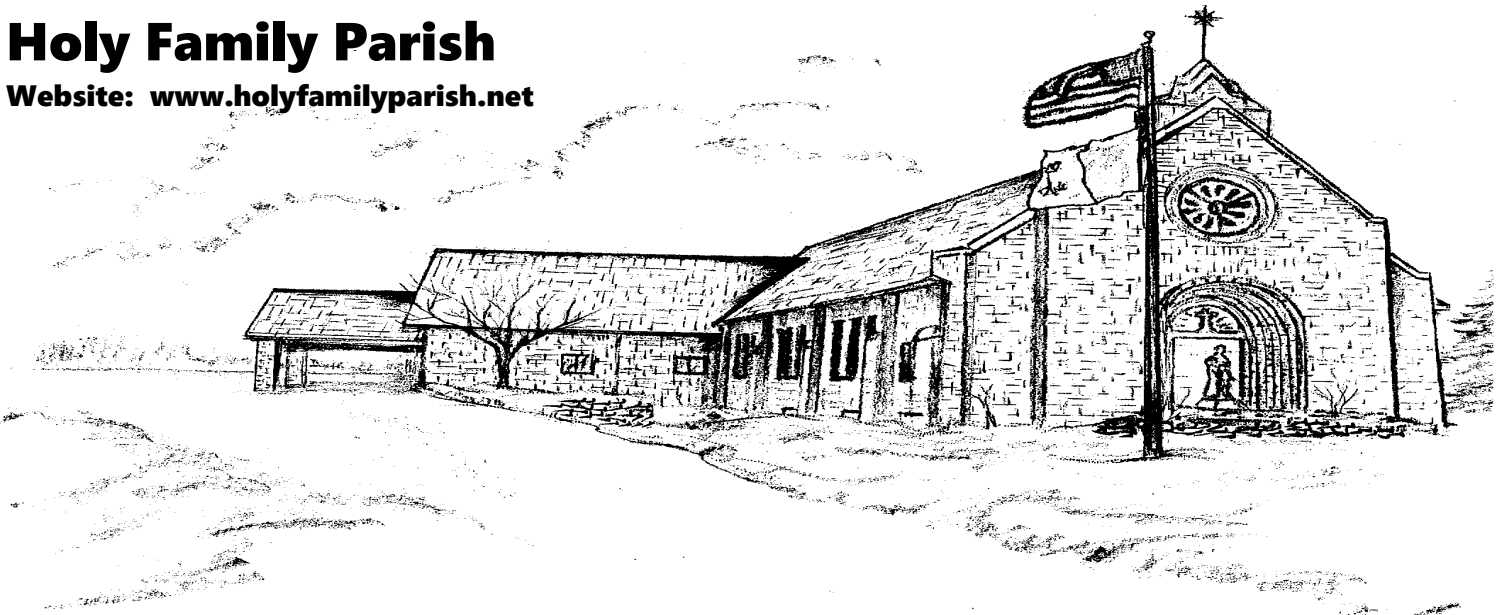


# Holy Family Parish

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 30, 2023

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### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### 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 (Cont.)

**Love of God and Neighbor (Cont.):** We have already seen in the previous lesson as how should be our love towards God Almighty. And also with equal emphasis Jesus commands: **“Love your neighbor as yourselves.”** So it is clear that love of self is not overlooked in the virtue of Charity. It is the Will of God that we should love ourselves with a holy love, that is, for God’s sake; with a just love, that is, within the limits of what is pleasing to God; and with a true love, that is, desiring only what is supernaturally good for us. But at the same time self-love can become selfish and disorderly whenever we prefer ourselves and the things of this world to God and His divine Will. Our selfish love will totally eliminate God and our neighbor and will only concentrate on **‘we and us.’** The remedy for disorderly self-love is a constant fight against pride, by practicing humble obedience, against sensuality, by abstinence from unlawful pleasures, and against greed, by detaching our desires from the thing of this world. When we come out of the hard shell of selfish love we will be able to see our neighbor.

