

Holy Family Parish

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 7, 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

THE HONESTY OF JESUS ([Luke 9:57-62](#))

Here we have the words of Jesus to the three who would-be followers:

(i) To the first man, his advice was, "Before you follow me, count the cost." No one can ever say that he was induced to follow Jesus under false pretenses. Jesus paid men the compliment of pitching his demands so high that they cannot be higher. It may well be that we have done great hurt to the church by letting people think that church membership need not make so very much difference. We ought to tell them that it should make all the difference in the world. We might have fewer people; but those we had would be really pledged to Christ.

(ii) Jesus' words to the second man sound harsh, but they need not be so. In all probability the man's father was not dead, and not even nearly dead. His saying most likely meant, "I will follow you after my father has died." An English official in the East tells of a very brilliant young Arab who was offered a scholarship to Oxford or Cambridge. His answer was, "I will take it after I have buried my father." At the time his father was not much more than forty years of age.

The point Jesus was making is that in everything there is a crucial moment; if that moment is missed the thing most likely will never be done at all. The man in the story had stirrings in his heart to get out

of his spiritually dead surroundings; if he missed that moment he would never get out.

The psychologists tell us that every time we have a fine feeling, and do not act on it, the less likely we are to act on it at all. The emotion becomes a substitute for the action. Take one example--sometimes we feel that we would like to write a letter, perhaps of sympathy, perhaps of thanks, perhaps of congratulations. If we put it off until tomorrow, it will in all likelihood never be written. Jesus urges us to act at once when our hearts are stirred.

(iii) His words to the third man state a truth which no one can deny. No ploughman ever ploughed a straight furrow looking back over his shoulder. There are some whose hearts are in the past. They walk forever looking backwards and thinking wistfully of the good old days. Watkinson, the great preacher, tells how once at the seaside, when he was with his little grandson, he met an old minister. The old man was very disgruntled and, to add to all his troubles, he had a slight touch of sunstroke. The little boy had been listening but had not picked it up quite correctly; and when they left the grumbling old man, the boy turned to Watkinson and said, "Grandpa, I hope you never suffer from a sunset!" The Christian marches on, not to the sunset, but to the dawn. The watchword of the kingdom is not, "Backwards!" but, "Forwards!" To this man Jesus did not say either, "Follow!" or, "Return!" he said, "I accept no lukewarm service," and left the man to make his own decision.

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. 8 th	<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent de Paul Society meets in church basement
Tues.	Sept. 9 th	<i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – David LaMarche (6 th Anniv.)
Wed.	Sept. 10 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rob Leisner Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Sept. 11 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all who have or will receive a prayer shawl 8:30 A.M. - Prayer Shawl ministry in church basement 7:00 P.M. - Smear League Team Captains meeting
Fri.	Sept. 12 th	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mike Mosher (1 st Anniv.) ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Sept. 13 th	<i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	Sept. 14 th	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bill Smith

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

73 envelopes returned for Sunday, Aug. 31st

Adults.....	\$3,070.00
Loose.....	130.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	20.00
Total.....	\$3,220.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,374.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	498.00
Donation.....	192.37
Funeral Lunch reimbursement.....	101.57

Trivia & Taco Night at St. Joe's & St. Pats in Escanaba on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Registration at 5:00 PM \$10 per person \$10 for taco bar.

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!

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

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!

Sept. 10th - It is good to be saved and KNOW IT; But it's better to be saved and SHOW IT.

Sept. 11th - Those who walk with God always get to their destination.

Sept. 12th - Nothing we wear makes as much difference as the expression on our faces.

Sept. 13th - Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining 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!

**St. Thomas Breakfast, Sunday, September 7th
9:00am-12:30pm 1820 9th Avenue North**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16,18-23	Tuesday Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19
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Wednesday Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26	Thursday Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38
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Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 Lk 6:39-42	Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49
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Sunday
Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Catholic Answers

Life's Journey: There are times we need to be rescued. Whether you are someone or know someone, which category best describes that person?

- Anxious about everything
- Full of heartache/grief
- Loneliness
- Addictions
(alcohol/drugs/pornography/food/sports/gossip/etc.)
- Children no longer interested in Church
- Not sure if God is real

Does the Church provide real answers to life's challenges? Yes! Starting October 8th all are invited to find lasting solutions to life's journey. Each Wednesday, from 6-7p.m., in the Holy Name Grade School Multi-purpose Room. It will change your life! *Mike Cousineau is the presenter.*

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.

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.