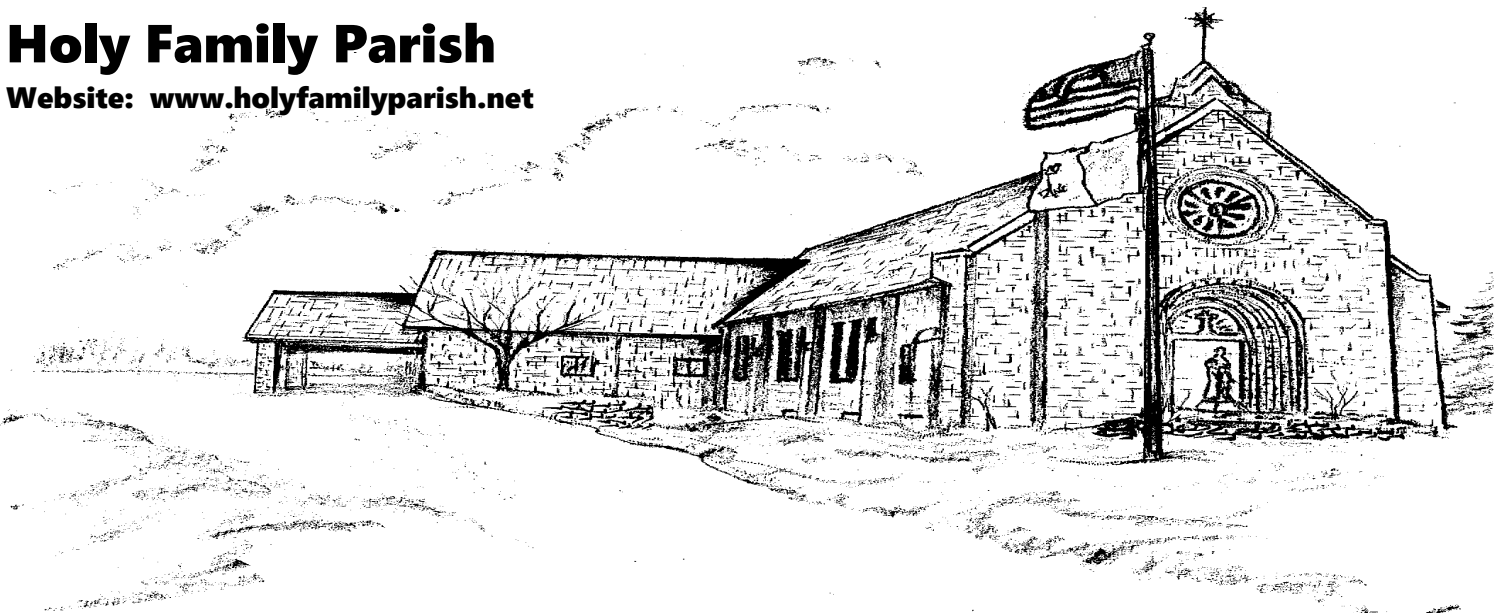


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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 15, 2024

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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 3:3: John spoke the word from God in **the entire region around the Jordan**. Prophets generally localize their ministry to a particular region. John stayed and preached along the Jordan River. This was important since part of his ministry involved the baptism of repentance. Furthermore, his ministry in the region of the Jordan river also points to him being like the prophet Elijah who spent his last days in the Jordan river area (2 Kings 2:1-13). John was coming in the spirit and power of Elijah to herald the way for a King. Furthermore, the baptism John performs in the Jordan would have clearly pictured the “baptism of Moses” in the Red Sea when God led Israel out of Egypt, and also, the similar events at the Jordan River when Joshua finally led Israel into the Promised Land. Through the baptism at the Jordan River, John was alluding to the fact that a Messiah like Joshua was about to arrive who would lead them out of bondage and into the fulfillment of all God’s promises to them.

John is not telling the people of Israel how to escape hell, receive eternal life, and get into heaven. Rather, he is telling them how to prepare the way for the Messiah and all that they hoped would come with Him. The people wanted freedom and deliverance from Roman occupation, to be restored unto their land with the right to rule themselves, and the Messiah to set Himself up as King in Jerusalem, reigning over the whole world. John’s message on the **baptism of repentance for the remission of sins**, explains how the people can prepare their lives and their communities for these Messianic expectations.

