

Holy Family Parish

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 17, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

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. 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, Eric VanDamme

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 Transfiguration: Last we saw that Mount Tabor was not the possible place of the Transfiguration, as it was a fortress. But commonly mount Tabor is associated with the Transfiguration. The possible place is Mount Hermon. But it was over 9400 feet high. Naturally, that night Jesus may not have climbed up that high. So we have to conclude that it was somewhere on the slopes of the beautiful and stately Mount Hermon that the Transfiguration happened. It must have happened in the night. Luke tells us that the Peter and companions were overcome by sleep ([Luke 9:32](#)). It was the next day when Jesus and his disciples came back to the plain to find the father of the epileptic boy waiting for them ([Luke 9:37](#)). It was some time in the sunset, or the late evening, or the night, that this amazing vision took place.

Why did Jesus go there? Why did he make this expedition to these lonely mountain slopes? Luke gives us the clue. He tells us that Jesus was praying ([Luke 9:29](#)).

We must put ourselves, as far as we can, in Jesus' place. By this time he was on the way to the Cross. Of that he was quite sure; again and again he told his disciples that it was so. At Caesarea Philippi we have seen him facing one problem and dealing with one question. We have seen him seeking to find out if there was anyone who had recognized him for who and what he was. We have seen that question triumphantly answered, for Peter had grasped the great fact that Jesus could only be described as the Son of God. But there was an even greater question than that which Jesus had to solve before he set out on the last journey.

He had to make quite sure, beyond all doubt, that he was doing what God wished him to do. He had to make certain that it was indeed God's will that he should go to the Cross. Jesus went up Mount Hermon to ask God: "Am I doing your will in setting my face to go to Jerusalem?" Jesus went up Mount Hermon to listen for the voice of God. He would take no step without consulting with God. How then could he take the biggest step of all

without consulting with Him? Of everything Jesus asked one question and only one question: "*Is it God's will for me?*" And that is the question he was asking in the loneliness of the slopes of Hermon. It is one of the supreme differences between Jesus and us that Jesus always asked: "What does God wish me to do." we nearly always ask: "What do I wish to do?" We often say that the unique characteristic of Jesus was that he was sinless. What do we mean by that? We mean precisely this that Jesus had no Will but the Will of God. When Jesus had a problem, he did not seek to solve it only by the power of his own thought; he did not take it to others for human advice; he took it to the lonely place and to God.

There on the mountain slopes two great figures appeared to Jesus--Moses and Elijah.

It is fascinating to see in the many respects the experience of these two great servants of God matched the experience of Jesus. "While he was praying Jesus' face changed in appearance his clothing became dazzling white." When Moses came down from the mountain of Sinai, he did not know that the skin of his face shone ([Exodus 34:29](#)). Both Moses and Elijah had their most intimate experiences of God on a mountain top. It was into Mount Sinai that Moses went to receive the tables of the law ([Exodus 31:18](#)). It was on Mount Horeb that Elijah found God, not in the wind, and not in the earthquake, but in the still small voice ([1 Kings 19:9-12](#)).

Further, as we have already seen, it was the consistent Jewish belief that Elijah was to be forerunner and herald of the Messiah, and it was also believed by at least some Jewish teachers that, when the Messiah came, he would be accompanied by Moses.

It is easy to see how appropriate this vision of Moses and Elijah was. But none of these reasons is the real reason why the vision of Moses and Elijah came to Jesus.

Luke tells us that Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus, "of his exodus that he was to accomplish at Jerusalem" ([Luke 9:31](#)). **(We will continue)**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our special intentions 4:00 P.M. - Funeral Mass for Cecilia Terrien
Tues.	Aug. 19 th	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke
Wed.	Aug. 20 th	<i>Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry & Darlene Chouinard
Thurs.	Aug. 21 st	<i>Saint Pius X, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all who will or have received a prayer shawl 8:30 A.M. - Prayer Shawl Ministry
Fri.	Aug. 22 nd	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Shelia Mandic ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 23 rd	<i>Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	Aug. 24 th	<i>Twenty-First 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

72 envelopes returned for Sunday, Aug. 10th

Adults.....	\$3,345.00
Loose.....	336.00
General Maintenance.....	70.00
Fuel.....	20.00
Total.....	\$3,771.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$ 823.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	15.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	80.00
Donation.....	100.00
Reimbursement.....	100.00
Diocesan Collection.....	390.00

***Our prayers are extended to the family of
Cecilia Terrien
May she rest in peace!***

***IT'S TIME FOR ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH
to re-convene for the Altar Society.***

***First meeting is Tuesday September 2 at 6:30 with
Father Sebastian as the guest speaker.***

***The whole agenda will be approved and copies
provided "for the frig" 😊 Hope to see you there!***

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

The Knights of Columbus Escanaba Council 640 will be holding its annual picnic Sunday August 24 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Escanaba Township Park located in Flat Rock. All are invited to attend to share good food and camaraderie with the Knights. Admission is free. See you There.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Aug. 20th - Sitting and wishing won't change your fate; God provides the fishing, but you've got to dig the bait.

Aug. 21st - He who forgives, ends the quarrel.

Aug. 22nd - It's the little things that bother us, And keep us on the rack; We can sit upon a MOUNTAIN, But not on a TACK.

Aug. 23rd - Kindness is becoming at any age.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!"

Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish will hold their 3rd annual Chili Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Call the parish office 906-789-6244 if you would like to enter. There is no fee to enter but space is limited.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Friday

Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22
Mt 22:34-40

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

Thursday

Jgs 11:29-39a
Mt 22:1-14

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Is 66:18-21
Heb 12:5-7,11-13
Lk 13:22-30

Upcoming Retreat:

"Venerable Bishop Baraga's Devotion to Mary" October 10–12, 2025 | Queen of Heaven Retreat

Join us for a spiritually enriching weekend retreat directed by **Fr. Corey Litzner**, held at the beautiful **Garden Grove Retreat Center** (formerly Marygrove Retreat Center). We are blessed to have the entire facility reserved for this special event. **Retreat Fee:** \$165.00 per person Includes: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner. (Special dietary needs can be accommodated.) **Space is limited** and will be filled on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Please register by **September 26, 2025. To register or for more information, contact: Vicky Ricketts - 906-869-2137, vricke411@gmail com**

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.*