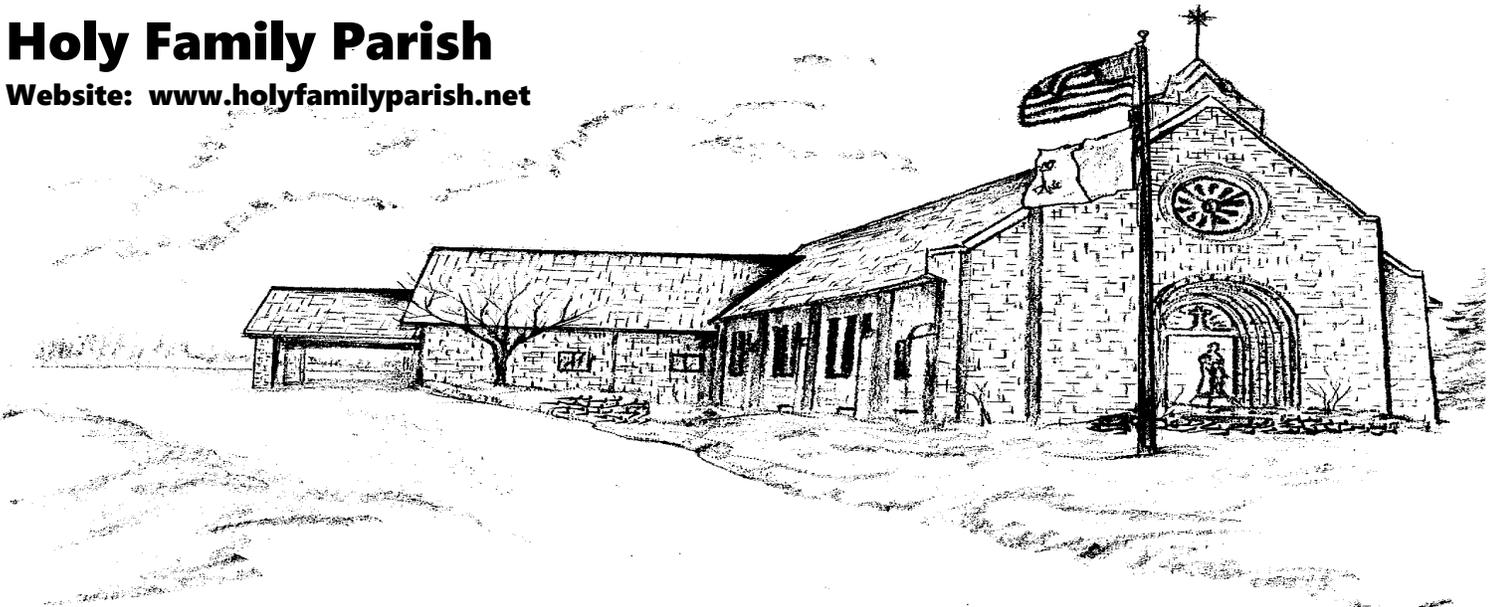


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Notice of six months is required

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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., 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

The Our Father (Cont): (iii) We must note particularly the order of the Lord's Prayer. Before anything is asked for ourselves, God and his glory, and the reverence due to him, come first. Only when we give God his place will other things take their proper place.

(iv) The prayer covers all life.

(a) It covers present need. It tells us to pray for our daily bread; but it is bread for the day for which we pray. This goes back to the old story of the manna in the wilderness ([Exodus 16:11-21](#)). Only enough for the needs of the day might be gathered. We are not to worry about the unknown future, but to live a day at a time.

(b) It covers past sin. When we pray we cannot do other than pray for forgiveness, for the best of us is a sinful man coming before the purity of God. And also we assure God that we shall forgive the sins of others.

(c) It covers future trials. Temptation means any testing situation. It includes far more than the mere seduction to sin; it covers every situation which is a challenge to and a test of a person's manhood and integrity and fidelity. We cannot escape it, but we can meet it with God.

ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE: 11:5-13:

Travelers often journeyed late in the evening to avoid the heat of the midday sun. In Jesus' story just such a traveler had arrived towards midnight at this friend's house. In the east hospitality is a sacred duty.

The late arrival of the traveler confronted the householder with an embarrassing situation, because he and his children were already in bed and by getting up, he didn't want to disturb them. So he could not fulfill the sacred obligations of hospitality. Late as it was, he went out to borrow from a friend. The friend's door was shut. In the east no one would knock on a shut door unless the need was imperative. In the morning the door was opened and remained open all day, for there was little privacy; but if the door was shut, that was a definite sign that the householder did not wish to be disturbed. But the seeking traveler was not deterred. He knocked, and kept on knocking

The poorer Palestinian house consisted of one room with only one little window. The floor was simply of beaten earth covered with dried reeds and rushes. The room was divided into two parts, not by a partition but by a low platform. Two-thirds of it were on ground level. The other third was slightly raised. On the raised part the charcoal stove burned all night, and round it the whole family slept, not on raised beds but on sleeping mats. Families were large and they slept close together for warmth.

Is there any wonder that the man who was in bed did not want to rise? But the determined borrower knocked on with shameless persistence--that is what the Greek word means--until at last the householder, knowing that by this time the whole family was disturbed anyway, arose and gave him what he needed.

Of course, the persistence of the man was paid off. But Jesus does not mean that we must batter at God's door until we finally compel him for very weariness to give us what we want, until we coerce an unwilling God to answer.

What Jesus says is, "If an unwilling householder can in the end be coerced by a friend's shameless persistence into giving him what he needs, how much more will God who is a loving Father supply all his children's needs?" "If you," he says, "who are evil, know that you are bound to supply your children's needs, how much more will God?" This does not absolve us from intensity in prayer. After all, we can guarantee the reality and sincerity of our desire only by the passion with which we pray. But it does mean this that we are not wringing gifts from an unwilling God, but going to one who knows our needs better than we know them ourselves and whose heart towards us is the heart of generous love. If we do not receive what we pray for, it is not because God grudgingly refuses to give it but because he has some better thing for us. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer. The answer given may not be the answer we desired or expected; but even when it is a refusal it is the answer of the love and the wisdom of God.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Oct. 12th - The rich and poor gather together, the Lord is the maker of them all.

Oct. 13th - 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. 14th - The preacher does better when you are there; 'Tis hard to preach to an empty chair.

Oct. 15th - Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.

Oct. 16th - Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene, One step enough for me!

Oct. 17th - Don't walk before me I may not follow. Don't walk behind me I may not lead. Just walk beside me And be my friend.

Oct. 18th - "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

October is the Month of the Rosary

There will be a Daily Mass Schedule Change, to offer opportunities for Marian Prayer.

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Tuesday, Oct. 21st 8:00 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Rosary
Tuesday, Oct. 28th 8:00 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Rosary

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Thursday, Oct. 23rd 8:00 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Rosary
Thursday, Oct. 30th 8:00 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Rosary
Friday, Oct. 31st 8:00 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Rosary

Please join us for this beautiful opportunity for Prayer!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

Wednesday

Rom 2:1-11
Lk 11:42-46

Friday

Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

Saturday

2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Sunday

Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8

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](#). 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.

***The 2026 Calendars are at the back of church.
Please take one per family!***