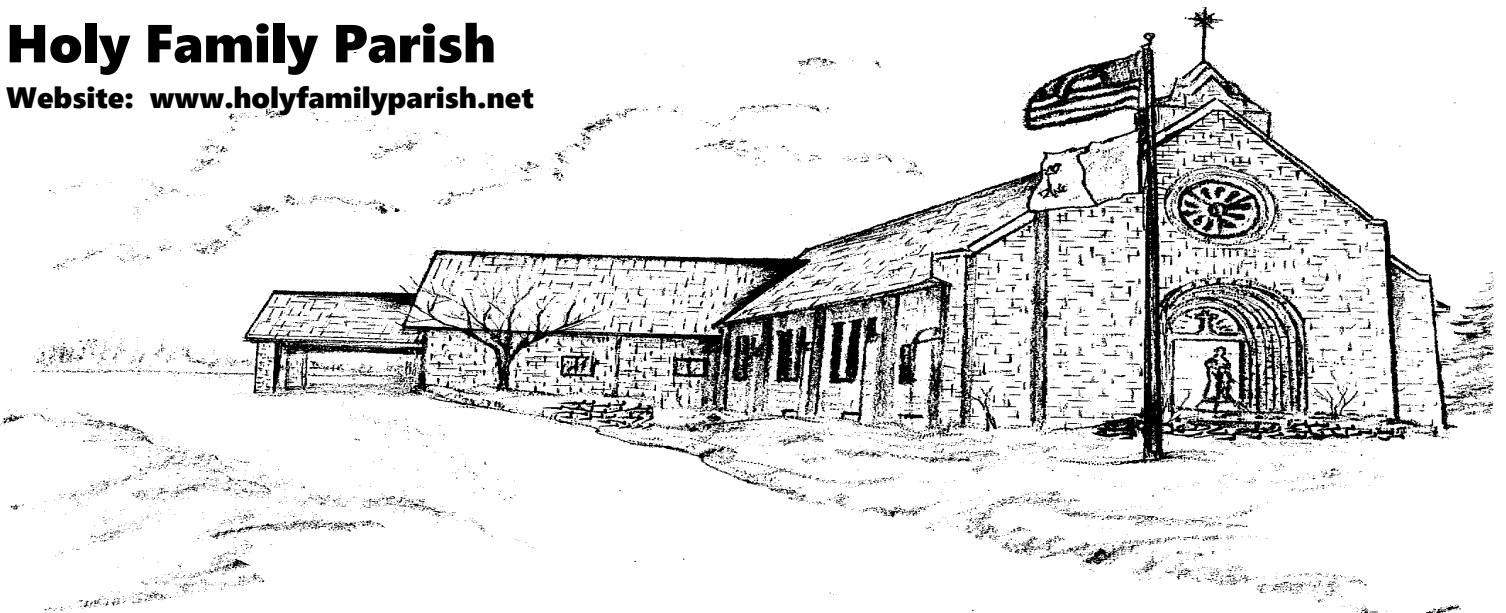


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Sacrament of Marriage

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

PRAYER (Cont.)

To Whom we Pray: Prayer can be addressed to a specific Person of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Liturgical prayer usually includes all three Persons of the Holy Trinity in its formulae. The prayer may initially address God the Father but then end with a phrase that includes the other Persons of the Trinity; “through our Lord Jesus who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit.” If the prayer is initially addressed to the Son it ends with: “who lives and reigns with God the Father in union with the Holy Spirit.” The prayer can take an intermediate course through the saints too.

Why should I pray: We may argue that God knows my needs and why should I pray to Him. He can just grant me what I need. As I have mentioned it in the beginning, to improve or establish our intimacy with God dialogue with God through prayer is the only means. Even Jesus prayed to His Father on number of occasions. In fact, he started his public ministry after spending forty days in prayer. In Matthew 7:7 Jesus makes it very clear, “**Ask, and it will be given you; see, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.**” Please read the parable of the Persistent widow in Luke 18: 1-8 who went on asking the judge to do her justice against her opponent. Finally, due to her persistence alone she got what she wanted. Another important reason to pray is that it changes the person who prays. By communicating with God slowly we will come to know His will and that will make changes in our lives.

Types of Prayer

Vocal Prayer: The word itself shows that it is something we utter through our voice. In vocal prayer the words used are determined beforehand. They are the words of someone else which we pray through a prayer book. The private vocal prayer is recited either loudly or silently by a single individual praying alone. Whereas public vocal prayer is the community prayer which is sung or recited by several people in a group. The best example of the public vocal prayer is the liturgy of the hour, the official prayer prescribed by the Catholic Church. The liturgical prayer or the liturgy of the hour is the most excellent prayer because it is offered in the name of the Church to the Trinitarian God. Sometimes the minister prays for on behalf of the congregation and other times the congregation prays together a Psalm or Our Father etc.

