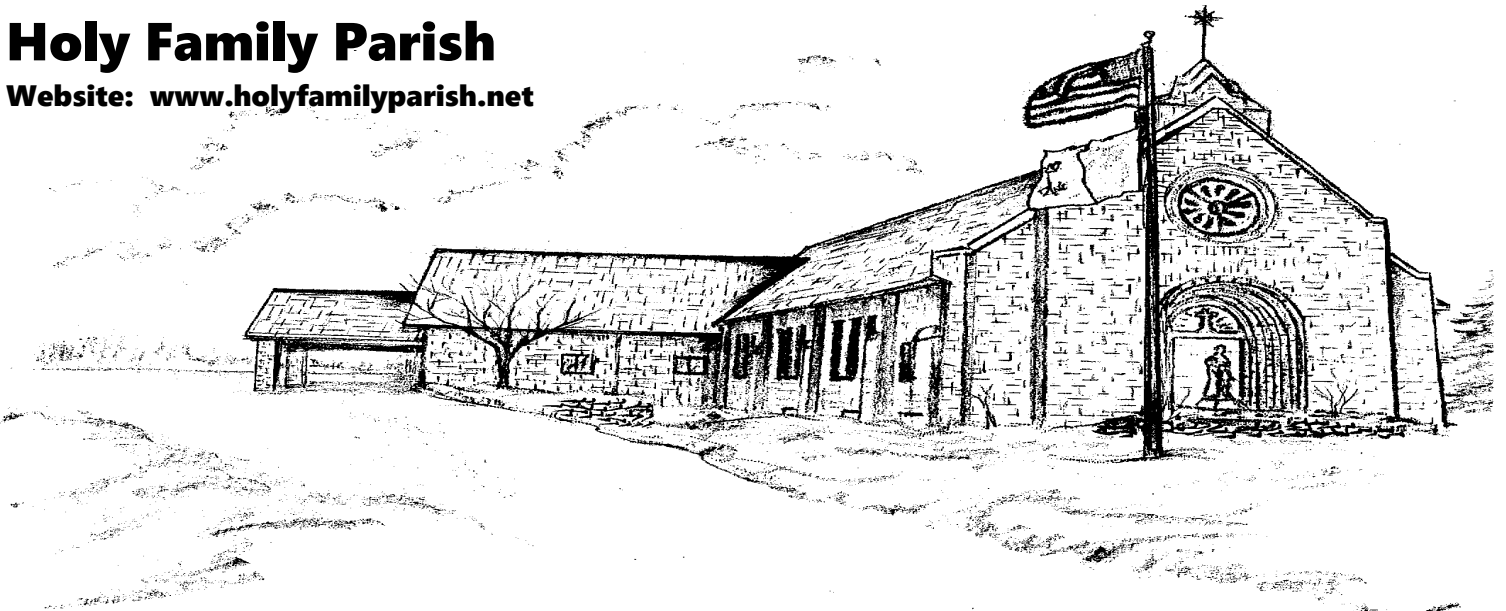


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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 28, 2024

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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

Luke 2:21-38; Circumcision and Presentation

of Jesus in the Temple: The narrative begins eight days after the birth of Jesus and the visit from the shepherds. A few important events take place in the life of the Holy Family between the 8th day and the 40th day after the birth of Jesus. First of all, according to Jewish law the baby Jesus is named and circumcised on the 8th day of his birth- a rite that marks Jesus as member of Jewish religion. Circumcision is the sign of the covenant relationship that God established first with Abraham (Genesis 17) and then with his descendants, the people of Israel. Jesus is firmly located within the people with whom God has kept covenant for hundreds of years. In Luke 2:21 we also have the fulfillment of the angel's instruction in 1:31 to name the baby "Jesus," a name that means "God saves."

