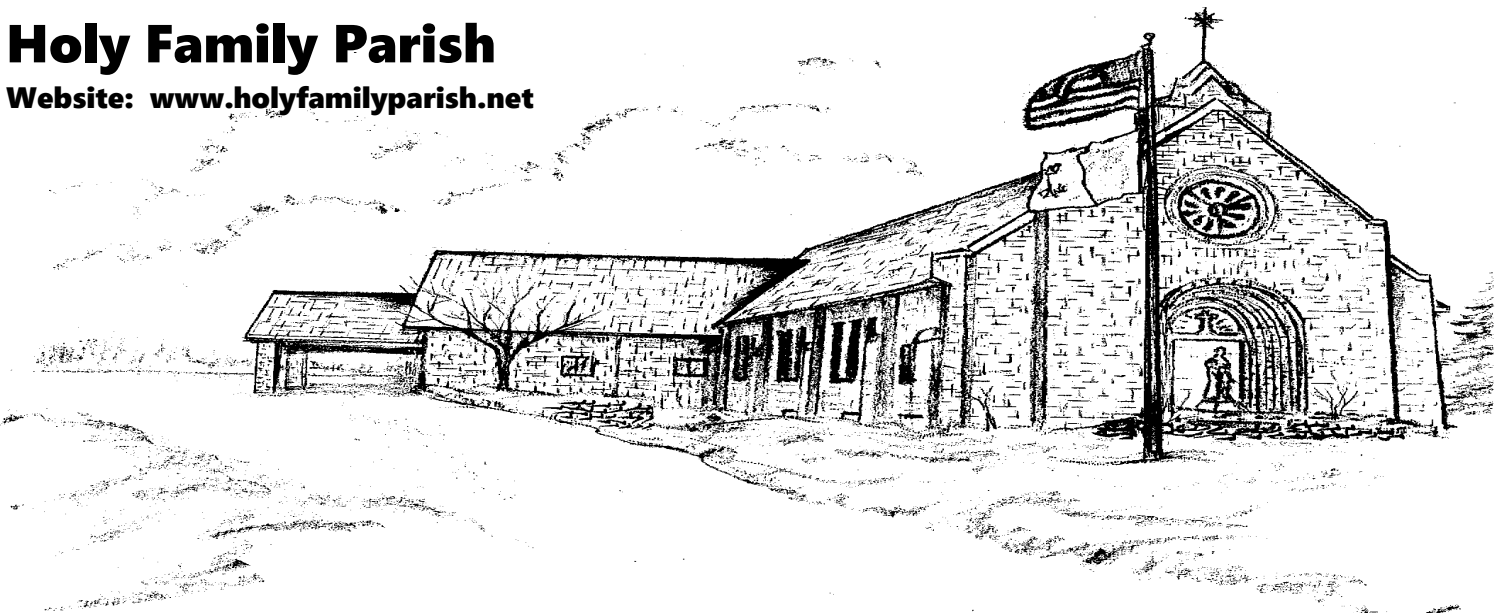


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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 8, 2024

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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

Luke 3:1 (Cont.): However, just before Jesus began His public ministry, Pilate seems to have deliberately provoked the Jewish people into rebellion when he sent a company of troops into Jerusalem carrying their standards with the images of the gods on them, and telling the people to worship and pray to these gods, and pledge their complete allegiance to Caesar. Aside from such a display violating the First Commandment, this was a way of saying that the God of Israel had been conquered and subjected to the Roman gods. Crowds of Jewish people prostrated themselves before Pilate's house for five days in protest. When they refused to disperse, he ordered his soldiers to surround them, and threatened the people that if they didn't leave, he would have them all beheaded. When they heard this, the Jewish people bared their necks to the soldiers and said that they were ready to die rather than break the Law. At this, Pilate relented (as reported by Josephus in Horsley 2003:48). Occasionally, Pilate did resort to punishment by death, as alluded to in Luke 13:1, and as he did with Jesus and the two other criminals (Luke 23).

The second son of Herod the Great was **Herod Antipas**, the **tetrarch of Galilee**. Herod Antipas had been raised at the imperial court, and was especially skilled at extracting tax revenues from Galilee. Like his father, he used these revenues not only to support imperial Rome, but also to engage in large-scale construction projects. Among these, he built two new cities, Tiberias and Sepphoris. This caused great financial stress on the people of Galilee. Tiberias was an affront to the Jews, partly because it was built on a graveyard, but also because it contained numerous images of Roman gods and Caesars.

