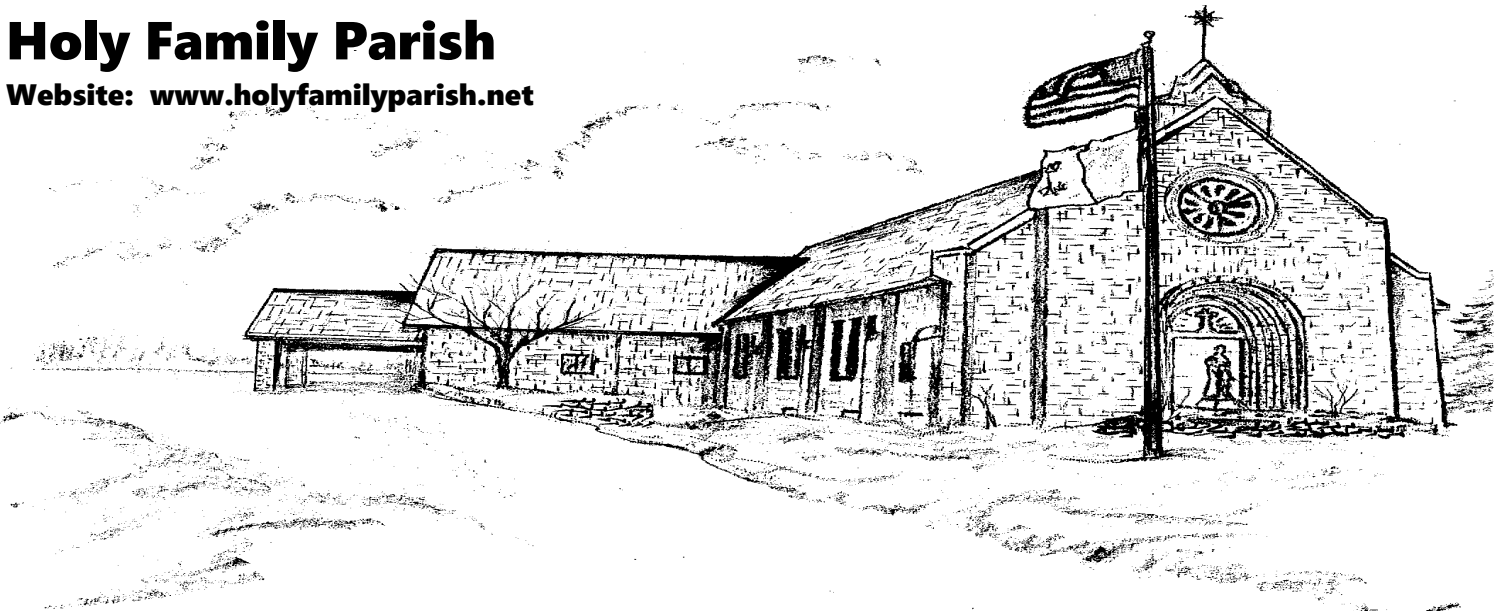


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Sacrament of Marriage

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. 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
Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit, Denise Seymour, Savannah Schon*
If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. .

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

Brothers and sisters, as you glance through today's readings, the first thing that comes to mind is the main theme that runs through all three readings: “God is the source of all authority and power and that he shares his authority and power with civil and religious leaders chosen to govern others.” This is true; but I would like us to focus on the question Jesus poses to us, the same question he posed to the twelve: **“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”**

After Peter has confessed that Jesus was the Messiah Jesus cautioned them not to reveal his identity to anyone. Why he did that is the answer we need to give to the question. Brothers and sisters, Peter knew the response to that question and that is the point. However, many people at the time had different ideas about the Messiah. By forbidding them to reveal his identity to the public, Jesus took time to educate the people and to help and convince them to rethink the idea of the Messiah. After Peter's confession Jesus redefined Messiah for them in the context of the prophecies of Isaiah 53, concerning the suffering servant of God, the one who is to suffer for the sake of others. The apostles were chosen to be ministers of the faith that was revealed by God to Peter. Therefore they needed to understand clearly what they were going in order to sell to the world. Any misunderstanding of the messiah would be disastrous.

