

# Holy Family Parish

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 3, 2025

### Pastor

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

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### Parish Secretary

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### Faith Formation Coordinator

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### Maintenance

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff

Harold Flagstadt Tina Cryderman

Kevin Dubord

Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee

Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

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. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

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

**Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk**

**Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret**

**Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell**

**Kristin Cutcher**

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

### THE GREAT DISCOVERY ([Luke 9:18-22](#))

This is one of the most crucial moments in the life of Jesus. He asked this question when he was already turning his face to go to Jerusalem ([Luke 9:51](#)). He well knew what awaited him there, and the answer to his question was of supreme importance. He knew that he was going to a Cross to die; he wanted to know before he went, if there was anyone who had really discovered who he was. The right answer would make all the difference. If instead there was dull incomprehension, all his work would have gone for nothing. If there was any realization, it meant that he had lit such a torch in the hearts of men as time would never put out. How Jesus' heart must have lifted when Peter's sudden discovery rushed to his lips—**“The Messiah of God.”** When Jesus heard that, he knew he had not failed.

Not only had the Twelve to discover the fact; they had also to discover what the fact meant. They had grown up against a background of thought which expected from God a conquering king who would lead them to world dominion. Peter's eyes would blaze with excitement when he said this. But Jesus had to teach them that God's anointed one or the Messiah had come to die upon a Cross. He had to take their ideas of God and of God's purposes and turn them upside down; and from this time that is what he set himself to do. They had discovered who he was; now they had to learn what that discovery meant.

There are two great general truths in this passage.

(i) Jesus began by asking what men were saying about him; and then, suddenly, he flashes the question at the Twelve, **“Who do you say that I am?”** It is never enough to know what other people have said about Jesus. A man might be able to pass any examination on what has been said and thought about Jesus; he might have read every book about Christology written in every language upon earth and still not be a Christian. Jesus must always be our own personal discovery. Our religion can never

be a carried tale. To every man Jesus comes asking, not, "Can you tell me what others have said and written about me?" but, "Who do you say that I am?" Paul did not say, "I know what I have believed"; he said, "I know whom I have believed" ([2 Timothy 1:12](#)). Christianity does not mean reciting a creed; it means knowing a person.

(ii) Jesus said, "I must go to Jerusalem and die." It is of the greatest interest to look at the times in Luke's gospel when Jesus said must. "I must be in my Father's house," ([Luke 2:49](#)). "I must preach the kingdom," ([Luke 4:43](#)). "I must go on my way today and tomorrow," ([Luke 13:33](#)). Over and over again he told his disciples he must go to his Cross ([Luke 9:22](#); [Luke 17:25](#); [Luke 24:7](#)). Jesus knew he had a destiny to fulfill. God's will was his will. He had no other object but to do upon earth what God had sent him to do. The Christian, like his Lord, is a man under orders.

### THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ([Luke 9:23-27](#))

Here Jesus lays down the conditions of service for those who would follow him.

(i) A man must deny himself. What does that mean? A great scholar comes at the meaning in this way. Peter once denied his Lord. That is to say, he said of Jesus, "I do not know the man." To deny ourselves is to say, "I do not know myself." It is to ignore the very existence of oneself. It is to treat the self as if it did not exist. Usually we treat ourselves as if our self was far and away the most important thing in the world. If we are to follow Jesus, we must forget that self exists.

(ii) A man must take up his cross. Jesus well knew what crucifixion meant. It was the method by which the Roman regime executed the revolutionaries. So it was the symbol of suffering and death. To take up our cross means to be prepared to face things like that for loyalty to Jesus; it means to be ready to endure the worst that man can do to us for the sake of being true to him.

**(We will continue)**

### **THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Dedication of the Basiclica of Saint Mary Major</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS
Wed.	Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS
Thurs.	Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS
Fri.	Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Olivia Nieman ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Deceased Poor of St. Vincent de Paul Society 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

#### **67 envelopes returned for Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,884.00
Loose.....	174.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,083.00</b>
 <b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense</b>	 <b>\$4,594.23</b>
<b>Short.....</b>	<b>\$1,511.23</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	492.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	150.00

***It's that time to start thinking about doing baskets for our annual BUCKET RAFFLE for our Harvest dinner which will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.***

### **Carmelite Fall Festival**

September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3:00 PM

Carmel of the Holy Cross Monastery

Junction US2 and M95, Iron Mountain, MI

The Fall Festival is open to the public and all are welcome. Baked goods, arts, crafts, basket raffle, and plate lunch...including the Sisters' famous bread will be available for purchase. ***\$5.00 Raffle tickets are available for purchase at Holy Family Parish office.***

The annual ***Milestone Wedding Anniversary*** celebration will be held at St. Peter Cathedral on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. ET. I am certain that there will be parishioners who will be wondering about how to register! We will be running the registration form in the next couple of issues of The U.P. Catholic, or you can get one from the parish office.

## **SPIRIT LIFTERS**

**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.

**Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>** - A quiet tongue shows a wise head.

**Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** - No man has absolute privacy; God and angels constantly behold him.

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

**Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>** - The torch of Christianity may be lit in the church, but it does its best burning in the shop and in the street.

### **College Campus Ministry Programs**

Attn: High School Graduates: If you are college-bound, be sure to check out the Campus Ministry at the college or university you'll be attending. It's a great way to meet people, have fun, and stay connected to your faith!

### **St. Vincent de Paul Corner**

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### **National Church Combined Collection** **Aug. 9-10, 2025**

All parishes in the Diocese of Marquette will take up the 2025 National Church Collection on Aug. 9-10, 2025. The National Church Collection supports the following outreach ministries: the National Retirement Fund for Religious, the Archdiocese of Military Services, and the Catholic University Collection.

## **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**Monday**  
Nm 11:4b-15  
Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday**  
Nm 12:1-13  
Mt 14:22-36

**Wednesday**  
Dn 7:9-10,13-15  
2 Pt 1:16-19  
Lk 9:28b-36

**Thursday**  
Nm 20:1-13  
Mt 16:13-23

**Friday**  
Dt 4:32-40  
Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday**  
Dt 6:4-13  
Mt 17:14-20

### **Sunday**

Wis 18:6-9   Heb 11:1-2,8-19   Lk 12:32-48

### **Kids Fishing Contest**

**Sponsored by the Brother Felix Council, Escanaba Council 640 and Bark River Council of the Knights of Columbus**

Saturday, August 9, 2025 - Ludington Park near the Yacht Harbor   Registration 11 am - Fishing 12 pm - 2:00 pm   Lunch will be provided  
Open to all children from ages 0-16 years  
(Kids will be divided into two separate groups by age)

### **FREE EVENT**

**COME JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME ON  
AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>!!**

### **\$95 BRICKS IN HONOR OF THE BBA'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY**

In honor of the Bishop Baraga Association's 95th Anniversary, we are offering a limited-time brick special for \$95! Learn more and start designing your brick today at <https://bishopbaraga.org/bba-brick-program/>. Please note that this offer is good through Sept. 30, 2025.

### **ANNUAL BARAGA DAYS EVENT**

Save the date for the Annual Baraga Days event on Aug. 29-30, 2025, in the Copper Country Area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula (L'Anse, Assinins, Houghton/Hancock & Eagle Harbor). This two-day event will include Evening Vespers, Native American drumming, a tour of the Assinins Cemetery, annual banquet and more! Find the full schedule of events at <https://bishopbaraga.org/baraga-days-2025/> and in the upcoming edition of the Baraga Bulletin. Please note that reservations are required for the Saturday banquet.