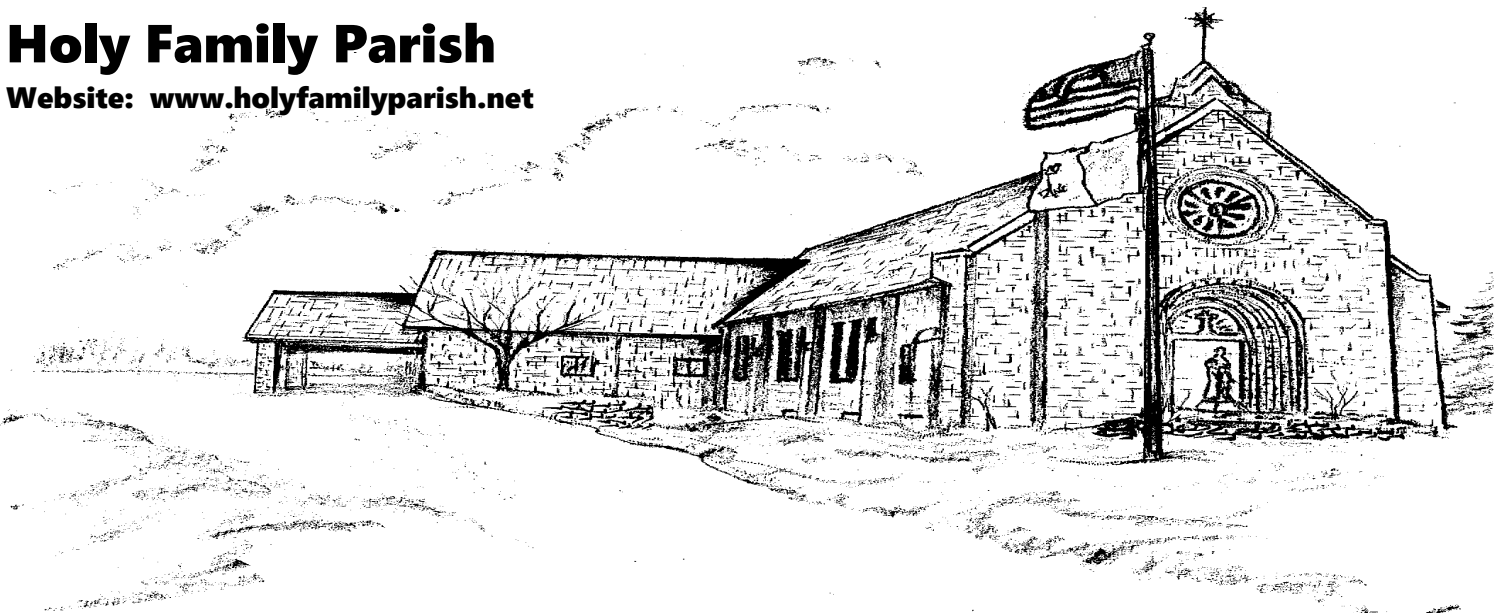


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Sacrament of Marriage

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

GRACE (Cont.)

The Catholic Church holds that by Grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works. The Council of Trent declared that "None of those things which precede justification –whether faith or works- merit the Grace itself of justification. (Justification is the passing from a state of sin to the state of grace and adoption as children of God." St. Paul says, "Now you have washed clean and sanctified, and justified through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and through the Spirit of our God" (1Cor. 11).

Citing the Council of Trent, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "With regard to God, there is no strict right to any merit on the part of man. Between God and us there is an immeasurable inequality, for we have received everything from Him, our Creator. The merit of man before God in the Christian life arises from the fact that God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace. The fatherly action of God is first on his own initiative, and then follows man's free acting through his collaboration, so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the Grace of God, then to the faithful. Man's merit, moreover, itself is due to God, for his good actions proceed in Christ, from the predispositions and assistance given by the Holy Spirit. The charity of Christ is the source in us of all our merits before God. Grace, by uniting us to Christ in active love, ensures the supernatural quality of our acts and consequently their merit before God and before men. The saints have always had a lively awareness that their merits were pure Grace. Grace is called supernatural for the very reason that we have no claim or right to it. Divine Grace is available to all because Christ died for all mankind. All are in fact called to the same destiny, which is heaven. The Holy Spirit offers everyone the possibility of salvation. Even most hardened sinner receives at least the Grace to pray and ask for God's help. In short we can say that Divine Grace is a free gift of God which elevates and perfects human nature, giving man a participation in the very nature of God, and making him capable of acts which merit the eternal beatitude of heaven for which he was created.

