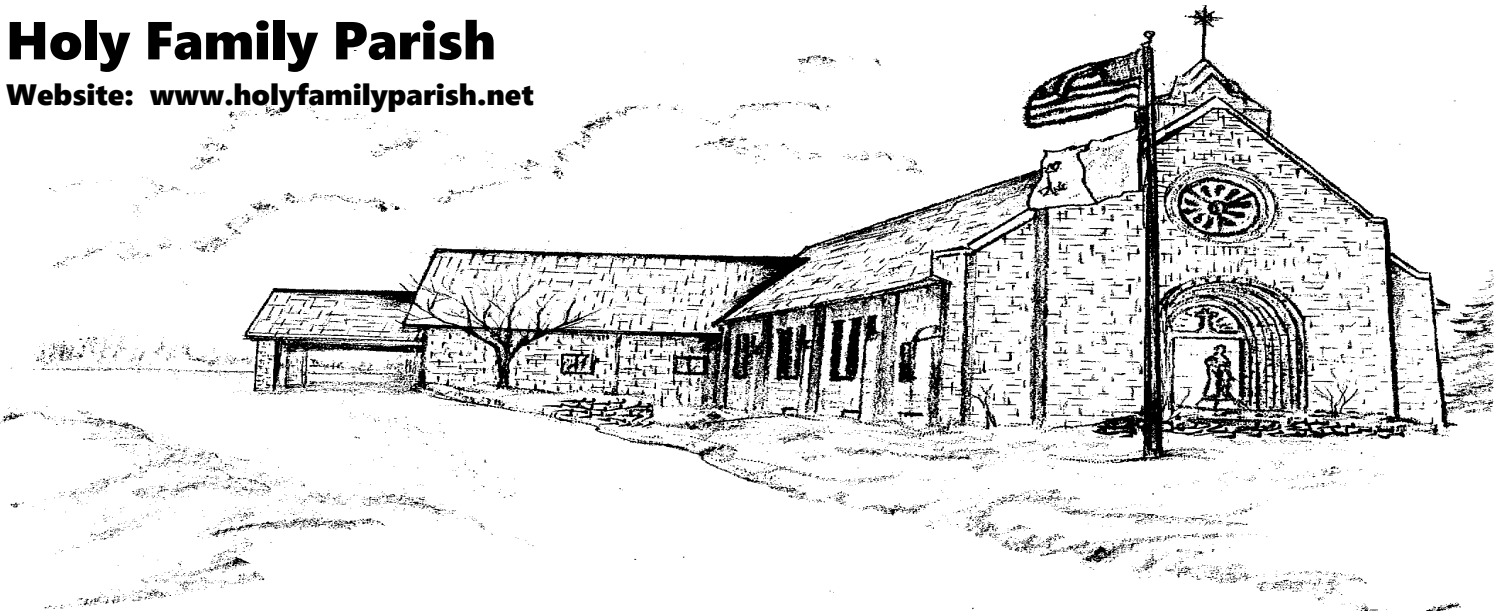


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Sacrament of Marriage

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. Michael at 906-792-4798

Please remember our sick in your prayers....

*Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Shelly Polaczyk, Ken Viau
Pete & Jean Way, Sue Boudreau, Mike, Mary Anne & Tom Theoret
Christina Theoret Zion, Brenda Chouinard, Frank Chenier
Kristin Cletcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr., Jan Carter
Dan & Linda Robitaillie, Rose Beauchamp
Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit, Denise Seymour, Carissa & Weston*
If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A) Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR CHOICES

Brothers and sisters, **1 John 1:8-10** tells us that nobody is perfect. Even the holy person sins several times a day; however, when we find that we are walking in the wrong direction, we must change our route. Today's readings invite us to change the direction of our lives, to renounce our mistakes and take the right path to God.

The first reading talks about repentance, a choice that every person needs to consider in this life. So it says if a person chooses to turn away from wrong doing and follow the right path God forgives and grants the person eternal life. This is linked with the gospel in which Jesus says if we think better of our refusal to listen to God and do what He tells us, God will see that we love him and so repay us. The son who says he will obey and then doesn't represents many Catholics (Christians) of today who pledge obedience to God's word but fail to observe what God's word teaches. Many Christians pledge to do God's will but choose to do their own will, constantly disobeying the commandments of God. Our first reading and the Gospel point out the consequences of the choices we make. Our choices show that we are phony, just going through the motions. The first reading and the gospel say that it is dangerous to pretend to obey God when our hearts are far from him because God knows our true intentions; our actions must match our words.

We need to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life to come. God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our actions and by our words that we respect his will and commands and that we will do it. For this reason, he sent to us his only Son to teach us the way to make choices that will give us indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his eternal kingdom.

