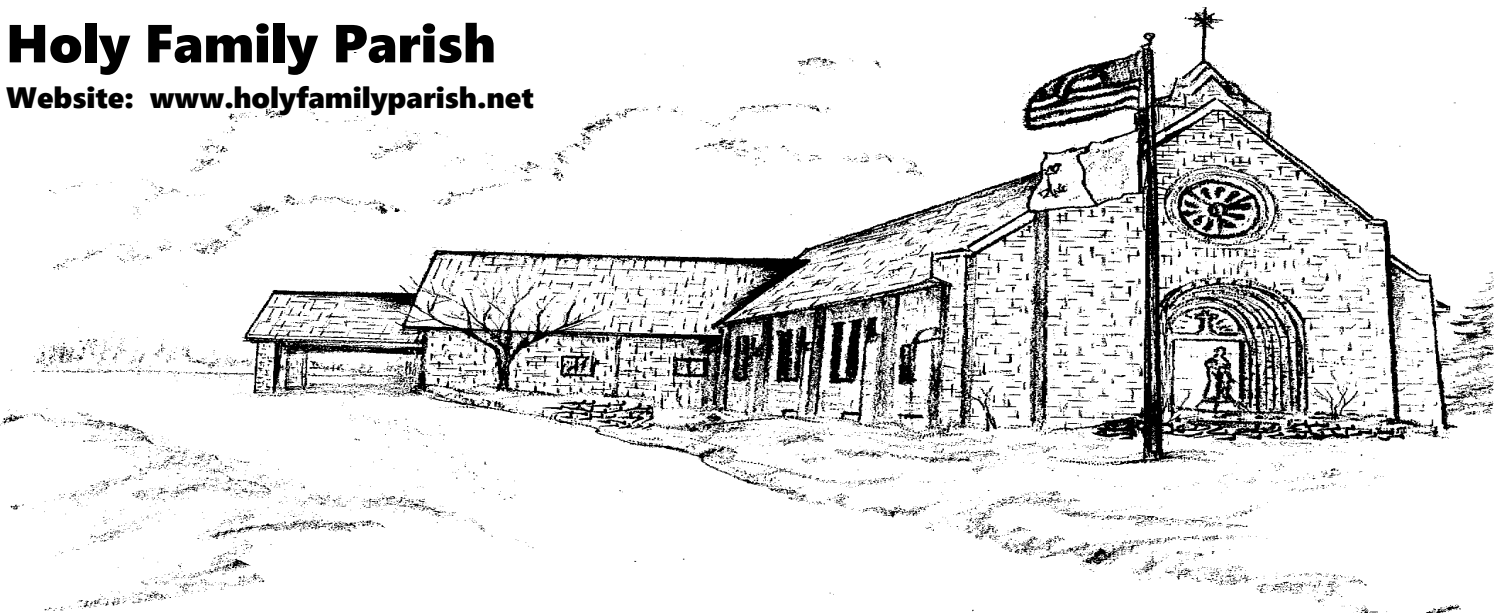


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Sacrament of Marriage

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.)

Attitudes of Prayer (cont.): Last we concluded our study showing how intense and focused were the saints in their prayer. Unfortunately, as simple human beings perhaps we don't get that much concentration in our prayers, whether it is personal or mental prayer. But despite our distractions we too pray daily. Sometimes, when we are overwhelmed with our stress and sadness we fail to concentrate on our prayers, let alone leaving the prayer time altogether. On such situations our minds wander away and we get preoccupied with our problems. Some others, though they sit in the church or chapel for prayer, they cannot say a word. Very often when people come out they are all the more disappointed as when they feel that they could not spend time in prayer. This type of situations can occur in any one of our lives.

Remember, even the worst situations can be converted into a good prayer time, provided we keep in mind the full meaning of prayer. When you are overwhelmed with sadness, anger and frustrations, instead of struggling to form a formal prayer, it is better simply sit before the Lord and pour out your feelings before the Lord, no matter whatever feelings come to your mind at that time. That attitude itself will be a pleasing prayer for the Lord. The prayer of Jesus in the Garden is the typical example of the outpouring of his feeling to his Father. As beginner, it is always advisable to use a prayer book. In the prayer book you get all sorts of prayers for different needs and occasions. In normal situation a prayer book is helpful, especially for our morning offering and night prayer, when we get some quite time. But then what about during our busy work schedule? Can we pray at that time? If we want we can make a whole day a prayer day while we work or do anything else. During our work, for example, we don't have to sit in one place for prayer, rather at times we can raise our thoughts to God and offer that particular hour to God with our work. It takes only a few moments to do so. If we make it a habit we can do the same during our eight hours of work. What we do in our prayer is that we raise our hearts to God and offer ourselves to him, which we can do every hour or every half hour. If we keep this idea in mind and follow strictly, by the time you come out of your work, you will have prayed 8 hours as well as worked 8 full hours.

