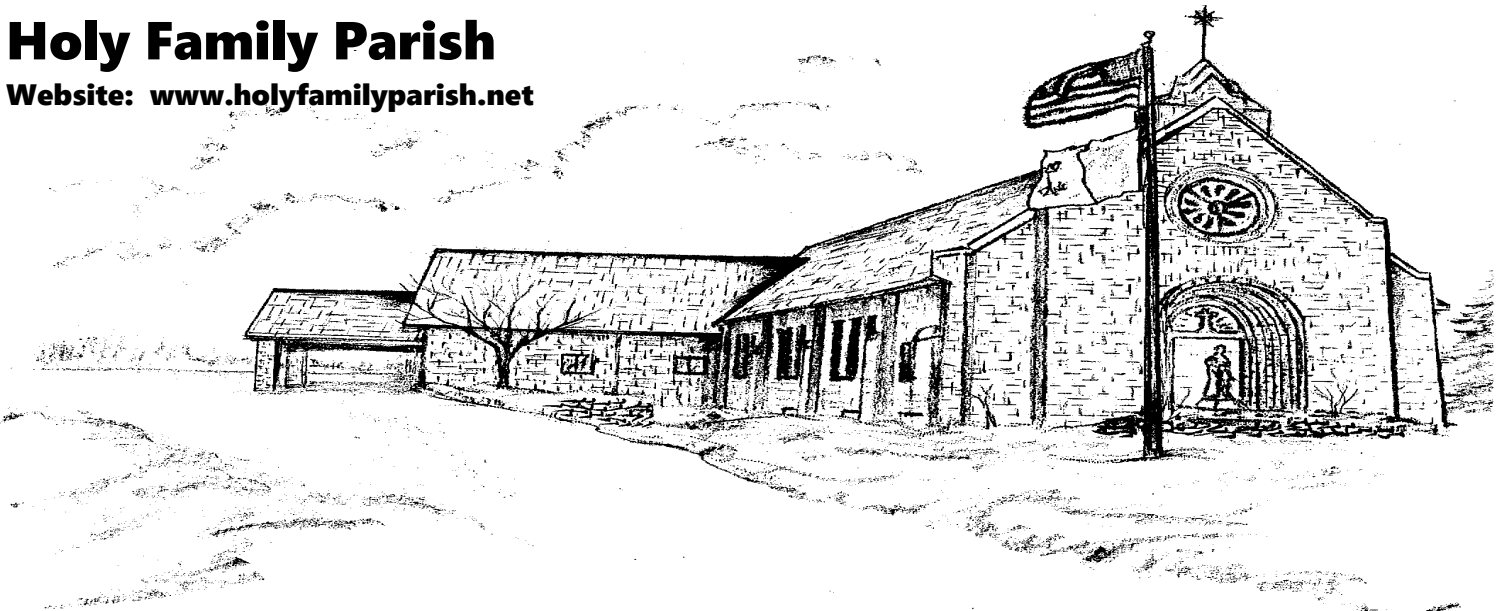


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 9, 2026

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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. Michael at 906-792-4798

Please remember our sick in your prayers....*Rose Beauchamp
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
Patrick 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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 1 Kg 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

“Trusting Faith.”

Brothers and sisters, anytime we read today’s Gospel, we tend to focus on the extraordinary event that took place on the sea of Galilee: “Jesus walked on the water.” This is quite understandable; it is not common. Peter tried and failed; he began to sink. The reason why Peter failed is what I want us to focus on today: **TRUSTING FAITH** in the one who has called us to follow him. Indeed, walking on water does not require the divine because in John 14:12 Jesus said we could do the things he did, and even greater things than he did. It requires deep faith and trust in the one who summons us to believe.

Here is an old story about trustful Faith: In the middle of a dark winter’s night in a small Midwest farming community, the two-story home of a young family caught fire. Quickly, parents and children followed their well-practiced emergency plan and made their way through the smoke-filled home out into the front yard. There the father quickly counted heads and realized that their 5-year-old son was not among them. Suddenly he heard a wail and looked up to see the boy at his bedroom window, crying and rubbing his eyes. Knowing the danger of reentering the house to rescue his son, the father called, “Jump, Son! I’ll catch you!” Between sobs, the boy responded to the voice he knew so well. “But I can’t see you, Daddy!” The father answered with great assurance. “No, Son, you can’t see me, but I can see you! Jump!” At that, the boy jumped into the smoky darkness and found himself safely cradled in his father’s arms.