By love of neighbor we mean that we share with others what we possess. The command to love our neighbor is actually the profoundest human need. It is a positive hunger of the spirit to exercise its freedom, by freely giving of ourselves, for the love of God, in order to benefit others, and in the process we imitate the perfect sharing among the divine Persons in the Holy Trinity. Christ told us that the love we have for one another would identify us as his disciples: **“By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples” (Jn 13:35).**

In Leviticus 19: 18 God commands, **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** It is not the part of the First Commandment, rather it is a precept. But when Jesus repeated the First Commandment he added this precept to the Commandment and gave equal importance. But to the Jews the ‘neighbor’ was nobody else but their fellow Jews. For them any non-Jew was their enemy. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 29-37) Jesus corrects the wrong concept of the Jews. In this parable implicitly Jesus means that the wounded man was a Jew and the person who helped him was a Samaritan who was considered by the Jews as their bitterest enemy. So Jesus means to say that one’s neighbor is not the one who belongs to one’s religion, caste, or clan but anyone who is in need of our help in that particular moment. He/she may be a fellow Christian, a non-Christian or even non-believer and white or black. But at that moment of dire need he/she is our neighbor and we should never deny the possible help needed for that person.

Sometimes people claim that they don’t care or bother others, but they love God and themselves. And also in the modern world there are a lot people who belong to this group. With ignoring our neighbor we cannot love God even I claim that I love Him. But that love is not pleasing to God at all. Jesus has put the Commandment ‘love of God and love of neighbor’ on the same page and the one without the other is incomplete. St. John asks us in his letter, “If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not see. This is the Commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother” (Jn 4:20). Again John writes, **“No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.”**

Many don’t have any objection against the Commandment of Jesus that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. But many find it very hard to accept the command of Jesus, **“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”** We have two types of enemies: **1. The enemies of mankind.** They are the threat to humanity itself. They are the terrorists, all sorts of evil doers, murderers, child abusers etc. **2. We have our personal enemies** who may not be any big danger to the society or mankind, rather they are the ones who offend our feelings intentionally or unintentionally. It is hard for us to tolerate them.

**(We will continue next week).**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	July 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Henry & Margaret Miller ----- Parish office closed
Wed.	Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><i>Saints Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 A.M.- Mass – Marvin Nelson (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Fri.	Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>First Friday</i></b> <b><i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Fassbender (14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) <b><i>6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM</i></b> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i></b> <b><i>8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Sebastian</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Jerry & Tara Weaver
Sun.	Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Art, Eric, Bobby & Br. Clem Tourangeau and Rich Bougie

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

77 envelopes returned for Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Adult Offering.....	\$ 3,512.00
Loose.....	144.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,666.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$4,389.42</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>\$ 723.42</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	50.00
St. Kateri Church Collection.....	50.00

***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. 15<sup>th</sup>.***

**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.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Photo Dates: **Tue. Sept 19, Wed., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Thurs., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, and Friday Sept 22, everyday from 2:00 - 8:00 pm Saturday Sept 23 from 10 am- 4 pm. ON LINE SCHEDULING: [www.ucdir.com](http://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](mailto:piper_dc@hotmail.com)****

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** - A Christian is one who makes it easier for others to believe in God.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** - Instead of waiting upon the Lord, some people want the Lord to wait upon them.

**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>** - God often entrusts us with a little to see what we will do with a lot.

**Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness.

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.

**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Giving advice is sometimes only showing our wisdom at the expense of another.

**Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>** - With a small boy cleanliness is not next to godliness, it's next to impossible.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Please pardon our mess in the library, as it is getting a much needed cleaning and organizing. As always, the library is self serve. Shelves are labeled by topic, making it easy to find something that interests you. Currently, there are many items overdue from the library. Please take a look around your home and see if you have any books or videos that belong to church.

### St. Vincent DePaul 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, by providing food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### St Vincent de Paul needs your HELP!!

We are looking for volunteers. 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.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Ex 32:15-24,30-34  
Mt 13:31-35

### **Wednesday**

Ex 34:29-35  
Mt 13:44-46

### **Friday**

Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37  
Mt 13:54-58

### **Tuesday**

Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28  
Mt 13:36-43

### **Thursday**

Ex 40:16-21,34-38  
Mt 13:47-53

### **Saturday**

Lv 25:1,8-17  
Mt 14:1-12

### **Sunday**

Dn 7:9-10,13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19  
Mt 17:1-9

## ANOTHER MEIJER'S "SIMPLY GIVE" DOUBLE MATCH DAY ON SATURDAY, Aug. 12

Support and stretch your \$10 gift card donation/s for the Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Pantry to take advantage of Meijer's Simply Give Double Match Day on Sat., Aug. 12. The Pantry uses the cards to purchase food only items for our neighbors in need. For every \$10 Simply Give donation you purchase on Aug. 12, Meijer will provide the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry with a contribution of \$20, which brings the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Purchases resulting from the Double Match Day will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for this campaign. If you don't see Simply Give donation cards at the checkout, please ask a cashier.

## **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](http://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. 7<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fr.ryanford@gmail.com)