Modern life is so hectic that both young and old are busy running. Unfortunately, these days it is very hard for the young families to come together for a family meal even. The parents don't have much time left, after their work, to spend some time with the children and for each other. So naturally, it is the basic tendency in us to skip our prayer time and use that time also for our material benefits. When we look at our life schedule, every appointment is important, I cannot be late for work, I cannot miss my children's sports and games, I cannot miss my doctor's appointment. Then what I can miss is my little time with the Lord. St. Francis De Sales says that every person should pray at least half hour daily; but if he/she is busy, let it be one hour. We read in the gospels how busy Jesus was with the people, preaching and healing them. But now and then he would leave the crowd and go to an isolated place to spend time with his Father. It is simply an excuse people make, "I have no time to pray." If we have got time for everything else, no doubt we can find time for prayer too. Here the question is how we keep the balance between our material and spiritual life. God gives us 24 hours a day and out of which our formal working time is 8 hours. At least another 8 hours we spend for our personal matters. So, if we are willing we can find a little time for the Lord too. In a week we enjoy 168 hours and out of which Jesus is asking us to spend at least an hour with him in the Eucharistic Celebration.

When we have priority for the Lord, he has priority for us. If we look for the Lord only with our convenience, no doubt, the Lord also will give us his blessings conveniently. Jesus says in Matthew 6: 33, **"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."**

(We will continue next week).

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets. 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 400 tickets left on the table. Please take an extra pack to sell!

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 2 nd	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Oct. 3 rd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Sister Barbara Berthiaume 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets
Wed.	Oct. 4 th	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – A special intention Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Class for grades 1-7 and 8 th & 9 th
Thurs.	Oct. 5 th	<i>St. Faustina Kowalski, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Pat Beauchamp
Fri.	Oct. 6 th	<i>First Friday</i> <i>Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Theoret 6:30 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 7 th	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> 8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass – Carol LaFave 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Clarence Theoret
Sun.	Oct. 8 th	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Rosella & Francis Flagstadt

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

77 envelopes returned for Sunday, Sept. 24th

Adult Offering.....	\$ 2,663.00
Loose.....	145.02
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	145.00
Total.....	\$ 2,983.02

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Short.....	\$ 1,406.40

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 551.00



The 56th Annual U.P. Catholic Services Appeal started last weekend. Please pick up your pledge card at the back of church if you have not yet done so. Our goal for this year is \$41,006.97. Please return the cards as soon as possible. Thank you.

LADIES OF THE CHURCH

Our first Altar Society meeting will be held this coming Tuesday at 6:30 pm in church basement. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED! Father will be our guest speaker. Hope to see you there! Cornell area is in charge of the snacks!

Mark Your Calendars!
~Making pasties Nov. 3rd & 4th~

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Oct. 5th** - An atheist cannot find God for the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman.
- Oct. 6th** - I will do my best and trust my Heavenly Father for the rest.
- Oct. 7th** - Waste of time is the most extravagant and costly of all expenses.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words."

As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's envelope, know that you are putting your faith into action.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Adult Faith Formation

Each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Title: Why is Life so Hard

Where – Holy Name Grade School, Commons Area Live Stream or recorded class @ Facebook; Type in Escanaba Faith Formation in the search bar.

Please join us in our first annual **CHILI CHALLENGE** on **Tuesday, Oct. 24th** at **St. Joseph/St. Patrick Parish Escanaba**. Call the parish office at 789-6244 to reserve your spot. Register your chili now for free. There will be prizes/trophies for the best chili and best booth decoration.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Zec 8:1-8
Mt 18:1-5,10

Wednesday

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

Friday

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

Tuesday

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

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12
Lk 10:1-12

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

St. Thomas Breakfast

Sunday, October 1st 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12, 5 and under FREE!

Our Lady of Fatima Blue Army invites you to St. Anne's next Sunday, October 8th for the Rosary Coast to Coast. Devoted Catholics of all ages across the country will unite in simultaneous prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will begin at 3:50 pm, followed by the Rosary at 4:00 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and worship music. Please join us!

HARVEST DINNER NEWS!

We will be having the BUCKET RAFFLE again this year. We will have it run from the weekend of October 7 & 8 thru Sunday October 29th with the drawings after the 10:00 AM Mass on that Sunday. If you planned to bring in a donated bucket, please have them here no later that Sunday, October 1st!!! Thanking everyone in advance for their generous support of this!!!

This year there will be NO Silver Dollar or Bakery booth. Just the dinner. We hope that everyone will come and enjoy a delicious dinner with good fellowship.

WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS AND WORKERS!!!!

There are signup sheets at the back of church on the table. Please take a moment to look over where you can give a 1 ½ hour of your time that Sunday. It will be greatly appreciated!!

