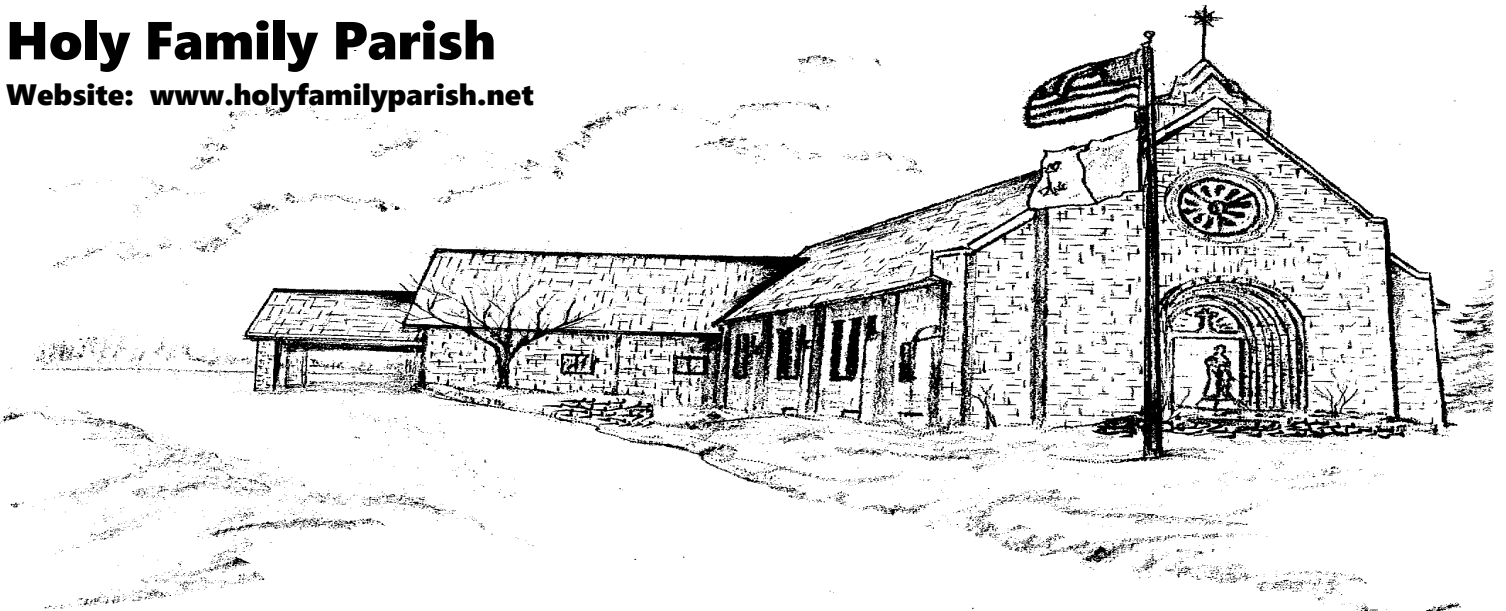


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

THE CROSS

Brothers and sisters, on this twenty-second Sunday, we are invited by the scripture readings to meditate on the CROSS, the symbol of Christian discipleship. When we see a building with a Cross on it, we know it is probably a Christian (Catholic) Church. When we see a person making the sign of the Cross, we are almost sure that he is a Christian (Catholic). The Cross, therefore, is a sign with special meaning for Christians, especially Catholics. As we live through this week, let us meditate on the meaning it has for us.

The Christian faith has always understood the Cross in terms of suffering for the sake of the other person. This Cross is brought about as a result of the Christian's faithfulness to God and his response to his God-given vocation or mission in the world. In most cases the suffering/cross comes at the hands of the very people you are sent to help. Unable to understand what you are sent to do among them they persecute you, putting various obstacles on your way. Consider the prophet Jeremiah in today's first reading. He is one prophet who suffered greatly at the hands of his own people in the Old Testament. Jeremiah was rejected and persecuted to the point of plotting his death. So great was his suffering that he decided to abandon his mission. But God's word was like a fire burning in him; he couldn't help but to remain faithful to God, bearing the cross that was put on him by his own people.

Brothers and sisters, Jeremiah's distress and anguish are seen in Jesus whose own people persecuted and even executed him on the Cross. Jesus, like Jeremiah, remained faithful to the will of God, his Father. From his experiences among his own people, Jesus talks about taking up your Cross and following him in the gospel of today. It is to remind us that as his disciples, our way can be no different from his. This way must be shown in the life of the disciple through his words and deeds. This way of life, the Cross, becomes what Paul describes as an offering of one's self, one's very being as a "living sacrifice". In other words, Paul, in the second reading wants us to understand that this suffering is not only accepted by the disciple of Jesus but a Cross that must be embraced totally. It becomes a way of life. Jesus embraced it and lived it to the glory of God the Father; so must be his disciple.

When we hear about renouncing one's self and taking up our Cross we naturally think about all the difficulties we experience in being faithful Christians, fidelity in marriage and priestly/religious vows, attendance at church, taking part in all church related activities. But Christ Jesus meant more than that: we have also to think of Christ's law of brotherly love; "Love one another as I have loved you." That requires that we renounce ourselves, that we disregard our own desires, interests and happiness and put the happiness of others first.

When we see anyone make the sign of the Cross we recognize that the person must be a Catholic or Christian. But we should also be able to recognize the person by his love: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) Love of neighbor is your CROSS; bear it unreservedly.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 31 st	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Sept. 1 st	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marie Theoret
Wed.	Sept. 2 nd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Carl McGlynn Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Sept. 3 rd	<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention
Fri.	Sept. 4 th	<i>First Friday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention <i>6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM</i> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Sept. 5 th	<i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</i> <i>First Saturday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Betty Lou Tourangeau 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
Sun.	Sept. 6 th	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Patas 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

68 envelopes returned for August 23, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,996.00
Loose.....	248.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$3,244.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,661.53
Short.....	\$1,417.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	20.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	150.00
Diocesan Collection.....	40.00

Don't forget to buy or sell your raffle tickets. Please return sold & unsold tickets as soon as possible.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS....If you have misplaced or threw away your U.P. Catholic services appeal card that was mailed to you, there are extras on the table in the gathering area. Thank you.

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Sept. 1st - The way you go must be your decision.

Sept. 2nd - It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.

Sept. 3rd - When God allows extraordinary trials, He also prepares for His people extraordinary comfort.

Sept. 4th - I saw tomorrow look at me from the little children's eyes, and I thought how carefully we'd teach, if we were really wise.

Sept. 5th - Guard against the loss of spiritual power that comes through hasty words and judgments.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting families by providing money for food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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

1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

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**

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR PER DAY?



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**Mark your calendars.....our next PASTY SALE
will be Nov. 6th & 7th.**