Our Scripture readings for today are about trusting – about having Faith – about being able to discern the fact that our God is always with us, even in storms of life.

Peter began to sink because he was afraid. For us to know what trustful faith can do, the first reading gives us an example of the prophet Elijah who single-handedly defeated 450 false prophets with trustful faith in the power of the God of his ancestors. He fled to his God to seek help and strength on the mountain. There he encountered the God of peace and mercy. My dear friends, reflecting on Elijah’s experience, Paul laments over the Jews, who having lost faith in the God Elijah and the prophets of old, rejected the promised Messiah. The Jews could not trust much in the God who set them free from Egypt.

The Gospel speaks out about our weakness as Jesus’ followers, a weakness that we need to overcome: **fear in the face of uncertainties**. Brothers and sisters, fear is the opposite of faith. Prayer builds faith and reduces fear by increasing our trust in God. The more we pray the less we fear. Peter is an example of our imperfect faith, but he also is an example for us to follow. When he was sinking, he put his trust in Jesus and called out to him. When we put our trust in Jesus to save us, he holds us up, and he sustains us through our most difficult times, times such as that which Peter faced walking on the water. Peter acted on impulse. A great deal of failure in Christian life is due to acting on impulse and emotional fervor without counting the cost. Peter, fortunately in the moment of his failure reached out to Jesus and held him firmly. Every time Peter fell, he rose again. His failures only made him love the Lord more deeply and trust him more intently.

The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Do you rely on the Lord for his strength and help? Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities or trials threaten to overwhelm you, how do you respond? Does the Lord Jesus seem distant when trials or adversity come your way? My dear friends, we are expected to pray to God every day with trusting faith. Sometimes we have no mental energy or even time to pray. Under such circumstances, my brothers and sisters, let us pray like Peter in today’s Gospel with **TRUSTING FAITH**, and say: “**LORD, SAVE ME!**” AMEN.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 10 th	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Aug. 11 th	<i>St. Claire, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Wed.	Aug. 12 th	<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass NO Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 13 th	<i>Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Fri.	Aug. 14 th	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Beauchamp ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 15 th	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the special intentions of Hudson & Tara Mosier
Sun.	Aug. 16 th	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Richard, Rita & Gail Anderson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

75 envelopes returned for August 2, 2026

Adults.....	\$4,189.00
Loose.....	209.00
General Maintenance.....	170.00
Fuel.....	345.00
Total.....	\$4,913.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,661.53
Over.....	\$ 251.47

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	155.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	430.00

The Fall Harvest Raffle tickets will be out at all the Masses this weekend. Please stop and pick your packet up. It saves a ton on postage. Also please return any unsold tickets. We have to account for all of them.

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.

KIDS FISHING CONTEST

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.

Fr. Michael will be on Retreat this week. If there is an emergency please call the parish office or you can reach Pam on her cell phone at 906-399-3058.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Aug. 13th -We know that all things work together for good to them that love God...Romans 8:28
- Aug. 14th - We flatter those we scarcely know, And please our fleeting guest, But render many a heartless blow, To those we love the best.
- Aug. 15th - The light of God is more desirable than the greatest treasures owned in darkness.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!"

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

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

Tuesday

Ez 2:8—3:4
Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15,60,63
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Sunday

Is 56:1,6-7 Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 20 3:30 pm ET

St. Peter's Cathedral, Marquette

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.

Carmelite Fall Festival - September 12th & 13th

Noon—3:00 PM CST

Festival Features Sister's Homemade Bread, Fall Favorite Baked Goods, Theme Basket Raffles, Italian Turkey Plate Lunch, Crafts & Homemade Items

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$1 Each or 6 for \$5

Tickets are available for purchase at the Parish Office. Need not be present to win.

Thank you to the person who stepped up to take over the Altar Society.....More info to come at a later date.