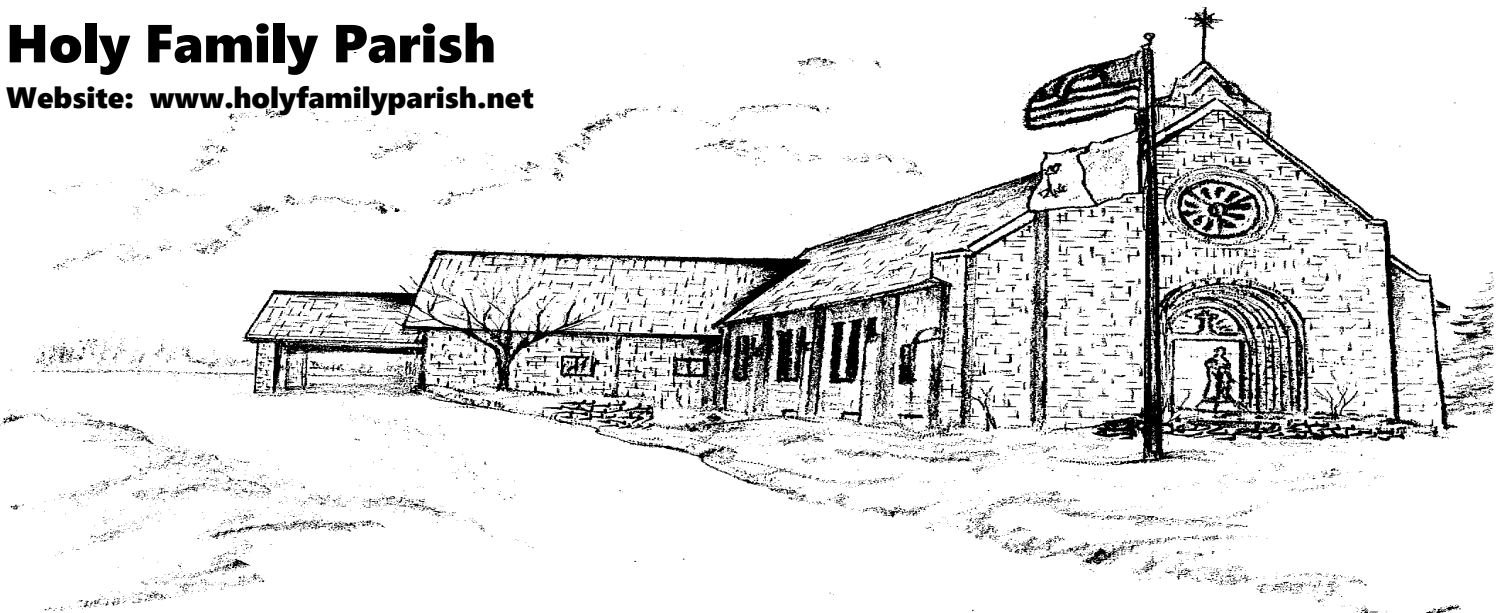


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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 21, 2025

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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.....

Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk

Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret

Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell

Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme

Steve Belongie, Sr.

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

A MAN'S TRUE GLORY ([Luke 10:17-20](#))

When the Seventy-two returned they were radiant with the triumphs which they had wrought in the name of Jesus. Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven." That is a difficult phrase to understand. It can have two meanings.

(i) It may mean, "I saw the forces of darkness and evil defeated; the citadel of Satan is stormed and the kingdom of God is on the way." It may mean that Jesus knew that the deathblow to Satan and all his powers had been struck, however long his final conquest might be delayed.

(ii) Equally well it may be a warning against pride. The legend was that it was for a pride which rebelled against God that Satan was cast out of heaven where once he had been the chief of the angels. It may be that Jesus was saying to the Seventy, "You have had your triumphs; keep yourselves from pride, for once the chief of all the angels fell to pride and was cast from heaven."

Certainly Jesus went on to warn his disciples against pride and over-confidence. It was true that they were given all power, but their greatest glory was that their names were written in heaven. It will always remain true that a man's greatest glory is not what he has done but what God has done for him. It might well be claimed that the discovery of the use of chloroform saved the world more pain than any other single medical discovery. Once someone asked Sir James Simpson, who pioneered its use, "What do you regard as your greatest discovery?" expecting the answer, "Chloroform." But Simpson answered, "My greatest discovery was that Jesus Christ is my Savior.

THE UNSURPASSABLE CLAIM ([Luke 10:21-24](#))

There are three great thoughts in this passage.