This *baptism of repentance* was also known as *John’s Baptism* (cf. Acts 1:22; 19:3-4). It is not exactly the same type of baptism that Jesus instructed his disciples to follow, nor is it the type of baptism that occurred at

Pentecost or that Paul talks about in Romans 6. There are numerous types of baptism mentioned in Scripture, some that involve water, and some that don’t. Some are physical, some are spiritual.

Luke 3: 4-6 :

3:4: John’s message and ministry was in fulfillment of prophecy, as **written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet**. The Book of Isaiah contains 66 chapters. The passage that Luke refers to here comes from Isaiah 40:3-5, the opening sentences to the second part of Isaiah.

The prophet Isaiah declared that before the Messiah arrived, a prophet would come before Him, who would be recognized by particular actions. First, he would be a **voice...crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord**. This is significant on two levels.

First, Isaiah is portraying this prophet as an emissary who goes before an Emperor or King to *prepare the way*. In the Roman Empire, when the Emperor planned to visit a city, he would send an emissary or herald before him to announce his coming. But this emissary would do more than just announce the coming of the Emperor. He would act as an inspector. He would go around the city, and make a list of things that needed to be cleaned and repaired. Sometimes this would involve rounding up criminals and putting them in prison, and instructing others how to behave when the Emperor arrived. Such preparations were vitally important, for if the Emperor arrived and the city was not prepared for him, he might issue judgment and punishment upon the city and its rulers.

He follows the typical pattern of Caesar biographies of that time by showing a man named John acted as the emissary preparing the way for Jesus. In this way, Luke puts Jesus on the same level with Caesar, the Emperor of Rome. Both have emissaries who go before them to prepare the way for their arrival.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 16 th	<i>Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Sept. 17 th	<i>Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Wed.	Sept. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Thurs.	Sept. 19 th	<i>Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Fri.	Sept. 20 th	<i>Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Michael Chenier ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Sept. 21 st	<i>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the Sick & Troubled seeking divine help
Sun.	Sept. 22 nd	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger 10:00 AM - Mass with the Bishop - For the People of our parish 11:00 AM - Luncheon in the church basement

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

76 envelopes returned for Sunday, Sept. 8th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,042.00
Loose.....	197.50
General Maintenance.....	80.00
Fuel.....	235.00
Total.....	\$3,554.50
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	955.11
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	65.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	260.00

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH... There will be a team captains meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 pm for the coming SMEAR LEAGUE SEASON. This is an organizational meeting.

2024 CARMELITE FALL FESTIVAL

The Sisters of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of the Holy Cross in Iron Mountain, Mich., sponsor the Carmelite Fall Festival (formerly the Silver Tea), Craft and Bake Sale which is scheduled this year on Sept. 21-22 from noon-3 p.m. CST.

There will be NO MASS Monday, September 16th thru Thursday, September 19th. Fr. Sebastian will be attending the Priest Convocation. If there is an emergency, please contact Pam at the office at 786-1209 or cell phone (906) 399-3058.

This year, the Sisters' homemade bread will be sold, as well as additional fall favorite baked goods, Italian turkey lunch plates and other items from their gift shop such as crafts and miscellaneous items. A basket raffle, and other raffle prizes will be available.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Sept. 15th - ...we know that he hears us in whatever we ask. I John 5:14

Sept. 16th - The Christian faith is never a guarantee against trouble, but it is a guarantee against defeat when trouble comes.

Sept. 17th - He that will not command his thoughts will soon lose command of his actions.

Sept. 18th - the world has weary hearts That we may bless and cheer, And a smile for every day Makes sunshine all the year.

Sept. 19th - If you find it hard to say, "Thank you," make up your mind that there is something wrong with you.

Sept. 20th - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9

Sept. 21st - Keep looking up; Remember there is only mud under your feet.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus says "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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 forth coming. 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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
1 Cor 11:17-26,33
Lk 7:1-10

Wednesday
1 Cor 12:31—13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Friday
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Tuesday
1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Thursday
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Saturday
Eph 4:1-7,11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Sunday
Wis 2:12,17-20 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37

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