Luke 3: 2-3:- Luke records that when the word of God came to John the Son of Zachariah both **Annas and Caiaphas were high priests**. First, there was only supposed to be one high priest. The fact that there were two indicates that something is wrong. The records indicate that the Roman officials were constantly having problems with the High Priests, and kept replacing them, trying to find one who

would work with them in controlling the people. Annas was one of these, and served as High Priest from 7-14 AD. He was succeeded by four of his sons, one after the other, and then finally, by Caiaphas, his son-in-law. Caiaphas was the official High Priest according to Roman records, but it was widely recognized that Annas was the power behind Caiaphas, who rarely did anything without the consent of Annas. So both were viewed as "High Priests" and explains why Jesus, at his trial, went first before Annas, and then Caiaphas (John 18:13, 24). They constantly used their power to line their own pockets and increase their own authority. Annas was even sometimes called a viper who hissed or whispered in the ears of judges and politicians in order to influence their decisions. Archeological explorations from the time indicate that the high priestly families built increasingly elaborate mansions for themselves in Jerusalem. This could have only occurred through close collaboration with the Roman rulers of the region.

The list of names indicate that the political and religious condition of Israel was so fallen and corrupt, it was clearly time for the Messiah to be revealed. Israel needed a new deliverer, not just to deliver them from political bondage and foreign rule, but also from spiritual and religious corruption.

But before the Messiah is fully revealed, a prophet must rise and call the people back to God, to prepare the way for the Messiah. With terminology from the Hebrew Scriptures, the rest of verse 2 introduces the last of the Old Testament prophets. Though Luke has listed one emperor, one governor, three tetrarchs, and two religious high priests, the **word of God** comes to a relatively unknown man living in **the wilderness**. Luke references John's location to show two things. First, that John was separate from the political-economic scene and the religious apostasy that was common in his day. He was separate from all this. Second, Luke wants to portray John like Moses, who came out of the wilderness to rescue Israel.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 9 th	<i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Sept. 10 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rob Leisner 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Wed.	Sept. 11 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Ann Savera Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Sept. 12 th	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Fri.	Sept. 13 th	<i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Rudy Marcella ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Sept. 14 th	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Sept. 15 th	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Harold Chenier

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

75 envelopes returned for Sunday, Sept. 1st

Adult Offering.....	\$3,713.00
Loose.....	231.00
General Maintenance.....	195.00
Fuel.....	194.00
Total.....	\$4,333.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,509.61
Short..... 176.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	40.00
Votive Lights.....	100.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	252.00

Just a reminder that we will be having our Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 20th. Please buy or sell your 15 raffle tickets. More information will be forthcoming. Our dinner this year will be chicken & meatballs.

We are also having the Bucket raffle this year. We ask that the baskets be brought by Tuesday Oct. 1st

Please remember to sign up for the Bishop's Mass and Luncheon thereafter on September 22nd. The golden Jubilee couples are requested to register their names in the office at before Sept 12th

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH... There will be a team captains meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 PM. This is an organizational meeting.

Please remember in your prayers Mary Thomas, sister of Fr. Sebastian, Fr. Sebastian and her whole family. Mary passed away on Sept. 2nd, in Kerala, India at the age of 79.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in the gentle peace of our Lord.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Sept. 14th - Help me overlook others faults in the hope that they will overlook mine.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor? 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
1 Cor 5:1-8
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday
1 Cor 6:1-11
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday
1 Cor 7:25-31
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday
1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13
Lk 6:27-38

Friday
1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Sunday

Is 50:4c-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

St. Thomas Breakfast
1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba
September 8th 9am - 12:30pm

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.

Adult Faith Formation Class to affirm Godly expectations:

Title: Go, Make Disciples!

Begins: Wednesday, September 18th

Location: Holy Name Grade School, Commons Area

Time: 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Teacher: Mike Cousineau

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program starting on Sept. 11th from 6 to 7:30 am at St. Joseph & St. Patrick's Parish in Escanaba. For more information contact Tim Chouinard 906-398-8083