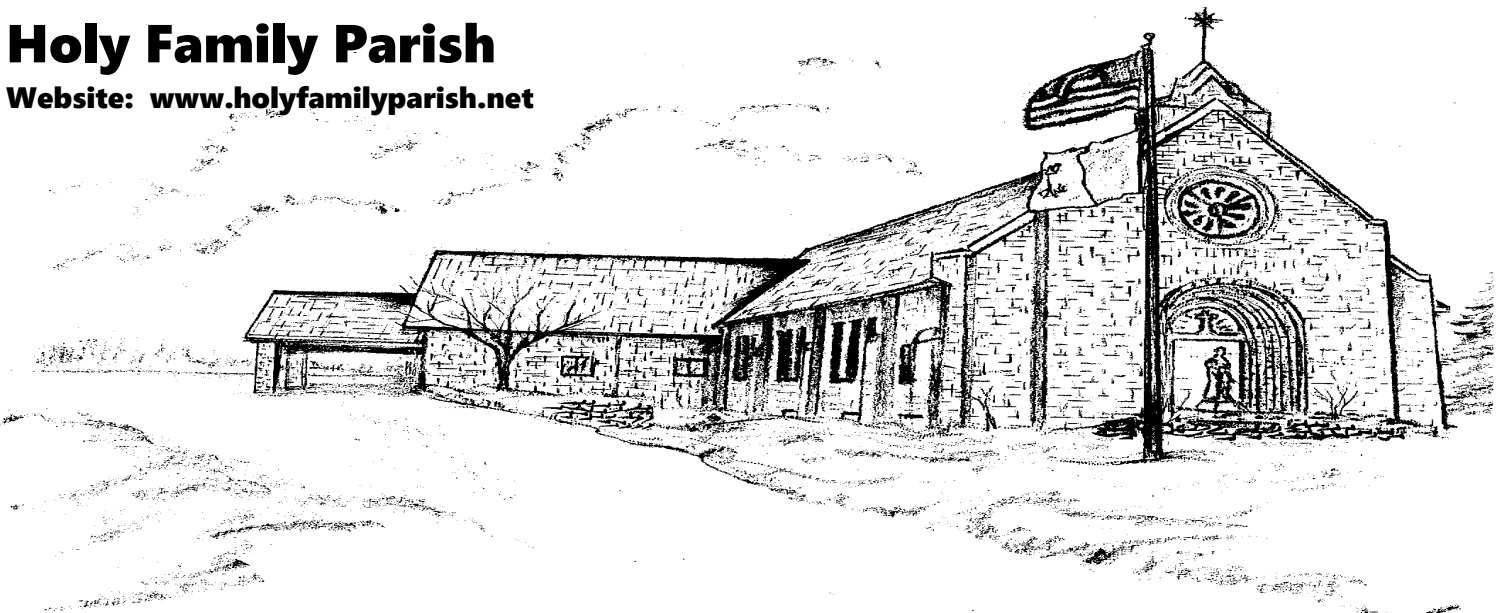


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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 28, 2025

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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

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? (Luke 10: 25-37):

First, let us look at this story. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was a notoriously dangerous road. Jerusalem is 2,300 feet above sea-level; the Dead Sea, near which Jericho stood, is 1,300 feet below sea-level. So then, in somewhat less than 20 miles, this road dropped 3,600 feet. It was a road of narrow, rocky deifies, and of sudden turnings which made it the happy hunting-ground of brigands. In the fifth century Jerome tells us that it was still called "The Red, or Bloody Way." In the 19th century it was still necessary to pay safety money to the local Sheiks before one could travel on it. As late as the early 1930's, H. V. Morton, the traveler, tells us that he was warned to get home before dark, if he intended to use the road, because a certain Abu Jildah was an adept at holding up cars and robbing travelers and tourists, and escaping to the hills before the police could arrive. When Jesus told this story, he was telling about the kind of thing that was constantly happening on the Jerusalem to Jericho road.

Second, let us look at the characters involved here:

(a) There was the traveler. He was obviously a reckless and foolhardy character. People seldom attempted the Jerusalem to Jericho road alone if they were carrying goods or valuables. Seeking safety in numbers, they travelled in convoys or caravans. This man had no one but himself to blame for the plight in which he found himself.

