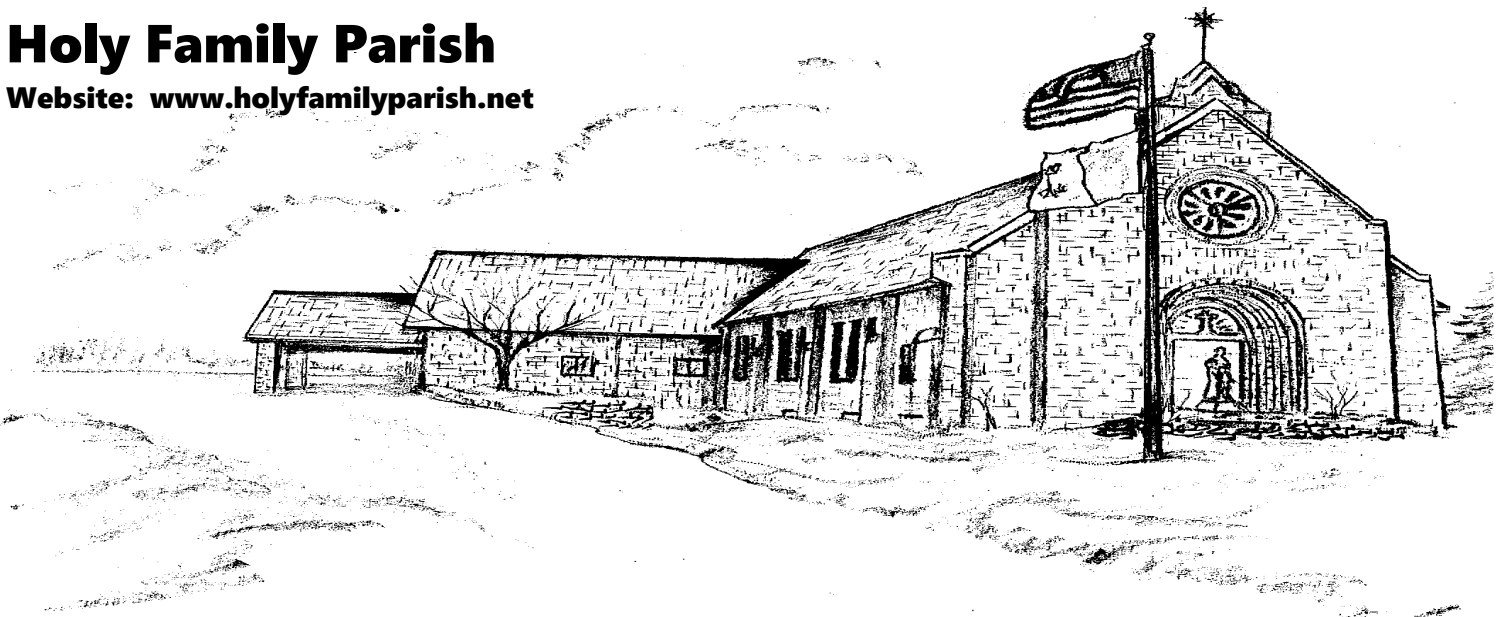


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Sacrament of Marriage

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

Love of Neighbor (Cont.):

It is not hard for us to love our dear ones and friends and we enjoy their company and friendship. But it is hard to understand and accept the demand of Jesus who says, “**Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.**” Most of us feel hard to love and tolerate our enemies who hurt our feelings. When Jesus asks us to love our enemies, does he mean that we have to love even the social enemies like the terrorists, murderers, child molesters and all evil doers as we love our dear ones? How can we love those who persecute us and the innocent people? Of course, as human beings, it is rather impossible for us to equally love these people as we love our family members and friends.

In order to understand the meaning of the command of Jesus we need a little better understanding of the word **Love**. In English language the same word love is used to express different types of love, such as love between lovers, love between spouses, parents and children, love to our friends, love for our pets etc. But in Greek language **there are four types of love** which express four different types of love. 1. **Storge**: the love between parents and children is known under this type. 2. **Eros**: this is the type of love we see between husbands and wives and lovers. This is the sexual and passionate love existing among these people. 3. **Philia**: the warmest love seen among the siblings and close friends is known under this name. 4. **Agape**: this love is different from other three types of love. The word indicates unconquerable benevolence and invisible goodwill. If we regard people with Agape, it means that no matter what they do to us, no matter how they treat us, no matter if they insult us or injure us or grieve us, we will never allow any bitterness against them to invade our hearts; but will regard them with that unconquerable benevolence and goodwill which will seek nothing but their highest good. In short, we will never wish that our enemies would perish or some big loss would happen to them. This is the type of love Jesus expects from. No doubt, he is not asking us to love our enemies as we love our spouses, parents and friends.

