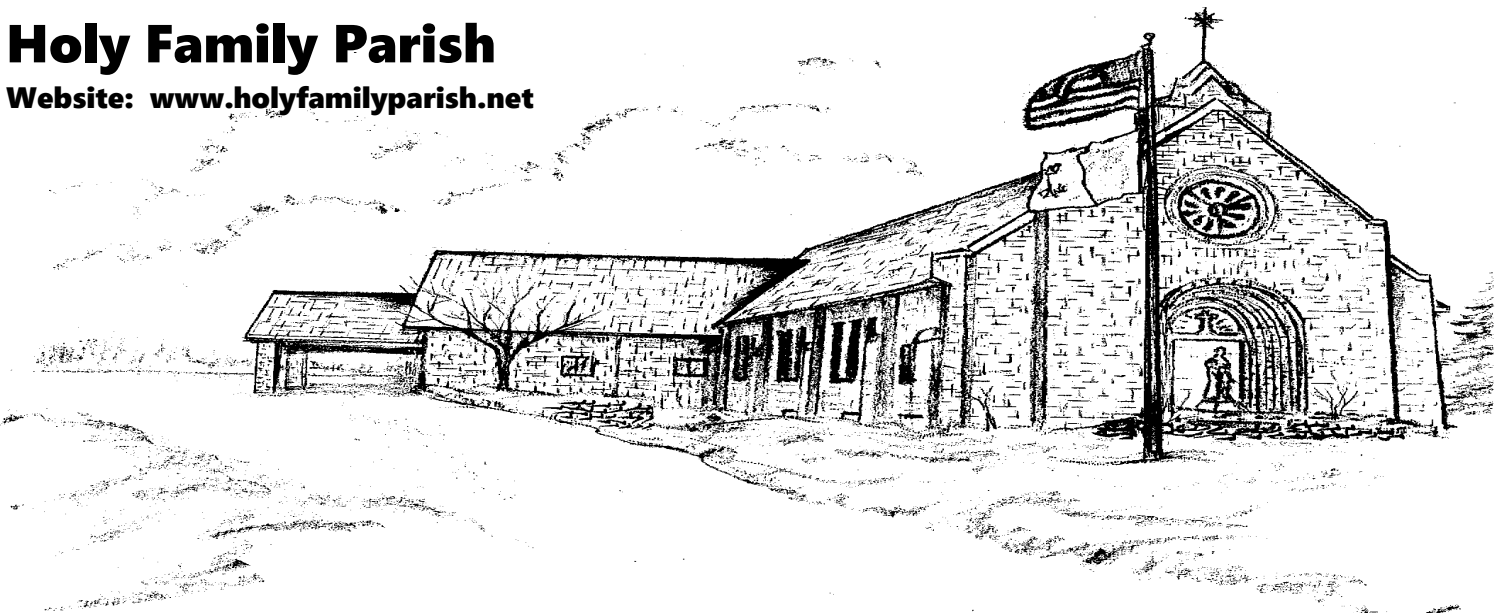


# Holy Family Parish

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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 8, 2023

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary Harold Flagstad  
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Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### 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

## SAINTS

**Introduction:** Catholic Christians are very familiar with the Saints in the Church. It is said that so far we have over 10,000 canonized and beatified Holy Men and Women in the Catholic Church who are worthy of our veneration or honor. Unfortunately, we celebrate the feasts of only a few in the calendar year and pretty much everybody is familiar with them. The Church selects a few for celebration, considering their outstanding contribution to faith and morals. It may be true that even many Catholics are not very knowledgeable about the process by which one is chosen to be a saint. So in this article we will make a study tour on the Canonization process to Sainthood.

Canonization, the process the Church uses to name a saint, has only been used since the 10<sup>th</sup> century. For hundreds of years, starting with the first martyrs of the early Church, saints were chosen by the public acclaim. In other words, the community where a particular person lived and served will decide whether he/she should be worthy to be recognized as a saint. Once it is brought to the attention of the Holy See, the Supreme Pontiff would decide whether this person was outstanding in virtues and service. Though this was a more democratic way to recognize saints, some saint stories were distorted by legend and some never existed. Gradually the bishops and the Vatican took over authority for approving saints. Currently a candidate for sainthood has to undergo very strict four steps before he/she is canonized.