Divine Grace is further divided as Sanctifying Grace or Habitual Grace and Actual Grace.

Sanctifying Grace or Habitual Grace:

Sanctifying Grace is that Grace which confers on our souls a new life, that is, a sharing in the life of God Himself. By Adam's sin all mankind lost the friendship of God; that is, we are born in original sin, without Sanctifying Grace. Our Lord's death won back Sanctifying Grace for us; it is granted freely at our Baptism. By Sanctifying Grace, our souls are made holy and pleasing to God once again. It is an abiding or permanent Grace, which we gain by Baptism, and lose only by mortal sin. A soul to whom God grants Sanctifying Grace receives not merely a gift from God, but God Himself. The Holy Ghost lives in him/her and becomes united with him/her, so that he/she receives a new life, a new nature.

Sanctifying Grace is a habitual gift, a stable and supernatural disposition that perfects the soul itself to enable it to live with God, to act by His love. Habitual Grace, the permanent disposition to live and act in keeping with God's call, is distinguished from Actual Graces which refer to God's interventions, whether at the beginning of conversion or in the course of the work of sanctification. The infusion of Sanctifying Grace, says the Church, transforms a sinner into a holy child of God, and in this way a person participates in the Divine Sonship of Jesus Christ and receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Sanctifying Grace remains permanently in the soul as long as one does not reject one's adopted sonship by committing a mortal sin, which severs one's friendship with God. Less serious sins, venial sins, although they allow charity to subsist, they offend and wound it. However, God is infinitely merciful, and Sanctifying Grace can always be restored to the penitent heart, normatively in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance).

(Will be Continued).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 14 th	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Aug. 15 th	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Special Intention 6:30 P.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish ----- Parish Office closed
Wed.	Aug. 16 th	<i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Beauchamp Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 17 th	8:00 A.M.- Mass -JoAnn Fassbender
Fri.	Aug. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tom & Beverly Beauchamp ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 19 th	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the sick & troubled who seek divine help
Sun.	Aug. 20 th	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

76 envelopes returned for Sunday, Aug. 6th

Adult Offering.....	\$ 3,322.00
Loose.....	153.00
General Maintenance.....	155.00
Fuel.....	195.00
Total.....	\$ 3,825.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Short.....	\$ 564.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	65.00
Donations.....	\$1,150.00

Tuesday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Our Mass schedule is 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Please notice the new signs posted on the back pew in the gathering space is reserved for mothers and babies and the two half pews at the back of church are reserved for the handicap. **(Mothers with babies are most welcome to sit with the congregation.)**

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. 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.

Aug. 16th - The size of your troubles generally depends on whether they are coming or going.

Aug. 17th - A SMILE - It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friends.

Aug. 18th - One of the beautiful surprises of middle age is the discovery that mature love is not only richer and deeper, but every bit as breathtaking as it was in the beginning.

Aug. 19th - Casting our burden on the Lord frees us to help carry another's burdens.

St. Vincent DePaul 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 information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

St Vincent de Paul needs your HELP!!

We are looking for volunteers. HELP US HELP OTHERS! Call Loretta at 906-399-4907.

The Knights of Columbus Council 640 will be having their Family Picnic on Sunday August 20th at the Escanaba Township Pavilion starting at Noon. Please bring a dish to pass and the meat will be provided.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

Friday

Jos 24:1-13
Mt 19:3-12

Tuesday

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

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Mt 18:21-19:1

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

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

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!

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.

Annual Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration is Sunday, Sept. 17th at 3:30 PM at St. Peter's, Marquette. Call parish office for a registration form.