

Holy Family Parish

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 31, 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

TWO LESSONS IN TOLERANCE ([Luke 9:49-56](#))

Here we have two lessons in tolerance:

There were many exorcists in Palestine, all claiming to be able to cast out demons; and no doubt John regarded this man as a competitor and wished to eliminate him. But Jesus would not permit him.

The direct way from Galilee to Jerusalem led through Samaria; but most Jews avoided it. There was a centuries' old quarrel between the Jews and the Samaritans ([John 4:9](#)). The Samaritans in fact did everything they could to hinder and even to injure any bands of pilgrims who attempted to pass through their territory. For Jesus to take that way to Jerusalem was unusual; and to attempt to find hospitality in a Samaritan village was still more unusual. When he did this he was extending a hand of friendship to a people who were enemies. In this case not only was hospitality refused but the offer of friendship was spurned. No doubt, therefore, James and John believed they were doing a praiseworthy thing when they offered to call in divine aid to blot out the village. But Jesus would not permit them.

There is no passage in which Jesus so directly teaches the duty of tolerance as in this. In many ways tolerance is a lost virtue, and often, where it does exist, it exists from the wrong cause. Of all the greatest religious leaders none was such a pattern of tolerance as

John Wesley. "I have no more right," he said, "to object to a man for holding a different opinion from mine than." When his nephew, Samuel, the son of his brother Charles, entered the Roman Catholic Church, he wrote to him, "Whether in this Church or that I care not. You may be saved in either or damned in either."

The conviction that our beliefs and our methods alone are correct has been the cause of more tragedy and distress in the church than almost any other thing.

There are many ways to God. He has his own secret stairway into every heart. He fulfils himself in many

Ways; and no man or church has a monopoly of his truth.

But--and this is intensely important--our tolerance must be based not on indifference but on love. We ought to be tolerant not because we could not care less; but because we look at the other person with eyes of love. *When Abraham Lincoln was criticized for being too courteous to his enemies and reminded that it was his duty to destroy them, he gave the great answer, "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"* Even if a man be utterly mistaken, we must never regard him as an enemy to be destroyed but as a strayed friend to be recovered by love.

YOUTH MASS

The youngsters in a Parish are sign of the future growth of the Parish. Though our community is small, I am very glad to see quite a few young people in our Parish. So in order to honor and appreciate their presence with us I have planned a **special Mass on Sunday September 21st at 10 am. The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Tim Ekaitis, the Vicar General of the Diocese.** I request and invite our adolescents, teenagers and youth to participate in that Mass and being honored. Please call the office or sign up on the paper given at your earliest. Together with the youngsters everybody is invited to join the Luncheon thereafter.

Fr. Sebastian

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 1 st	<i>Labor Day – Parish office closed</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Sept. 2 nd	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets
Wed.	Sept. 3 rd	<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ken Fassbender (16 th Anniv.) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Sept. 4 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp
Fri.	Sept. 5 th	<i>First Friday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mike Mosher <i>6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM</i> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Sept. 6 th	<i>First Saturday</i> <i>8:00 A.M. - Mass - For the intentions of Fr. Sebastian</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Sept. 7 th	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Dec. members of the Gascon & Chouinard Families

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

62 envelopes returned for Sunday, Aug. 24th

Adults.....	\$2,578.00
Loose.....	281.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	5.00
Total.....	\$2,864.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,730.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	80.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	20.00

Time to sign up for Religious Education Classes. If you have a child/ren in grades 1-12 and did not receive a letter and registration form from All Saints Parish, please contact our parish office at 786-1209 and we will see that your family gets signed up.

*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!

ATTENTION MEN

There will be a **SMEAR LEAGUE MEETING FOR ALL TEAM CAPTAINS** ON Thursday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 PM to make plans for the upcoming Season. Please be there.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Sept. 6th - Never let a difficulty stop you; it may be only sand on your track to prevent your skidding.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

It's that time to start thinking about doing baskets for our annual BUCKET RAFFLE for our Harvest dinner which will be October 19th. We will be serving a Chicken & Meatball Dinner!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

Friday

Col 1:15-20
Lk 5:33-39

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11
Lk 4:31-37

Thursday

Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

Saturday

Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33

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**

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.

***St. Thomas Breakfast, Sunday, September 7th
9:00am-12:30pm 1820 9th Avenue North
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice \$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12, Ages 5 and under are FREE! Please join us!***

The Women's Ministry will be meeting at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish on Monday, September 8th and will meet every other Monday at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for women of all ages to gather in faith, friendship, fellowship and fun! For one hour every other Monday, we will meet to discuss some aspects of the Catholic faith. Fun activities will be planned as well. All women are welcome.