We are also chosen by God to evangelize the world. But we need to know who Jesus is in our lives before we can proclaim him to the world like Peter and his companions did. So the question was posed to the twelve in those days and it is as relevant today to you and to me as it was to them. We must answer the question individually; Jesus is not expecting a collective response. The answer you give will determine your readiness to witness to the faith. So, my brother, my sister, my mother, my father, who do you say that Jesus is? How have you experienced him in your life? What kind of witness can you give? How will you tell others of Jesus? Everyone must accept and experience Jesus as his/her personal Lord and Savior. That means you recognize and accept him as a Good Shepherd, a Divine Redeemer and Savior. Jesus should become a living experience in your life. In this way you can easily surrender your life to him who died and rose for you. That requires that you freely give and hand over all areas of your life to him. In so doing, you radiate to all people Jesus' unconditional sacrificial love, forgiveness, mercy and compassion. So who is Jesus? Remember Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life... .” The following may elucidate and help us to find him:

“Suppose Jesus were to come here.” Without the 19th century essayist Charles Lamb, William Shakespeare would be “missing in action.” It was Mr. Lamb's essays that snatched the 17th century playwright from undeserved obscurity after he had been famous for Andy Warhol's fifteen minutes. One night, Lamb and his guests were chatting about the Bard over Spanish port and Cuban cigars. “Supposing,” someone asked Lamb, “Shakespeare were to stroll into our dining room at this moment.” The essayist replied, “We would raise a glass of port to the great man.” “Supposing,” said another, “Jesus were to come here.” Lamb answered, “We would all get down on our knees.” -- There is the essential difference between the Man from Nazareth and all other great people you can think of. “The Christ is God, and all others, no matter what their deeds, are but fools who strut on the stage for a brief time and then exit.” (Fr. Gilhooly)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 24 th	<i>Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society Meets
Tues.	Aug. 25 th	<i>Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
Wed.	Aug. 26 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bill DeShambo Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 27 th	<i>Saint Monica</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Fr. Sebastian
Fri.	Aug. 28 th	<i>Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Frank Kudwa ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 29 th	<i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Vernon Wilson
Sun.	Aug. 30 th	<i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

88 envelopes returned for August 16, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,914.00
Loose.....	311.00
General Maintenance.....	55.00
Fuel.....	39.00
Total.....	\$3,319.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,661.53
Short..... \$1,342.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	20.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	240.00
Diocesan Collection.....	295.00
Reimbursements.....	319.54

The Fall Harvest Raffle tickets are out at the back of church. 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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS....If you have misplaced or threw away your U.P. Catholic services appeal card that was mailed to you, please contact the parish office for another one. Thank you.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th or above anniversaries, as well as newlyweds are invited along with their families to the annual Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Golden (50th) anniversary couples are additionally invited to submit information and photos for publication in The U.P. Catholic newspaper. The celebration will be at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, beginning with Mass at 3:30 p.m. There will be a light reception to follow. Online registration may be completed at tinyurl.com/mam26 or you can pick up one at the back of church.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

Aug. 24th - Are your troubles causing you to lose your religion or USE your religion?

Aug. 25th - Those who won't mind their own business, soon have no business to mind.

Aug. 26th - Feed your faith, and your doubts will starve to death.

Aug. 27th - The ornaments of a house are the friends who visit it.

Aug. 28th - If life were a bed of roses, some people wouldn't be happy until they developed an allergy.

Aug. 29th - Trouble is usually produced by those who produce nothing else.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

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

Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10
Mt 23:27-32

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17
Mt 23:23-26

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

ALL SAINTS/HOLY FAMILY PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Registration Forms for Religious Education were recently mailed to all eligible families. Please return your completed registration forms along with payment to the **All Saints Parish Office** as soon as possible. You can also register online at www.allsaintsgadstone.org All Registration Forms must be submitted by Wednesday, Sept. 16th.

ATTENTION PARENTS: If you have a child entering the first grade this year, please contact the parish office so we can get them registered for CCD classes this year.

Carmelite Fall Festival -

September 12th & 13th Noon—3:00 PM CST

Each year, the Sisters of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of the Holy Cross in Iron Mountain, Mich. sponsor a Fall Festival, Craft, and Bake Sale. This year's celebration will take place Sept. 12-13, from 12-3 p.m. CT each day at the monastery. St. Mary Queen of Peace and American Martyrs parishes will host this year's event. We invite you to partake in this festival to support our Carmelite Sisters, who dedicate their lives to prayer— a foundational ministry for the Church's apostolate. Tickets may be purchased through the parish office. **\$1 Each or 6 for \$5**