Secondly, every first born male both man and cattle belong to God and they should be set aside as holy for the Lord. The cattle should be sacrificed at the Temple. But the male baby should be redeemed back from the Temple by paying the amount of five shekels which are to be paid to the priests. This is in remembrance of the deliverance of the firstborn male of the Israel when the angel killed all the firstborn of the Egyptians. So the parents brought baby Jesus to be redeemed. Thirdly, after the childbirth the woman remains unclean for 40 days if she gave birth to a boy and 80 days if it was a girl. So after 40 days Mary appears with Joseph and Jesus in the Temple for the purification according to the Law in Leviticus 12:1-8 which lays out the instructions for a woman who has given birth. She has to offer a lamb as sacrifice which is expensive for many.

So those who could not afford to bring a lamb could bring two turtledoves or pigeons, as Mary and Joseph did.

There are two characters that take center stage in the rest of the passage: Simeon and Anna. As will happen throughout Luke, both men and women are shown as significant actors in the story of God. These two are described in ways that highlight their righteous and devout living. Simeon has been given special insight by the Holy Spirit along with a promise that before he dies, he will be allowed to see the one whom God has chosen to rescue the world.

Simeon is a man under the influence of the Holy Spirit. He is described as one who the Holy Spirit rests upon, it is the Holy Spirit who gave the promise of revelation to him, and it is the Holy Spirit who brings Simeon to the temple at the right time. This continues an emphasis on the role of the Holy Spirit that began in Luke 1. John the Baptist would be filled with the Holy Spirit while in the womb (1:15), Mary will conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit (1:35), Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and enabled to recognize the significance of Mary and her unborn baby (1:41), Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied (1:67).

Simeon is part of this unfolding work and direction of the Holy Spirit, a work that will be a significant part of both Luke and eventually Acts. It will be the Holy Spirit that rests on Jesus and enables his ministry (4:1-18) and who will give power for witness and growth to the church (Acts 1:8). When Simeon lifts up Jesus, he makes an amazing declaration about this six-week-old baby.

(Will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	July 29 th	<i>Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	July 30 th	<i>Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – William Richer
Wed.	July 31 st	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 1 st	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp
Fri.	Aug. 2 nd	<i>First Friday</i> <i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marvin Nelson (10 th Anniv.) 6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 3 rd	8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – For Fr. Sebastians Intentions 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish
Sun.	Aug. 4 th	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Fassbender (15 th Anniv.) 10:00 AM - Mass - Bert & Cecile Meyette

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

71 envelopes returned for Sunday, July 21st

Adult Offering.....	\$2,889.00
Loose.....	80.00
General Maintenance.....	60.00
Fuel.....	10.00
Total.....	\$3,039.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	\$1,470.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	20.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	225.00

Still looking for someone to sponsor the RAFFLE TICKETS for this year's Harvest Dinner. Contact the parish office!



THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM... We welcome into our parish community ***Beau Richard***, son of Christopher and Michaela (Lippens) Nelson. Beau was baptized on Sunday, July 21st. Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents.

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) Sign up sheet is in the gathering area.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Aug. 2nd** - A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness.
- Aug. 3rd** - Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing money for food, utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Jer 13:1-11
Jn 11:19-27

Wednesday

Jer 15:10,16-21
Mt 13:44-46

Friday

Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Saturday

Jer 26:11-16,24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35

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. ANNE'S IS HIRING!

Beginning August 1st, St. Anne's Parish Office will need a new Secretary. 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. Competitive wages and training will be provided. The work schedule and hours are negotiable.

The Knights of Columbus Gladstone, Escanaba, and Bark River Councils will be hosting a **KIDS FISHING CONTEST** Saturday August 10th in Van Cleve Park in Gladstone. All contestants must provide their own bait and fishing equipment and be accompanied by a responsible adult. Contest is open to kids 0 to 16 years of age.

Registration will begin at 11 am near the ball field. Fishing will be from 12 to 2 pm. Prizes will be awarded. Lunch will be provided. See posters for more information.