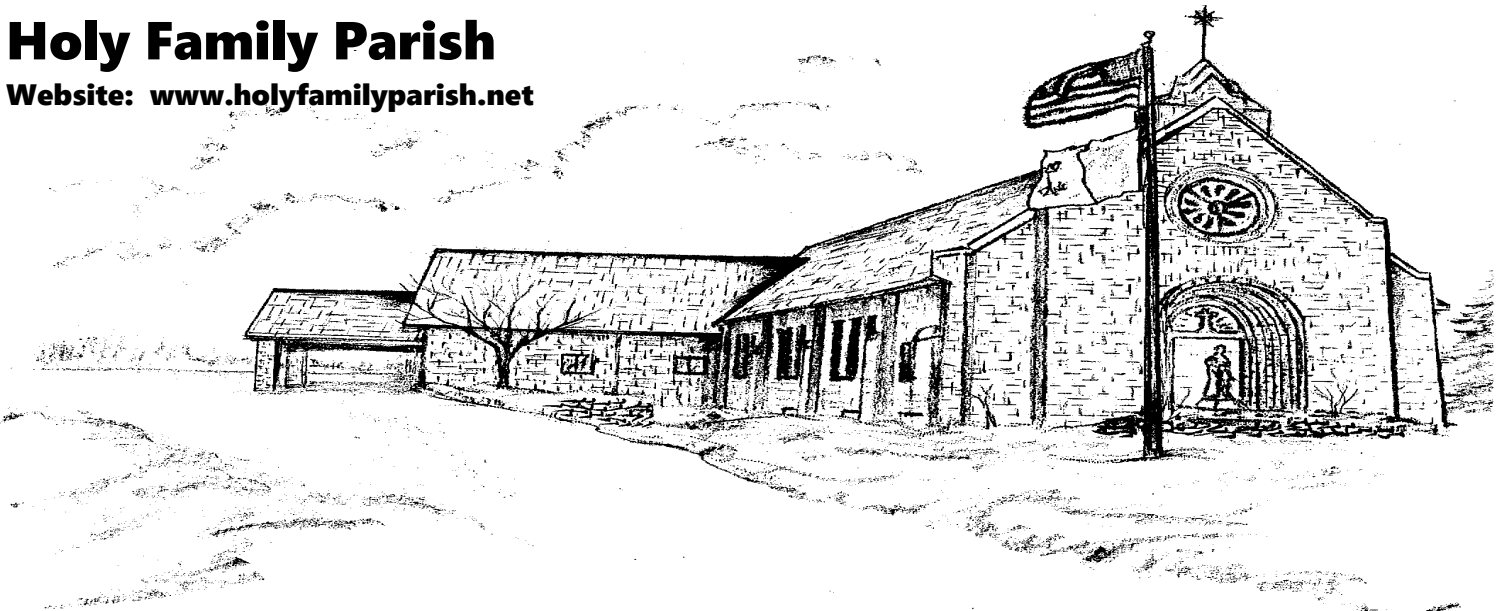


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 2, 2026

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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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.

The Two Dimensions of Christian (Spiritual) Life

Luke 10:38-42

Christian life is a witness to Jesus Christ and His Gospel message. This life of witnessing to Christ has two dimensions. The two dimensions are portrayed in Jesus' encounter in the house of Martha and Mary in Gospel of Luke 10:38-42. In this episode Jesus is invited to the home of Martha and Mary. Having received a guest in the home, Martha begins her hospitality services to make her guest happy. But her sister pays attention to the guest by staying with and paying attention to whatever he is saying. Because their guest is an old family friend, Martha petitions him to instruct her sister to help at the kitchen, thinking that Mary's way of serving their guest is inferior to busying herself in the kitchen. Jesus, the guest, responds in a surprising way by telling Martha that she worries about unimportant things and that Mary has chosen the better part which will not be taken away from her. Jesus is not scolding Martha; instead, he presents us with two dimensions of Christian/spiritual life, both of which are very important and that every Christian must develop and live them out as true disciples. Jesus, in this episode confronts us with both active and contemplative life.