Contrary to the common belief that there are 3 steps to becoming a saint, the Catholic Church teaches that there are **four steps** before one is declared to be a saint. Many teachers of this matter omit the first step as it is not well published. Before a person can be considered for sainthood, he/she must have been dead for at least five years. It can be waived by the Supreme Pontiff for genuine reasons. In our knowledge twice this rule has been waived by the then Popes. For instance Pope John Paul II waived three years of the waiting period in the case of Mother Theresa of Calcutta and Pope Benedict XVI waived the five years rule in the case of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

**First Step:** When the question arises that a person should be considered for sainthood, a Bishop is placed in charge of the initial investigation of the person's life. If it is determined that the candidate is deemed worthy of further consideration, the Vatican grants a *Nihil Obstat*. This is a Latin phrase that means nothing 'hinders.' Henceforth, the candidate is called the "**Servant of God.**" Hereafter, the case can be pursued for further investigation.

**Second Step:** The Church Official, a Postulator, who coordinates the process and serves an advocate, must prove that the candidate lived heroic virtues. This is achieved through the collection of documents and testimonies that are collected and then to be presented to the Congregation, which is located in Rome, for the Causes of Saints. When a candidate is recommended by the Congregation to the Holy Father and when he approves the recommendation, he/she earns the title, **Venerable.**" Our first bishop of the diocese, Bishop Fredric Baraga has already been declared 'Venerable.'

**Third Step-the Beatification:** The third and the fourth steps are very hard to pass and it may take years before this step is completed. Before the Congregation considers the third step it will demand a miracle, the evidence of the intercessory power of the Venerable or the Servant of God. In other words somebody should come forward and present to the local committee that he/she had a miraculous healing through the intercession of the Venerable. This particular miracle could have happened in anywhere in the country, not necessarily in the same diocese the venerable lived. If it is outside of the diocese, then the beneficiary should report the matter to the local diocesan office. Then the diocese where the supposed miracle happened then forms a tribunal to study and test this miracle scientifically and theologically.

**(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! Please return by Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> before 2:00 PM

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Ron Hughes ----- Parish office closed – Workshop in Marquette 6:00 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint John XXIII, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Henry, Jr. and Marilyn Menard Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Class for grades 1-7 and 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> (Confirmation)
Thurs.	Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M.- Mass – For all who have or will receive a prayer shawl 8:30 A.M. - Prayer Shawl ministry in the Fr. Matt Hall
Fri.	Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Frank Kudwa ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr</i> <b>10:00 A.M.- Peeling the veggies for the Harvest Dinner/Setting Up</b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Francis & Geneva Smith
Sun.	Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Nancy Marenger <b>11:00 AM - Start of our HARVEST DINNER until 2:00 PM</b> <b>2:30 P.M. - Raffle Drawing</b>

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

82 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

Adult Offering.....	\$ 4,028.00
Loose.....	76.00
General Maintenance.....	210.00
Mass Stipends.....	400.00
Fuel.....	494.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,208.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,389.42**  
**Over..... \$ 818.58**

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 93.00

**ULTREYA** – St. Anne Parish Hall, Escanaba,  
Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We will welcome our  
new candidates who made a Cursillo in Green Bay.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> with the drawings after the 10:00 AM Mass on that Sunday. 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.

**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!!

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>** - True obedience neither procrastinates nor questions.
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** - It requires moral courage, Christian maturity, And spiritual strength To show others our weakness.
- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** - The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated.
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Love is like a bazaar. The admittance is free, but it costs you something before you get out.
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** - The rich and poor gather together, the Lord is the maker of them all.
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** - To lose your wealth is much, To lose your health is more, To lose your souls is such a loss that nothing can restore!
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** - The preacher does better when you are there; 'Tis hard to preach to an empty chair.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

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 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. 24<sup>th</sup>** 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**

Jon 1:1—2:2,11  
Lk 10:25-37

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Friday**

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

### **Tuesday**

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

### **Thursday**

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

### **Saturday**

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

### **Sunday**

Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14,19-20  
Mt 22:1-14

### ROSARY COAST TO COAST

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!



The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual U.P. Catholic Services Appeal has started. Our goal for this year is \$41,006.97. Please return the cards as soon as possible. Thank you. To date we have received 15 cards totaling \$5,000 in pledges.

***To date we have received 18 pledges totaling \$5,725. Thank you! There are still 174 outstanding cards.***

Congratulations to Katelyn Rexford, Joshua Racine, Brooklyn LaMarche, Benjamin Smith, Addison Trombley, and Eli Gardner, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.



***Pasty Sheets are available at the back of church.  
Pasty making will be the weekend of  
Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>!!!***