

# Holy Family Parish

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 24, 2025

### Pastor

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

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### Parish Secretary

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*Bulletin articles should be submitted*

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### Faith Formation Coordinator

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### Maintenance

906-786-1209

### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff

Harold Flagstadt Tina Cryderman

Kevin Dubord

Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee

Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy

Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### 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

### COMING DOWN FROM THE MOUNT ([Luke 9:37-45](#))

No sooner had Jesus descended from the mountain top than the demands and disappointments of life were upon him. A man had come to the disciples seeking their help, for his only son was under the attack of a demon. (It seems that the boy was suffering from epilepsy; but in ancient time every sickness was attributed to the demon or devil). The word used in [Luke 9:42](#) is very vivid. As he was coming to Jesus, the demon threw him down. It is the word used of a boxer dealing a knock-out blow to his opponent or of a wrestler throwing someone. It must have been a pitiful sight to see the lad convulsed; and the disciples were quite helpless to cure him. But when Jesus came he dealt with the situation with calm mastery and gave the boy back to his father cured.

Two things stand out.

(i) The moment on the mount was absolutely necessary, but it could not be prolonged beyond its own time. Peter, not really knowing what he was saying, would have liked to linger on the mountain top. He wished to build three tabernacles so that they might stay there in all the glory; but they had to descend again. Often there come to us moments that we would like to prolong indefinitely. But after the time on the mountain top we must come back to the battle and the routine of life; that time is meant to give us strength for life's every day.

After the great struggle at Mount Carmel with the prophets of Baal, Elijah, in fear of Jezebel, the wife of Ahab the king, ran away. Out into the desert he went and there, as he lay under a juniper tree asleep, an angel twice prepared a meal for him. Then comes the sentence, "And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights" ([1 Kings 19:1-8](#)). To the mountain top of the presence of God we must go, not to remain there but to go in the strength of that time for many days.

(ii) In no incident is the sheer competence of Jesus so clearly shown. When he came down from the mountain the situation was out of hand. The whole

impression is that of people running about not knowing what to do. The disciples were helplessly baffled; the boy's father was bitterly disappointed and upset. Into this scene of disorder came Jesus. He gripped the situation in a flash and in his mastery the disorder became calm. So often we feel that life is out of control; that we have lost our grip on things. Only the Master of life can deal with life with the calm competence that brings everything under control.

(iii) Once again the incident finished with Jesus pointing at the cross. Here was triumph; here Jesus had mastered the demons and astonished the people. And in that very moment when they were ready to acclaim him, Jesus told them he was on the way to die. It would have been so easy to take the way of popular success; it was Jesus' greatness that he rejected it and chose the cross. He would not himself shirk that cross to which he called others.

### TRUE GREATNESS ([Luke 9:46-48](#))

So long as the Twelve thought of Jesus' kingdom as an earthly kingdom it was inevitable that they should be in competition for the highest places in it. Perhaps this argument arose among the twelve because Jesus had taken Peter, John and James up into the mountain top with him and the others were jealous.

Jesus knew what was going on in their hearts. He took a child and placed him beside himself; that would be the seat of highest honor. He went on to say that whoever received a little child, received him; and whoever received him, received God. What did he mean? The Twelve were the chosen lieutenants of Jesus; but this child occupied no place of honor and held no official position. Jesus was saying, "If you are prepared to spend your lives serving, helping, loving people who, in the eyes of the world, do not matter at all, you are serving me and serving God. If you are prepared to spend your life doing these apparently unimportant things and never trying to be what the world calls great, you will be great in the eyes of God."

**(We will Continue)**

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass - For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bobby Tourangeau
Wed.	Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Monica</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Vernon Wilson
Thurs.	Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Frank & Bernadette Thomas
Fri.	Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Dorothy LaFave
Sun.	Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b><i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bill Smith

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**68 envelopes returned for Sunday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adults.....	\$2,743.00
Loose.....	273.00
General Maintenance.....	15.00
Fuel.....	70.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,101.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense      \$4,594.23**

**Short.....      \$1,493.23**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	70.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	340.00

Assumption – Adults.....	\$ 486.00
Loose.....	34.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 520.00</b>

***Please pick up your RAFFLE TICKETS at the back of church. It saves a lot on postage. Thanking you in advance for all of your support of this Fundraiser!***

***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 19<sup>th</sup>.***

The Knights of Columbus Escanaba Council 640 will be holding its annual picnic this 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. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Are your troubles causing you to lose your religion or USE your religion?
- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>** - Those who won't mind their own business, soon have no business to mind.
- Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>** - Feed your faith, and your doubts will starve to death.
- Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>** - The ornaments of a house are the friends who visit it.
- Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>** - If life were a bed of roses, some people wouldn't be happy until they developed an allergy.
- Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Trouble is usually produced by those who produce nothing else.
- Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Love is never afraid of giving too much.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families in providing food, money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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 there are copies on the parish office ledge. Registration due by Friday, August 29, 2025.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish will hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. 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**

1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10  
Mt 23:13-22

### **Wednesday**

1 Thes 2:9-13  
Mt 23:27-32

### **Friday**

1 Thes 4:1-8  
Mk 6:17-29

### **Tuesday**

1 Thes 2:1-8  
Mt 23:23-26

### **Thursday**

1 Thes 3:7-13  
Mt 23:42-51

### **Saturday**

1 Thes 4:9-11  
Mt 25:14-30

### **Sunday**

Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29  
Heb 12:18-19,22-24a  
Lk 14:1,7-14

### **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](mailto: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.*

**Mark your calendars! Our Harvest Dinner will be on Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, serving a Chicken & Meatball Dinner!**