In that contemplative mood a Christian encounters God. Of old God revealed himself to his people who contemplated his face. God continues to reveal himself to us in many ways; he reveals himself through others when we pay attention and contemplate the next person sitting by me; he reveals himself in the Scriptures, in our thoughts, and in the events of our lives provided we pay attention. Mary and Martha both loved Jesus. On this occasion they were both serving him. But Martha thought Mary's style of serving was somehow inferior to hers. She didn't realize that in her desire to serve, she was neglecting her guest. Martha was preoccupied with hospitality, while Mary gave her full attention to the guest himself. Mary's quiet devotion displayed greater reverence for Jesus than Martha's anxious toil. St. Gregory the Great explains it this way:

“Mystically, the two women signify two dimensions of the spiritual life.

Martha signifies the active life as she busily labors to honor Christ through her work. Mary exemplifies the contemplative life as she sits attentively to listen and learn from Christ. While both activities are essential to Christian living, the latter is greater than the former. For in heaven the active life terminates, while the contemplative life reaches its perfection.”

Faithful disciple of Jesus, are you so busy doing things for Jesus that you are not spending any time with him? Don't let service become self-serving. Jesus did not blame Martha for being concerned about household chores. He was only asking her to set priorities. Service to Christ can degenerate into mere busywork that is no longer full of devotion to God.

The point of the story of Jesus with Martha and Mary is not to invite us to choose between being a Martha or a Mary. The true disciple needs to be both Martha and Mary. The point of the story is to challenge our priorities so that we come to see that fellowship with the Lord, being with the Lord and hearing his word should always precede the work we do for the Lord. To do the work of the Lord like Martha, one must first know the LORD OF THE WORK. Do you have a program of daily fellowship with the Lord? Many people fulfill this by assisting daily in Church worship where they can pray and read the Word of God. Others schedule a holy hour or quiet time when they can pray and read the Word of God. Whatever way you choose to fulfill this need, today's gospel invites all Christians first to be a Mary who sits with devotion at the Lord's feet listening to his word, and then also be a Martha who throws herself with energy into business of serving the Lord.

***We extend a warm welcome to Bishop John who is with us this weekend to install
Fr. Michael as our new Pastor!***

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 3 rd	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Aug. 4 th	<i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Fassbender (17 th Anniv.) ----- Parish Office closed
Wed.	Aug. 5 th	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the special intentions of Olivia Nieman Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 6 th	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier
Fri.	Aug. 7 th	First Friday <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention 6:30 P.M. - First Friday Adoration until 7:30 P.M. ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 8 th	<i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Dec. members of the Schultz/DeShambo Families
Sun.	Aug. 9 th	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – For the deceased poor

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

63 envelopes returned for July 26, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,524.00
Loose.....	226.00
General Maintenance.....	75.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$2,825.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,661.53
Short.....	\$1,836.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	543.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	100.00

The Fall Harvest Raffle tickets will be out at all the Masses next weekend. Please stop and pick your packet up. It saves a ton on postage. Thanking you in advance.

KIDS FISHING CONTEST

Sponsored by the Brother Felix Council of Gladstone and Escanaba Council 640 of the Knights of Columbus, Saturday, August 15th at the 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

DON'T MISS THIS!

Presentation on Irving Houle

Have you ever wondered why God has given us saints? How do we become a saint? In our current time and culture, have we lost our desire to be a saint? Come and hear about a local man from Escanaba who might be a saint one day. This is for every Catholic and Christian. Holy Mass at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Light meal in the parish hall after Mass. Presentation to begin at 6:30. This will be at St. Joe/St. Pat's, Escanaba.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Aug. 4th - Giving advice is sometimes only showing our wisdom at the expense of another.

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

Aug. 6th - A quiet tongue shows a wise head.

Aug. 7th - No man has absolute privacy; God and angels constantly behold him.

Aug. 8th - If you can laugh at your troubles you will never run out of something to laugh about.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

A Day of Reflection Celebrating Bishop Baraga

Join us for a Day of Reflection celebrating Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga! Topics include: Bishop Baraga's ministry; his use of the Two Roads Pictorial Scroll to teach catechism; the Cause for Canonization process; and Bishop Baraga's Journey towards Sainthood. Everyone is welcome! The event will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, from noon-4 p.m.** at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish, 709 1st Ave. S, Escanaba. Learn more and RSVP at www.bishopbaraga.org.

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

Is 55:1-3
Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7
Mt 15:21-28

Friday

Na 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7
Mt 16:24-28

Tuesday

Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Mt 14:22-36

Thursday

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

Saturday

Hb 1:12—2:4
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

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.

We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to do some light dusting and windows and whatever else needs to be done. If you are interested and could help, please call the parish office. If we get a few we could do a rotating schedule. The more hands the lighter the load. Thanking you in advance.