Mental Prayer: Another type of prayer is mental prayer where no prescribed formula or words are there. The person who prays uses his/her own words spontaneously and it is not necessary that the words be audible while praying. In this prayer the person expresses whatever needs he/she has or any sentiments like, sadness, frustration etc. to God. Mental prayer very often becomes very personal and heart touching.

Meditation: Another type of prayer is meditation which is also a mental prayer in which the mind is occupied with reflecting on divine things. It could be done by reading a special passage from the Bible or other book and then reflect over it. But many people find it hard to keep the mind from wandering when they do the meditation or mental prayer. In this type of prayer our higher faculties are used such as intellect, imagination and memory.

Matter of Prayer: It is a lot easier to say what we can exclude from the matter of prayer than what we can include in our prayers. God is willing to hear from us anything which bothers us and any specific needs we have in mind. Yet some specific areas of concern should be regular items for our prayer. These include asking for grace to persevere in the Christian life and faith, to resist temptation, and to grow in virtue and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in daily life. But in the matter we ask for, should be worthy of God and for the good of the person whom we pray for.

(We will continue).

Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets and start to sell them. Just a reminder that they are **\$5 EACH**. 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!!!! There are still 500 tickets left on the table. Please take an extra pack to sell!

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 18 th	8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Sept. 19 th	<i>Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - N0 Mass 2:00 P.M. - Pictures taken for our church pictorial until 8:00 PM
Wed.	Sept. 20 th	<i>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - N0 Mass No Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 2:00 P.M. - Pictures taken for our church pictorial until 8:00 PM
Thurs.	Sept. 21 st	<i>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Lurine Pepin 2:00 P.M. - Pictures taken for our church pictorial until 8:00 PM
Fri.	Sept. 22 nd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine & Joy Berbohm ----- Parish Office closed 2:00 P.M. - Pictures taken for our church pictorial until 8:00 PM
Sat.	Sept. 23 rd	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> 10:00 AM - Pictures taken for our church pictorial until 2:00 PM 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Conrad and Florence Herioux
Sun.	Sept. 24 th	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Nancy Marenger

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

84 envelopes returned for Sunday, Sept. 10th

Adult Offering.....	\$ 3,847.00
Loose.....	130.00
General Maintenance.....	40.00
Fuel.....	85.00
Total.....	\$ 4,102.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42
Short..... \$ 287.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 95.00

ATTENTION MEN: There will be a meeting for all SMEAR team captains or a representative and all officers on Thursday, Sept. 28th at 7:00 PM. Please make sure all teams are represented. Thank you

BREAKFAST IS BACK

Join us on Sunday, September 24th at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish From 9 am – 12:30 pm in the parish hall for **the best breakfast in town!** We'll be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, Toast, sausages, corned beef hash, cinnamon rolls, juice & coffee. 13 yrs to adults - \$10 Children 6 – 12 - \$7 Children 5 & under are FREE! Special family rate - \$30

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

Pregnancy Services of Delta County invites you their OPEN HOUSE this **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)

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Sept. 22nd - Some folks carry their religion on their shoulder like a burden, instead of in their hearts like a song.

Sept. 23rd - Some husbands know all the answers. They've been listening for years.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

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 information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

HARVEST DINNER NEWS: Ham & Meatball dinner on Sunday, Oct. 15th. Tell your friends, neighbors. Serving from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. More information in next week's bulletin.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

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

Friday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24,27a
Mt 20:1-16a

All Saints Parish in Gladstone is offering a **Bible Study course** beginning September 28th and running through May of 2024. For more information you can contact the parish office at 428-3199 or visit their website at www.allsaintsgladstone.org

CHURCH PICTORIAL NEWS

As of 8/30/23 we have over 100 families registered for church directory pictures. WOW! And as good as that number is, there are still quite a few more that need to sign up. Please do so by either going on line: www.ucdir.com church id: mi1746 and passcode: photos or calling Pam Marenger at 906.399.0782 (you may text Piper at 906.399.3218 (but she's out of town until 9/17))

Also on we will be taking group pictures of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Finance Council and Parish Council on Sunday September 24th at 11:00 AM. Please plan to attend.

The Life Chain this year will be a week earlier than usual because of confirmation on October 1st. So the Life Chain this year will be on Sunday, September 24, same time, 1:30-3:00, same place. We will pray along Lincoln Road from Advance Auto to Taco Bell. We will meet/park at the far end of Elmer's County Market, between Burger King and the bank at 1:15 to get signs and pray together, before we pray along Lincoln Road.