(i) [Luke 10:21](#) tells us of the wisdom of simplicity. The simple mind could receive truths that learned minds could not take in. Once, the author, Arnold Bennett said, "The only way to write a great book is to write it with the eyes of a child who sees things for the first time." It is possible to be too clever. It is possible to be so learned that in the end we cannot see the wood for the trees. Someone has said that the test of a really great scholar is how much he is able to forget. After all, Christianity does not mean knowing all the theories about the New Testament; still less does it mean knowing all the theology and the Christology. Christianity does not mean knowing about Christ, it means knowing Christ; and to do that requires not earthly wisdom but heavenly grace.

(ii) [Luke 10:22](#) tells of the unique relationship between Jesus and God. This is what the Fourth Gospel means when it says, "The Word became flesh" ([John 1:14](#)), or when it makes Jesus say, "I and the Father are one," or, "He who has seen me has seen the Father" ([John 10:30](#); [John 14:9](#)). To the Greeks God was unknowable. There was a great gulf fixed between matter and spirit, man and God. "It is very difficult," they said, "to know God, and when you do know him it is impossible to tell anyone else about him." But when Jesus came he said, "If you want to know what God is like, look at me." Jesus did not so much tell men about God as show them God, because in himself were God's mind and heart

I AM ON VACATION

It is already 3 years since I have taken a full vacation. So I will be taking a one month break starting on Sept 29th through November 4th 2025. The main intention is to join the family reunion where at least 150 of my close relatives will gather. The weekend Masses are taken care of; but there will be **no weekday Masses**. But starting from **Oct 13th through Nov 3rd there will be Mass on Mondays**. In case of Pastoral help, Pam will find a priest for you. But I don't want anyone to be sick, at least till I come back. I will be visiting the Church where Jesus' face appeared on the host and that host is intact still and after a long period of study Vatican has declared it as a real miracle and returned the host to the same Church where the miracle took place. I will pray for our Community as I stand before the Eucharist. I will be coming back on Nov. 5th.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 22 nd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Sept. 23 rd	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke
Wed.	Sept. 24 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Don Stangel
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Sept. 25 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Charolette Poquette
Fri.	Sept. 26 th	<i>Saint Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Dale Richer
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	Sept. 27 th	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	
		3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Sept. 28 th	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the sick and troubled who seek the divine help through the intercession of Blessed Frederick Ozanam
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

85 envelopes returned for Sunday, Sept. 14th

Adults.....	\$5,798.00
Loose.....	366.00
General Maintenance.....	55.00
Fuel.....	70.00
Total.....	\$6,289.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Over..... \$1,694.77

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	35.00
57 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	450.00
Mass Stipends.....	155.00
Reimbursement.....	40.00

A Few dates to mark on your calendars!!!

Harvest Dinner – October 19th
Serving a chicken & meatball dinner
Pasty Making will be November 8th & 9th

Religious Education Class KICKOFF!

This year our “Kick Off” for the CCD program will be Wednesday, September 24. Please mark that on your calendars to come and have dinner, play some games, gather in the church for a brief informational meeting, meet the teachers and check out the classrooms. Classes will begin Wednesday, October 1st from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. If you have any questions please call Kathy Kohtala at 906-399-1676 or kkohtala@allsaintsgladstone.org.

Great News~~~~We have a lot of awesome baskets so far for our annual BUCKET RAFFLE for our Harvest dinner which will be October 19th. We would like to have many more! We will run the raffle from October 4th thru October 26th.

Our parish will begin the annual Upper Peninsula Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA), September 28th. This year, Holy Family Parish has a parish goal of \$44,521.15. Pledge cards will be available at the back of church. Please pick them up. It saves a lot of postage cost. Thanks in advance.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Sept. 24th - When I get discouraged and want to give in, Remind me, Lord, That winners don't quit and quitters don't win.

Sept. 25th - While faith makes all things possible, It is love that makes all things easy.

Sept. 26th - You are young and useful at any age if you are still planning for tomorrow.

Sept. 27th - Knowledge is folly unless grace guides it.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish will have breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 28th, from 9:00 am to 12:30 PM. Come and enjoy the best breakfast in town. Ages 13-adult is \$12; children 6-12 \$7; Family rate \$35 and children 5 and under are free.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6
Lk 8:16-18

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Friday

Hg 2:1-9
Lk 9:18-22

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20
Lk 8:19-21

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9,14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Am 6:1a,4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

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.*

All Saints Christmas Baskets

Names are now being accepted for All Saints Christmas Baskets! Can your family can use some assistance this year?

Applications are available at the All Saints Parish Office.(Monday through Thursday from 8:00 – 3:00) Please note that we serve only families with children. Singles or couples without children can contact SVPD.

Don't wait! Apply today! **Applications will be accepted until November 7th.** Questions? Contact Chris Olesak (906) 420-1206 or Sue Bosk (906) 399-4861