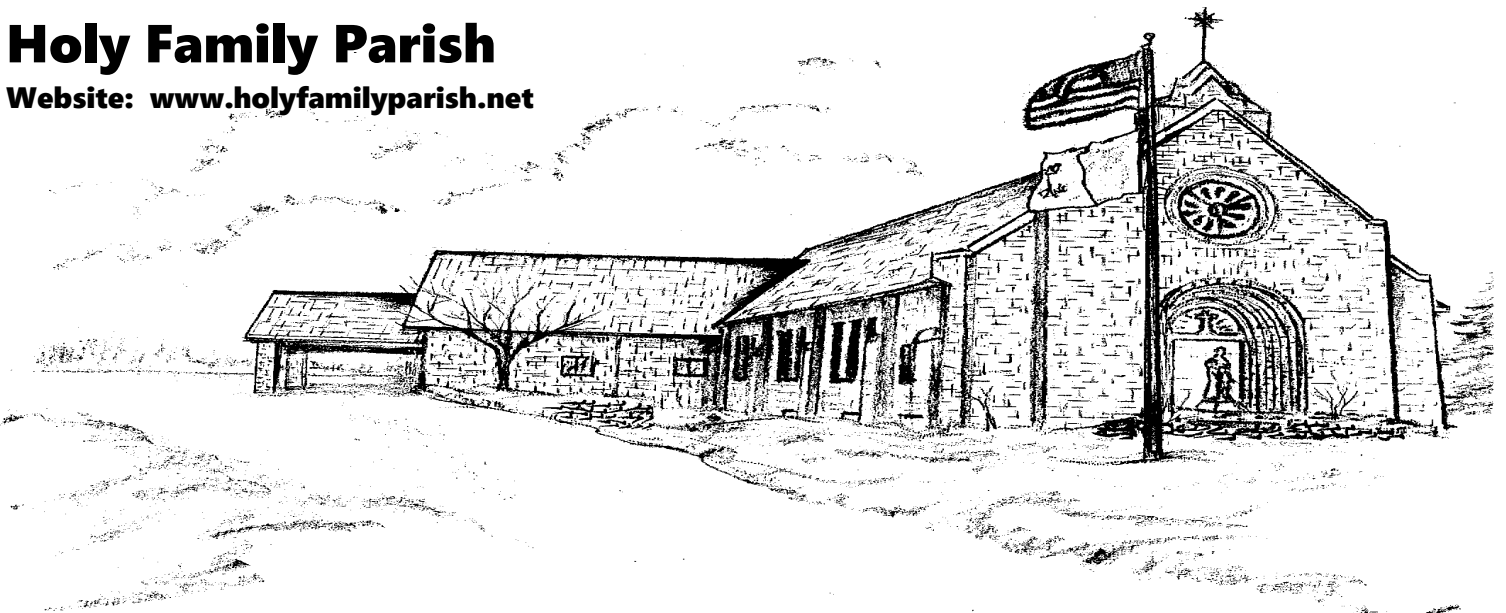


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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 25, 2024

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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. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Mike Gasperich, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk
Brenda Chouinard, John King, Mike Mosher
Clifford Marcella, Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson*

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

2:49. The wisdom of Jesus is evident even here, and set in contrast to Joseph and Mary. Though they have been worried about him, he gently explains to them that there was no need to **seek** for him. They probably should have known that if he was the Messiah, the most logical place for him to be was the Temple. Furthermore, as the Messiah, he would **be about [His] Father's business and in Father's House, the Temple.**

2:50. However, despite his growing understanding about his identity, **they did not understand the statement which he spoke to them.** Jesus was always being misunderstood, by religious and political rulers, by his disciples, and even by his own family. Part of this is due to his tendency to speak in riddles and parables, but most of it is due to the fact that most people simply didn't understand what kind of Messiah Jesus came to be.

2:51. And lest the reader get the idea that Jesus was rebellious and rude, Luke makes sure to write that Jesus **went down with his parents to Nazareth, and was subject to them.** Jesus was about his Father's business, and part of that business at this point in his life was to obey his parents; to be subject to them. He submitted to them even though they didn't understand what he was about.

Mary, as usual, **kept all these things in her heart.** Luke has recorded several times now how Mary wonders and ponders about the things she learns about her Son (1:29; 2:19, 33). Possibly, Mary recalls the words of Gabriel that her son would be named Jesus, and be the Son of God (1:31-32, 35). Now, all have been fulfilled. He was named Jesus (2:21), was designated as holy (2:23), and proclaimed Himself as God's Son (2:48-49).

2:52. This verse concludes the triple *inclusio* began in 1:80 and continued in 2:40. As such, it indicates the conclusion of the birth and childhood development narrative, that Jesus has surpassed John. The primary difference between 1:80, 2:40, and 2:52 is that now Jesus is said to not only be increasing **in wisdom...and in favor with God** as have been emphasized previously, but now Jesus is also growing in **stature** and increasing in favor with **men.** The first shows that Jesus is growing physically, but the second shows that as the promised Messiah, Jesus is fulfilling all expectations which have been spoken about him by Zacharias, Mary, Elizabeth, the angels, the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna. The stage is set for Jesus to begin his Messianic mission. Luke seems to be intentionally making the birth narrative of Jesus parallel to that of the Prophet Samuel.