GRACE

What is grace as a virtue?

In popular language and Ecclesiastical language we hear the word Grace being used in different senses. We are familiar with the saying, ‘Let us begin our meal by saying Grace.’ Sometimes people speak about the elegant and beautiful appearance of a person using the phrase ‘graceful look.’ Very often we invite people to participate in a great event using the phrase, ‘grace the occasion with your valuable presence.’ Sometimes the students are given extra time to pay their loan, known as grace period. These are some of the common or popular usages of the word ‘grace.’

In Ecclesiastical language Grace has got divine and deeper meaning. It has been defined as the divine influence which operates in humans to regenerate and sanctify, to inspire virtuous impulses, and to impart strength to endure trial and resist temptation; and as an individual virtue or excellence of divine origin. In the definition of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**, “**Grace is the favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to His call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life.**”

Grace is a supernatural gift that, through the merits of Jesus Christ, God freely bestows on human beings in order to bring them to eternal life. Nature is what we are born with and into, when we enter this world; grace is what we still need to enter heaven in the world to come. Grace is a participation in the life of God, which is poured unearned into beings, whom it heals of sin and sanctifies. The means by which God grants his grace are many. They include the entirety of revealed truth, the Sacraments and hierarchical ministry. Among the principal means of grace are the Sacraments, **especially, the Eucharist, prayers and good works.** The Sacramentals also are means of grace. The Sacraments themselves, no matter how unworthy is the person who administer it, are the means of Grace. But for the effectiveness of Grace the recipient should be in proper disposition.

(We will continue).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 7 th	<i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Aug. 8 th	<i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe Nolde 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meeting
Wed.	Aug. 9 th	<i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine Berbohm Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 10 th	<i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – For all who have or will receive a Prayer Shawl 8:30 A.M. - Prayer Shawl ministry in the Fr. Matt Hall
Fri.	Aug. 11 th	<i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 12 th	<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Aug. 13 th	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Darlene Chouinard

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

68 envelopes returned for Sunday, July 30th

Adult Offering.....	\$ 2,429.00
Loose.....	212.00
General Maintenance.....	70.00
Fuel.....	40.00
Mass stipends.....	380.00
Total.....	\$ 3,131.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42
Short..... \$ 1,258.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 438.00

St. Anthony Church is having a pasty sale on Aug. 17th – 18th. Pick up is at St. Thomas from 2 to 5 pm. To pre-order call or text Debbie at 906-399-4259. \$6.00 a piece.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library Feature of the Month is back! Located just to the left of the library is a table with just a few of the many books and videos on lives of the saints from our library. There are selections for children as well as adults. The library is open to all anytime church is open. Please take advantage of the many books and videos available within the library.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Photo Dates: **Tue. Sept 19, Wed., Sept. 20th, Thurs., Sept. 21st, 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 church id: mi1746 password: photos, **MAKE SURE TO LOGOUT!** In-person scheduling starting Mid-august after each mass **Piper's e-mail address is: piper_dc@hotmail.com or 906-399-3218****

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Aug. 9th** - The torch of Christianity may be lit in the church, but it does its best burning in the shop and in the street.
- Aug. 10th** - If we appreciate what we have, it always becomes more. If we belittle what we have, it always becomes less.
- Aug. 11th** - Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
- Aug. 12th** - The early morning has gold in its mouth.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel, the Lord's voice says: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples were afraid, but Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Know that in making your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are listening to Christ, and helping others not to be afraid. 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.

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. Space is limited. Please make your reservations early to ensure a spot.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26

Friday

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

Saturday

Dt 6:4-14
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

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

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.

Building a Future of Hope

Pregnancy Services has been busy helping men and women choose life and become better parents in the new pregnancy center at 2501 1st Ave. North, Escanaba. In order to pay for the center and the needed renovations, the capital campaign, *Building a Future of Hope*, has been underway with a goal of raising \$750,000. Thanks to generous donors, they have raised 49% toward the goal. Please consider making a generous donation or pledge to help reach the goal; donations may be mailed to 2501 1st Ave. N, Escanaba, MI 49829. For more information, please visit psdcpartners.org or call Jamie at (906) 786-7474, ext. 105 or email her at directorofpsdc@gmail.com.

Together, we can provide a *Future of Hope* to men, women, and their children for many years to come!