For this reason, St. Paul points us to Jesus' attitude in today's second reading, which if chosen will lead us to our eternal home. Paul teaches that selfish ambition or vain conceit which often stems from pride brings discord. Therefore, we must choose Jesus' way, the path of humility, genuine humility which builds society as well as the Church. Being humble involves having a true perspective about ourselves. Paul encourages us to guard against any pride, selfishness, prejudice, or jealousy that might lead to dissension. Consider the choice that Jesus made on our behalf. He was humble, willing to give up his rights in order to obey God and save us. Like Christ, we should choose a servant attitude, serving out of love for God and for others, not out of guilt or fear. Remember you can choose your attitude; you can approach life expecting to be served or you can look for opportunities to serve others.

To be able to make good choices that will lead you to indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with God, remind yourself everyday of this ancient hymn about Jesus, the Messiah, which St. Paul sings for us today, print it out and paste it on your refrigerator: **"Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate, and it thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name, so that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD! (Phil 2:6-11)**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 28 th	<i>Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets ----- Parish Office Closed
Tues.	Sept. 29 th	<i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Claire Becker 6:00 P.M. - OCIA Class – Sacraments
Wed.	Sept. 30 th	<i>Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Oct. 1 st	<i>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Special Intention 7:00 P.M. - Smear League begins
Fri.	Oct. 2 nd	<i>First Friday</i> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Jim Becker 6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 3 rd	<i>8:00 A.M. – First Saturday Mass – Joyce Nosacek</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Oct. 4 th	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger 10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

66 envelopes returned for Sept. 20, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,588.00
Loose.....	221.10
General Maintenance.....	65.00
Fuel.....	40.00
Total.....	\$2,914.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,661.53
Short.....	\$1,747.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	25.00
58 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	25.00
59 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$1,105.00

There is only one more week before we start the Bucket Raffle. We are in need of more buckets. Please consider doing one, or if you don't want to do a basket, you can donate money and we will do the shopping for you! Bucket raffle will run the whole month of October.

Harvest Dinner Sign up sheets are now at the back of church. Please considering giving a few hours of help that day!

ATTENTION MEN: We are looking for more Card players. If you would like to learn how to play Smear contact Bob Tourangeau at 786-6811 or Bob Marcella at 906-420-1491.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

Sept. 28th - Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through? God specializes in things thought impossible. He does what others cannot do.

Sept. 29th - It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little; do what you can!

Sept. 30th - You can't "wait on the Lord" and "run with the Devil" at the same time.

Oct. 1st - It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man.

Oct. 2nd - Age is a matter of the mind; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Oct. 3rd - If people could really see your heart, would they be happily surprised or dismally disappointed?

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting families in providing money for food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Catholic & Non-Catholic, all are invited!

Adult Faith Formation (Bible Study):

Begins September 23rd, 6:00-7:00pm, @ Holy Name Multi Purpose each Wednesday.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick's parish will hold their annual **Soup/Chili challenge** on **Sat. Oct. 10th** after their 4 pm Mass. They are still looking for soup cookers for this event. Register your soup by Sept. 23rd for free by calling the parish office at 786-6244.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Jb 1:6-22
Lk 9:46-50

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12,14-16
Lk 9:57-62

Friday

Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-4
Mt 18:1-5,10

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10,13-14
Jn 1:47-51

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27
Lk 10:1-12

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

ROSARY COAST TO COAST Oct. 4th at 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Catholic Parish, Escanaba

Join us for praying for our country to return to God and holiness. Contact Jerry & Darlene Vandermissen for more info. at (906)466-2157.

Our parish goal for the year 2026-27 is \$44,279.54.

To date we have received 49 cards back with a total pledge of \$1. That leaves us with a balance of \$26,129.54 with 127 cards still out. That is an average of \$422.09 per pledge.

ALL SAINTS & HOLY FAMILY'S CCD HELD AT ALL SAINTS, GLADSTONE



The poster features a central banner with the text "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION KICKOFF EVENT" in white and yellow on a blue background. To the left of the banner is a stack of four books labeled "Learn", "Pray", "Grow", and "Serve" from top to bottom. To the right is an illustration of a church building. Below the banner, the text reads "WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH" and "ALL STUDENTS—FIRST GRADE THRU HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS AND CATECHISTS TOO!". A cursive-style text below that says "Join us for an evening of food, fun, fellowship, prayer, and a great start to our new year!". The poster is divided into three time slots, each with a colored arrow pointing right: a green arrow for "5:30 PM" labeled "TAILGATE PARTY!" with icons of a pizza, drinks, and games; a blue arrow for "6:30 PM" labeled "WELCOME & PRAYER" with an icon of hands clasped in prayer; and a purple arrow for "7:00 PM" labeled "STUDENTS MEET THEIR CATECHISTS" with a heart icon. At the bottom, a red banner says "PARENTS, YOU'RE INVITED TOO!".

Learn
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5:30 PM **TAILGATE PARTY!**
CHURCH PARKING LOT
Pizza • Drinks • Snacks • Desserts
Carnival Games • Music • Fun!

6:30 PM **WELCOME & PRAYER**
Kickoff Prayer Service in the Church.

7:00 PM **STUDENTS MEET THEIR CATECHISTS**
and head to their classrooms.

PARENTS, YOU'RE INVITED TOO!