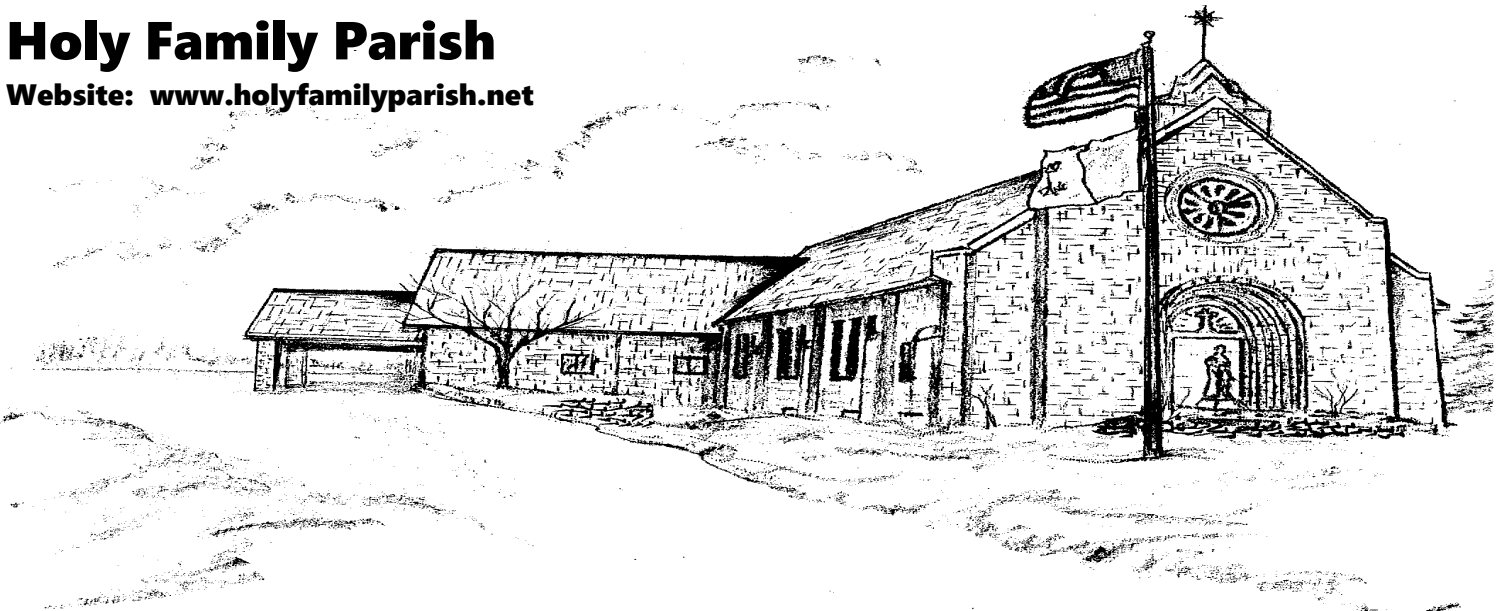


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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 2026

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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. Michael at 906-792-4798

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Shelly Polaczyk, Ken Viau
Pete & Jean Way, Sue Boudreau, Mike, Mary Anne & Tom Theoret
Christina Theoret Zion, Brenda Chouinard, Frank Chenier
Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr., Jan Carter
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.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 1Kgs 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

“WHAT DO YOU TRULY WANT AS A CHRISTIAN?”

Brothers and sisters, if a higher authority offered you whatever you desired, for what would you ask? What do you truly want as a Christian? The readings of this 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time begin with that question: “What do you truly want?” Because Solomon had done everything that a good king under God’s authority should, God appeared to him in a dream and invited him to ask for whatever he wanted. God is pleased with Solomon, because he asked for wisdom to govern his people rather than riches or a long life or the downfall of his enemies.

Through the short parables Christ tells us that we should put the kingdom of heaven(the kingdom of peace, unity, good relationships with everybody) above everything else. The kingdom of heaven must be every Christian’s priority, the real desire of a Christian. That is why in the second reading St. Paul calls on all Christians/believers to be conformed to the image of Christ and, in the last day, glorified.

When king Solomon was given the chance to ask God for his wants and needs, he asked for wisdom to enable him be a good leader and so bring happiness and peace to his people. God was please with what he asked for and granted his request. From some people’s attitude and behavior we get the impression that they value riches and wealth more than anything else in the world. They expect that once they have a lot of money and all that money can buy, they will be happy. They do not seem to care very much about the means they use to get their riches. They forget that craving for riches can easily lead to dishonesty, lies, bitterness, jealousy, distrust, suspicion, even robbery and murder.

The story of Solomon and the fact that God was pleased with his choice should make us realize that a good relationship with others, peace, patience, tolerance, etc., is a far greater treasure than riches, and good relationship brings us far greater happiness. Once we know what the greater treasure is, we should follow the advice of Jesus in the two short parables of today’s Gospel; we should sacrifice everything to make that treasure ours. A heart filled with God’s wisdom is an understanding heart. It is a servant’s heart and a heart that leads with love and justice in the world like Solomon. It is a heart that makes good choices with the fear of the Lord.

When we grow in God’s wisdom like Solomon did, we increase the understanding in our hearts and we open ourselves to the treasure of joy and happiness, peace and love of the kingdom of heaven, and are able to extend same gifts to others and they too might understand and share.

The question is, **“WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT AS A CHRISTIAN?”**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 27 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	July 28 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gilbert VanDrese
Wed.	July 29 th	<i>Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry & Darlene Chouinard Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	July 30 th	<i>Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Judith Gereau
Fri.	July 31 st	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Geniesse ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 1 st	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 AM – First Saturday Mass – Jill Young 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. – Mass – For the people of our parish ----- Potluck Supper after the 4:00 PM Mass
Sun.	Aug. 2 nd	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Deceased member of St. Vincent dePaul Society 10:00 AM - Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette ----- Coffee Social after both Masses

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

62 envelopes returned for July 19, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,936.00
Loose.....	306.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$3,262.00
 Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	 \$4,661.53
Short.....	\$1,399.53
 St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	 35.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	250.00

Please watch for a mailing from the Bishop. Your U.P. Catholic Services pledge card is attached to the bottom of the letter. You should have received it last week sometime.

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 next 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 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.

July 30th - A Christian is one who makes it easier for others to believe in God.

July 31st - Instead of waiting upon the Lord, some people want the Lord to wait upon them.

Aug. 1st - God often entrusts us with a little to see what we will do with a lot.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

This month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families in providing food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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

*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.***

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Jer 13:1-11

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10,16-21

Jn 11:19-27

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Jer 26:1-9

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Jer 26:11-16,24

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21

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.

Annual Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 20 3:30 pm ET

The Marquette Diocese and the Knights of Columbus will give special recognition to couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or 51st and above wedding anniversary anytime during this (or last) year. They and their families are invited to the Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 20 at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette followed by a light reception. Widows and widowers who would have celebrated a milestone anniversary this year are also invited and encouraged to attend, as are newly-wed couples married in 2025 or later who haven't attended a previous celebration. If you plan to attend, please pick up a registration form from the parish office and send in as soon as possible. Those celebrating their Golden Anniversary (50th) this year are also asked to include, if possible, a recent photo for publication in The U. P. Catholic newspaper.