

Holy Family Parish

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 5, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

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., Christina Theoret Zion

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

Jesus' answer to the man involves three things:

- (i) We must help a man even when he has brought his trouble on himself, as the traveler had done.
- (ii) Any man of any nation who is in need is our neighbor. Our help must be as wide as the love of God.
- (iii) The help must be practical and not consist merely in feeling sorry. No doubt the priest and the Levite felt a pang of pity for the wounded man, but they did nothing. Compassion, to be real, must issue in deeds.

What Jesus said to the scribe, he says to us--"Go you and do the same."

THE HOSPITALITY OF TWO SISTERS ([Luke 10:38-42](#)):

It would be hard to find more vivid character drawing in greater economy of words than we find in these verses.

(i) They show us the clash of temperaments. We have never allowed enough for the place of temperament in religion. Some people are naturally dynamos of activity; others are naturally quiet. It is hard for the active person to understand the person who sits and contemplates. And the person who is devoted to quiet times and meditation is apt to look down on the person who would rather be active. There is no right or wrong in this. God did not make everyone alike. One person may pray, while other one may sit and listen to God. Both are serving God in different capacities. He needs both of them.

(ii) These verses show us something more--they show us the wrong type of kindness. Think where Jesus was going when this happened. He was on his way to Jerusalem--to die. His whole being was taken up with the intensity of the inner battle to bend his will to the will of God. When Jesus came to that home in Bethany it was a great day; and Martha was eager to celebrate it by laying on the best the house could give. So she rushed and fussed and cooked; and that was precisely what Jesus did not want. All he wanted was quiet time. With the cross before him and with the inner tension in his heart, he had turned aside to Bethany to find an

oasis of calm away from the demanding crowds if only for an hour or two; and that is what Mary gave him and what Martha, in her kindness, did her best to destroy. "One thing is necessary"--quite possibly this means, "I don't want a big spread; one course, the simplest meal is all I want." It was simply that Mary understood and that Martha did not.

Here is one of the great difficulties in life. So often we want to be kind to people--but we want to be kind to them in our way; and should it happen that our way is not the necessary way, we sometimes take offence and think that we are not appreciated. If we are trying to be kind the first necessity is to try to see into the heart of the person we desire to help--and then to forget all our own plans and to think only of what he or she needs. Jesus loved Martha and Martha loved him, but when Martha set out to be kind, it had to be her way of being kind which was really being unkind to him whose heart cried out for quiet. Jesus loved Mary and Mary loved him, and Mary understood, what type of hospitality Jesus needed at that time.

TEACH US TO PRAY (Luke 11:1-4):

11:1-4 : It was the regular custom for a Rabbi to teach his disciples a simple prayer which they might habitually use. John had done that for his disciples, and now Jesus' disciples came asking him to do the same for them. This is Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer. It is shorter than Matthew's, but it will teach us all we need to know about how to pray and what to pray for.

(i) It begins by calling God Father. That was the characteristic Christian address to God. (compare with [Galatians 4:6](#); [Romans 8:15](#); [1 Peter 1:17](#)). The very first word tells us that in prayer we are not coming to someone out of whom gifts have to be unwillingly extracted, but to a Father who delights to supply his children's needs.

(ii) In Hebrew the name means much more than merely the name by which a person is called. The name means the whole character of the person as it is revealed and known to us. [Psalms 9:10](#) says, "Those who know thy name put their trust in thee."

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 6 th	<i>Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Oct. 7 th	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Wed.	Oct. 8 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Thurs.	Oct. 9 th	<i>Saint Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Oct. 10 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 11 th	<i>Saint John XXIII, Pope</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Bill Smith
Sun.	Oct. 12 th	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dwaine & Joy Berbohm 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes returned for Sunday, Sept. 28th

Adults.....	\$2,584.00
Loose.....	202.00
General Maintenance.....	50.00
Fuel.....	15.00
Total.....	\$2,851.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,713.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 501.00

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!)

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

*We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Dan Polzer
who will be celebrating the weekend Masses
here while Fr. Sebastian is enjoying his much
needed time off.*

BUCKET RAFFLE

***We will run the raffle from
October 4th thru October 26th with the drawings
immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass on the
26th of October***

Our parish has begun 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 are available at the back of church. Please pick them up. It saves a lot of postage cost. Thanks in advance.

Congratulations to Marcus Racine and Michael Rexford who were confirmed on Sunday, September 28th.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Oct. 8th** - True obedience neither procrastinates nor questions.
- Oct. 9th** - It requires moral courage, Christian maturity, And spiritual strength To show others our weakness.
- Oct. 10th** - The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated.
- Oct. 11th** - Love is like a bazaar. The admittance is free, but it costs you something before you get out.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do."

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do". 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 starting at 5:00 PM in their parish hall. There will be a 50/50 raffle and bucket raffles. Adults \$12; children under age 13 \$5; family rate of \$30.

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.

St. Joe & St. Pat Parish will be holding their Trivia Night on Saturday Oct. 11. Starting at 5:00 pm

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Jon 1:1—2:2,11
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday
Jon 4:1-11
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday
Mal 3:13-20b
Lk 11:5-13

Friday
Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday
Jl 4:12-21
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday
2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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

MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE

On Nov. 6, 2025, Yoopers will be walking in Lansing for the [Second Michigan March for Life](https://ishpemingcatholic.com/march). A bus trip is organized, departing from Ishpeming on the afternoon of November 5. For more information and to reserve your spot, visit: <https://ishpemingcatholic.com/march>.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their "Coats For Kids" campaign for those in need in our local area. We are asking for donations of gently used or new coats. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Donations will be accepted the weekend of October 18th and 19th before and after masses. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to buy or sell your raffle tickets! They should be returned by Oct. 16th. Please return any unsold tickets.