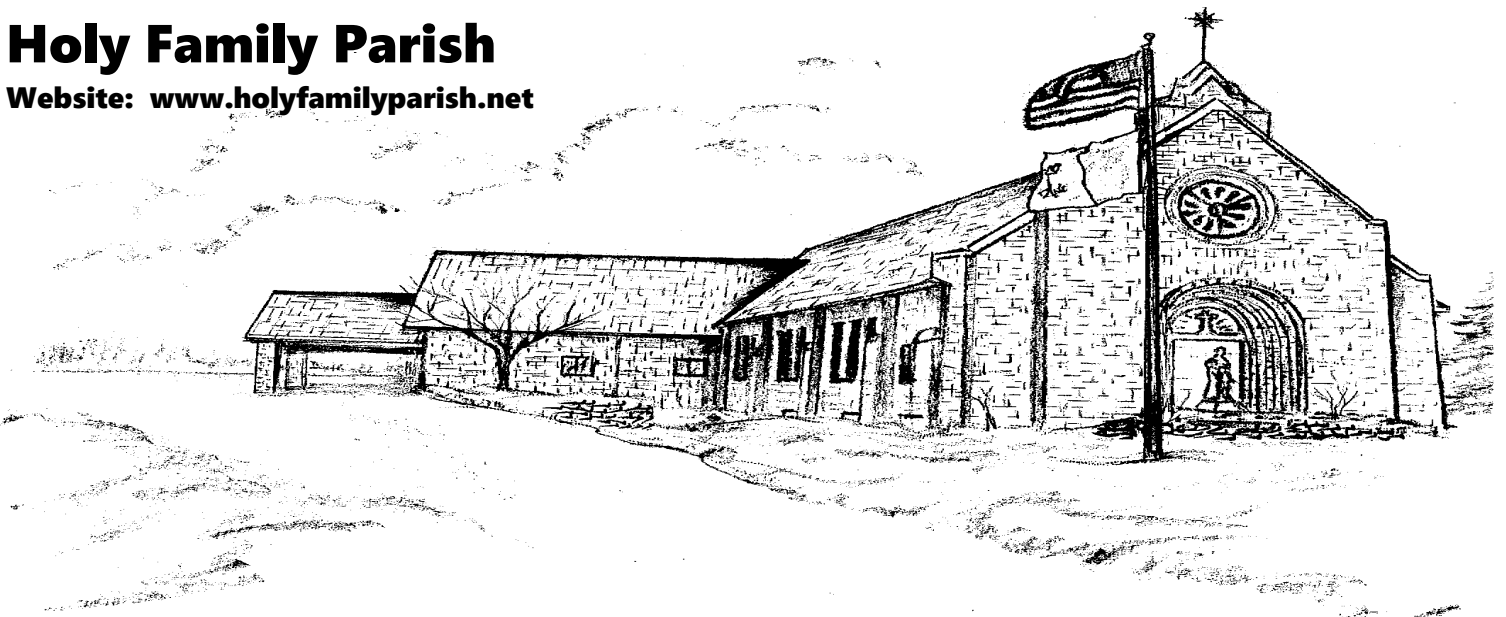


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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 3, 2023

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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. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

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

Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan

Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Jean Way

Amanda, Judy Hubert, Shelly Polaczyk

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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

GRACE

Divine Inspirations of the Will: Divine Inspirations are Actual Graces for the will to help it reach a decision. They also strengthen the will to embrace and perseverance in what we have already chosen. “It is God, for his own loving purpose, who puts both the will and the action into you” (Phil 2:13).

Is Actual Grace necessary us: Yes, Actual Grace is absolutely necessary for a person to recover Sanctifying Grace that has been lost by mortal sin. It is also necessary for those in the state of grace to perform actions pleasing to God and leading to heaven. Christ tells us, “For without me you can do nothing” (Jn 15:5).

We come to know from the teaching of Jesus and the Church that both Sanctifying Grace and Actual Grace are necessary for our salvation. We can do nothing in the supernatural order without assistance of Divine Grace. Only in God we can do all things. God, out of His love and compassion for us gives us grace at every conscious moment of our lives. He does so especially in time of temptation, illness, imminent death, on the occasion of a good example, and in time of suffering and trial. But at the same time by our own free will we can resist and reject it.