BISHOP'S SPECIAL MASS; (SEPT 22nd 10 AM)

This note is to bring to your attention that Bishop Doerfler will be celebrating Mass on **Sept 22nd at 10 am in our Church.** **The special occasion is that at this Mass he will be specially honoring our members who have reached the age of 85 plus and also the couples who have celebrated their Golden Jubilee and above.** The motivation behind this gesture is to acknowledge and appreciate the dedicated service of these members to our Community all these years, as well as to felicitate the couples who have reached the mile stones with their strong marriage bond.

A Luncheon will be followed by the Mass in the hall to which the entire Parish is invited. As this is the only Mass the Bishop offers, I request and make an earnest appeal to all our members, please be present for that particular Mass and partake in the Luncheon. For the convenience of the meal arrangement we need to know the number of people attending the Luncheon. A signup sheet is available on the prayer stand. We have the list of our members who are above 85. But we don't have an easy access to the Golden Jubilee couples. I request them, please call to the office at your earliest convenience and register your name. With Love
Fr. Sebastian

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 26 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Aug. 27 th	<i>Saint Monica</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the intentions of Brenda Chouinard
		6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent de Paul meets
Wed.	Aug. 28 th	<i>Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all the souls in purgatory
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 29 th	<i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Doris Begalle
Fri.	Aug. 30 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – 50 th Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Michelle Menard
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 31 st	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	Sept. 1 st	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the people of our parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass - Dan Chouinard

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes returned for Sunday, Aug. 18th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,145.00
Loose.....	292.00
The Assumption.....	649.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$4,086.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,509.61
Short..... 423.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	40.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Pledges..	25.00
Mass Stipends.....	60.00
Diocesan Collection.....	50.00

Through the waters of baptism we welcome into our parish community ***Eliana Grace***, daughter of Adam & Heidi (Nolde) Swanson. Eliana was baptized on Saturday, Aug. 17th.

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents.



VISIT OUR LADY OF CHAMPION SHRINE

Signup no-later than August 25 (after 10 mass) for a visit to **Our Lady of Champion** 17 miles northeast of Green Bay. We'll leave the church parking lot on Wednesday September 4 at 7 am....returning at 8 pm. Cost:(depending how many sign up – if we get 50, cost will be approx. \$35, if less, cost goes up) Sign up sheet is in the gathering area.

The Upper Peninsula Honor Flight is looking for Women Veterans to go on an ALL WOMAN VETERAN flight in 2025. This flight will consist of all women who are also all veterans who served at any time and are any age. The application can be found on our website, uponorflight.org There is an application titled **ALL WOMAN VETERAN FLIGHT**. We are hoping to fly in the spring of 2025 if there is enough interest. Call with questions to 906-280-2871

THE U.P. CATHOLIC CENTENARIAN CORNER; Do you know of a fellow parishioner who recently celebrated their 100th birthday? Send their name and a photo of their celebration to news@dioceseofmarquette.org for possible publication in a future issue of The U.P. Catholic.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Aug. 30th - Love is never afraid of giving too much.

Aug. 31st - A parent cannot in simple justice demand from any child a standard of conduct which he does not himself fulfill.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to hear the cries of the poor by assisting families with food, money for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You! For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus Council 640 will be holding their 'COATS FOR KIDS' campaign this fall. Last year the Knights donated over 120 coats for this program. If you have gently used kids or youth coats and jackets please donate to the Knights. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase coats. Please bring coats or donations to Mass September 14th and 15th. Thank you for supporting this program for those in need.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12
Mt 23:13-22

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
Mk 6:17-29

Saturday
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday
Dt 4:1-2,6-8
Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

St. Thomas Breakfast
1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba
September 8th 9am - 12:30pm
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice \$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12, Ages 5 and under are FREE! Please join us!

BARAGA DAYS 2024

The annual Baraga Days celebrating the life and labors of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga will be held Sept. 13-14, 2024, in Gaylord, Mich. This is an opportunity for those who know this saintly man to celebrate his work and provides an opportunity for all to learn about Bishop Frederic Baraga. For more information, the full schedule of events or to purchase banquet tickets please visit our website at www.bishopbaraga.org or contact the Bishop Baraga Association.

October 11-13, 2024, Queen of Heaven Retreat, titled "*Mary Help of Christians – God's Simple Answer to Our Overwhelming Problems,*" will be directed by Fr. Corey Litzner. It will take place at the Beautiful Garden Grove Retreat, formerly known as the Marygrove Retreat Center. We have reserved the entire building for our use. **THE RETREAT FEE IS \$165.00 PER PERSON,** which includes two breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner. Special requirements can be accommodated. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Vicky Ricketts at 906-869-2137 or vricke411@gmail.com for information to register no later than September 25, 2024.