2,042.41. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

St Vincent de Paul needs your HELP!!

We are looking for volunteers in all area of our operation. The Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and in the Warehouse, sorting clothes, cleaning and sorting miscellaneous items, cutting rags. We especially need volunteers with clean driving records to help on our trucks and in the warehouse. We would like to hire two fulltime Driver/Warehouse workers as well. HELP US HELP OTHERS! Call Loretta at 906-399-4907 for more information.

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. 15th.

ATTENTION PARENTS

If you have a child that will be going into the CCD program this year that was not registered before, please contact the parish office so we can make sure your family is on the mailing list for the registration form for 2023/2024 school year.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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!

July 28th - There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks all of them.

July 29th - The surest way to go broke is to sit around waiting for a break.

St. Vincent DePaul 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 Poor envelope, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold. For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Photo Dates:

Tue. Sept 19- 2:00 – 8:00 pm

Wed., Sept. 20 – 2:00 to 8:00 PM

Thurs., Sept. 21st – 2:00 to 8:00 PM

Friday Sept 22, 2:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday Sept 23 from 10 am - 4 pm.

ON LINE SCHEDULING:

www.ucdir.com church id: mi1746

password: photos, **MAKE SURE TO LOGOUT!**

In-person scheduling starting Mid-august after each mass **Piper's correct e-mail address is the following: piper_dc@hotmail.com**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Ex 14:5-18

Mt 12:38-42

Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5,9-15

Mt 13:1-9

Friday

Ex 20:1-17

Mt 13:18-23

Tuesday

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

Thursday

Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b

Mt 13:10-17

Saturday

Ex 24:3-8

Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

ASK BISHOP JOHN DOERFLER TO PRAY FOR YOU

A direct mailing was sent to all registered households from Bishop John Doerfler in early June. 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.

BARAGA DAYS 2023

Mark your calendars for Baraga Days 2023 which will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The full itinerary and registration forms can be found in the Spring 2023 *Baraga Bulletin* and on our website at www.bishopbaraga.org. Space is limited for the Vespers Cruise on Friday evening and the Banquet on Saturday. Please make your reservations early to ensure a spot.

Baraga Youth Fraternity Camping Trip will be held Monday, Aug. 7th thru Thursday, Aug. 10th for boys ages 12-16. Limited to first 25 registered boys. For more information or to request financial assistance, contact Fr. Ryan Ford at 906-399-0553 or fr.ryanford@gmail.com