PRAYER

Introduction: All the religions in the world believe that there is a Super Power that created everything in the Universe and maintains it. The same Power is the creator of everything in the world including human beings. And they call that Power, God. The primitive man too believed in a Super Power and didn't know much about it. So he considered the natural power like wind, fire, Sun thunder, lightning etc. as God and worshiped them. But in the modern age the major religions believe in one God, Almighty and Creator of everything. Intelligent human beings recognize the sovereignty and absolute dominion of God and the dependence of creatures on Him. It is in prayer this recognition is shown in practice. And also prayer is considered to be the only means available for us to communicate with God. To pray is a universal instinct of the human race. The desire to raise up the mind and heart to God is found even among pagan peoples who never had the real idea of the true God. In the modern age all the religions encourage their members to pray to God on daily basis. We have to pray to God for the power of man is limited and there are certain things only God can provide. These religions use various methods of prayer; sometimes they do special sacrificial offerings to please God; other times they offer prayer of petitions; the ancient man offered animal and even human sacrifices to please the angry God, thus he could calm down and restrain Him from punishing man. But at least Christianity does not believe that God is an angry God to be pacified. He is the most compassionate and loving Father and we should approach Him in our every need as children approach their father. Catholic Church insists that her children must, in some measure, combine prayer with daily life, however busy the latter may be. Thus, she teaches them to begin the day with prayer, especially with the morning offering, by which every thought, word and deed of the forthcoming day is offered to Jesus through Mary and becomes a prayer.

What is Prayer: In simple terms, prayer is lifting up of the mind and heart to God. That is the essence of prayer. In short we can define prayer as one's communication or conversation with God that seeks union with God. In order to establish a good friendship or good marital relationship the communication with the friend or partner is very important. The more you communicate with each other the more you understand each other. It is true with God too. The more we open our hearts to Him the more He will open His heart to us and thus we will be able to establish a personal relationship with Him.

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 4 th	Labor Day 8:00 A.M. – No Mass ----- Parish office closed
Tues.	Sept. 5 th	8:00 A.M. - No Mass
Wed.	Sept. 6 th	8:00 A.M. - No Mass No Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Sept. 7 th	8:00 A.M.- No Mass
Fri.	Sept. 8 th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 A.M. - No Mass ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Sept. 9 th	Saint Peter Claver, Priest 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Dec. members of the Gascon/Carignan Families
Sun.	Sept. 10 th	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bobby Tourangeau

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

74 envelopes returned for Sunday, Aug. 27th

Adult Offering.....	\$ 2,680.00
Loose.....	135.00
Votive Lights.....	224.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	35.00
Total.....	\$ 3,084.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Short.....	\$ 1,305.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	574.00
Donation towards the Doors.....	\$ 500.00

Escanaba Knights of Columbus Council #640

To provide warmth for children, Knights will accept donations of gently used kids and teens coats on the weekend of September 23rd and 24th after every Mass. The goal of coats for kids is to ensure that no child goes without a coat during winter. We appreciate your help.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Photo Dates: **Tue. Sept 19, Wed., Sept. 20th, Thurs., Sept. 21st, and Friday Sept 22, every day from 2:00 - 8:00 pm Saturday Sept 23 from 10 am- 4 pm. ON LINE SCHEDULING: www.ucdir.com church id: mi1746 password: photos, **MAKE SURE TO LOGOUT!** In-person scheduling starting Mid-august after each mass **Piper's e-mail address is: piper_dc@hotmail.com or 906-399-3218****

If you will not be here during the picture taking, we ask that you please submit a photo for our directory.

St. Vincent DePaul 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.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Sept. 7th - Oh, never say that there is nothing you can give, Through all the years you live, You can bestow the fair and healing gift of prayer.

Sept. 8th - ...whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus....Colossians 3:17

Sept. 9th - Speak out for the Lord; remember silence isn't always GOLDEN; on occasions it may be just plain YELLOW!

Pregnancy Services of Delta County invites you **Sunday, Sept 17 from 1 pm -2pm** at 2501 1st Ave N. Escanaba. (The old UP State Credit Union building across from L&M Fleet) to:

- hear how Pregnancy Services of Delta County is helping all men and women choose life for their children.
- Tour our beautiful new facility
- Learn how you can help partner with us . We are a volunteer based and 100% donor supported ministry.
- Enjoy a time of fellowship during a brief social with light refreshments.

Call **Mary Whitmer 906 280-8133** to find out more and /or come and join us on this mission of Hope, Care and Love. Donations are always welcomed.
Pregnancy Services of Delta County

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Friday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16,18-23

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

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

St. Thomas Breakfast

Sunday, September 10th

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice**

\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12

Ages 5 and under are free

ST. THOMAS PASTY SALE

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Plain or rutabaga

Sept. 13th & 14th in the St. Thomas Parish Hall

No pre-orders necessary

Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets and start to sell them. Everyone was given ten tickets but we are hoping that parishioners will be able to sell more than 10 and sell all 2500 like last year!!!!

LADIES OF THE PARISH

We will be having a parish bake sale after each mass of September 16 & 17, 2023. Please be generous to bring wrapped & priced items.

If you're willing to help during this sale, please contact Pam Marenger at 906.399.0782

ps....I heard we will have freshly baked bread & cinnamon rolls.... 😊

WOMENS ALTAR SOCIETY INFORMATION:

No September meeting - please focus on bake sale and church Directory. See you October 3, 2023