(b) There was the priest. He hastened past. No doubt he was remembering that he who touched a dead man was unclean for seven days ([Numbers 19:11](#)). He could not be sure but he feared that the man was dead; to touch him would mean losing his turn of duty in the Temple; and he refused to risk that. He set the claims of ceremonial above those of charity. The Temple and its liturgy meant more to him than the pain of man.

(c) There was the Levite. He seems to have gone nearer to the man before he passed on. The bandits were in the habit of using decoys. One of their numbers would act the part of a wounded man; and when some unsuspecting traveler stopped over him, the others would rush upon him and overpower him. The Levite was a man whose motto was, "Safety first." He would take no risks to help anyone else.

The fourth character is the Samaritan. The listeners would obviously expect that with his arrival the villain had arrived. He may not have been racially a Samaritan at all. The Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans and yet this man seems to have been a kind of commercial traveler who was a regular visitor to the inn. In [John 8:48](#) the Jews call Jesus a Samaritan. The name was sometimes used to describe a man who was a heretic and a breaker of the ceremonial law. Perhaps this man was a Samaritan in the sense of being one whom all orthodox good people despised.

We note two things about him.

(i) His credit was good! Clearly the innkeeper was prepared to trust him. He may have been theologically unsound, but he was an honest man.

(ii) He alone was prepared to help. A heretic he may have been, but the love of God was in his heart. It is no new experience to find the orthodox more interested in dogmas than in help and to find the man the orthodox despise to be the one who loves his fellow-men. In the end we will be judged not by the creed we hold but by the life we live.

Let us look at the teaching of the parable. The scribe who asked this question was in earnest. Jesus asked him what was written in the law, and then said, "How do you read?" Strict orthodox Jews wore round their wrists little leather boxes called phylacteries, which contained certain passages of scripture--[Exodus 13:1-10](#); [Exodus 13:11-16](#); [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#); [Deuteronomy 11:13-20](#). "You will love the Lord your God" is from [Deuteronomy 6:4](#) and [Deuteronomy 11:13](#). So Jesus said to the scribe, "Look at the phylactery on your own wrist and it will answer your question." To that the scribes added [Leviticus 19:18](#), which bids a man may love his neighbor as himself; but with their passion for definition the Rabbis sought to define who a man's neighbor was; and at their worst and their narrowest they confined the word neighbor to their fellow Jews. For instance, some of them said that it was illegal to help a gentile woman in her sorest time, the time of childbirth, for that would only have been to bring another gentile into the world. So then the scribe's question, "Who is my neighbor?" was genuine.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Sept. 29 th	<i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Sept. 30 th	<i>Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Wed.	Oct. 1 st	<i>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Thurs.	Oct. 2 nd	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's (short) meeting with Smear League
Fri.	Oct. 3 rd	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 4 th	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	Oct. 5 th	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

65 envelopes returned for Sunday, Sept. 21st

Adults.....	\$2,920.00
Loose.....	253.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	58.00
Total.....	\$3,256.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,338.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 25.00

A Few dates to mark on your calendars!!!

Harvest Dinner – October 19th
Serving a chicken & meatball dinner

Pasty Making will be Nov. 7th & 8th
(Corrected Date!)

Great News~~~~We have a lot of awesome baskets so far for our annual BUCKET RAFFLE! We would like to have many more! If you plan to donate one please have it here by Friday Oct. 3rd. 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.

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.

Sign up sheets for the Harvest Dinner are at the back of church!!!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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?

Oct. 4th - If a care is too small to be turned into a
prayer, it's too small to be turned into a
burden.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

On **September 27**, the Church celebrated 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.

In the month of September, through your gifts,
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring
good news to the poor," by assisting families with
money for food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!
For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

St. Thomas Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 5th, 9:00am-
12:30pm Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes,
Toast, Coffee & Juice \$10 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-
12, Ages 5 and under are FREE! Please join us!
1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Tuesday
Zec 8:20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday
Neh 2:1-8
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
Neh 8:1-4a,5-6.7b-12
Mt 18:1-5,10

Friday
Bar 1:15-22
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday
Bar 4:5-12,27-29
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-10

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/sport
s/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?

Application 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 SVDP.

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