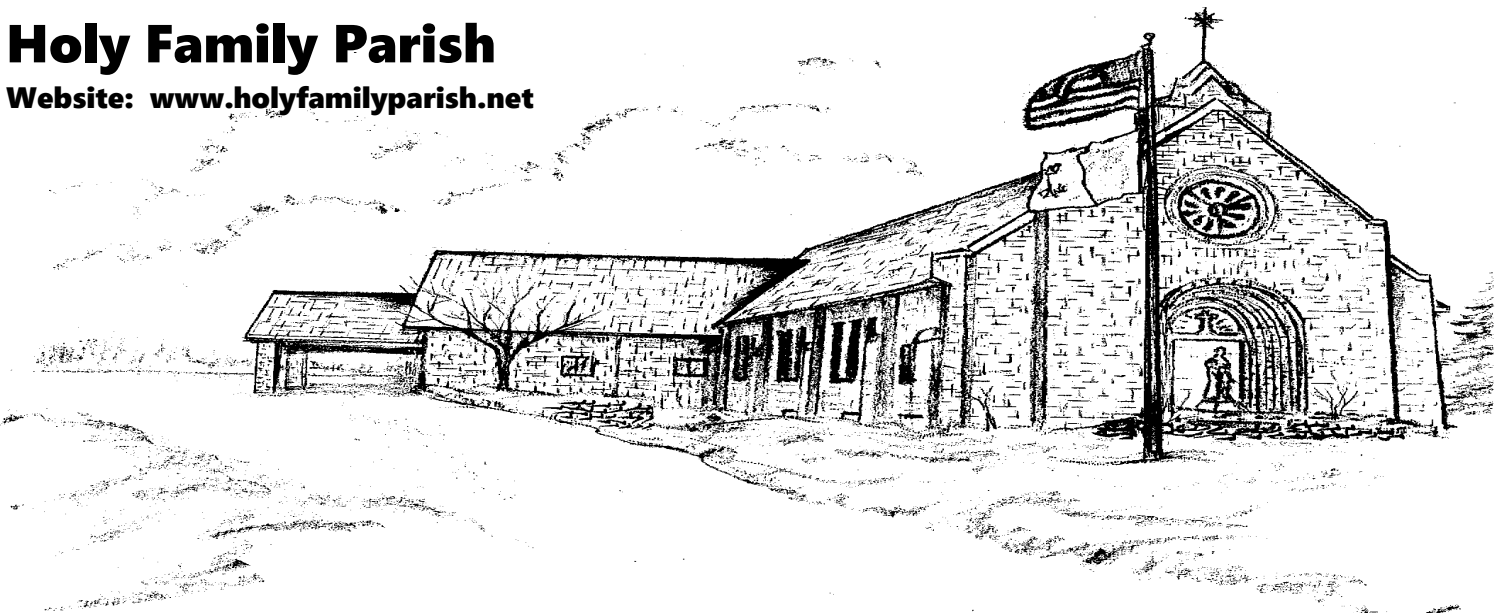


# Holy Family Parish

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 13, 2024

### Pastor

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

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### Parish Secretary

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906-786-1209

### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President      Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary      Harold Flagstadt  
Kevin Dubord      Tina Cryderman  
Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron      Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde      Frank Chenier

### 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.....

*Mike Gasperich, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk*

*Brenda Chouinard, John King*

*Clifford Marcella, Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson*

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

### Luke 3: 4-6

**3:4.** John the Baptist's message and ministry were in fulfillment of the prophecy, **in the Book of Isaiah the prophet.** The Book of Isaiah contains 66 chapters. The passage that Luke refers to here comes from Isaiah 40:3-5, the opening sentences to the second part of Isaiah.

Isaiah declared that before the Messiah would arrive, a prophet would come before Him, who would be recognized by particular actions. First, he would be a **voice...crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.** This is significant on two levels.

First, Isaiah is portraying this prophet as an emissary who goes before an Emperor or King to *prepare the way*. In the Roman Empire, when the Emperor planned to visit a city, he would send an emissary or herald before him to announce his coming. But this emissary would do more than just to announce the coming of the Emperor. He would act as an inspector. He would go around the city, and make a list of things that needed to be cleaned and repaired. Sometimes this would involve rounding up criminals and putting them in prison, and instructing others how to behave when the Emperor arrived. Such preparations were vitally important, for if the Emperor arrived and the city was not prepared for him, he might issue judgment and punishment upon the city and its rulers.

He follows the typical pattern of Caesar biographies of that time by showing a man named John acted as the emissary preparing the way for Jesus. In this way, Luke puts Jesus on the same level with Caesar, the Emperor of Rome. Both have emissaries, who go before them to prepare the way for their arrival.

But secondly, as Isaiah reveals, this emissary does not go into the cities of Jerusalem to preach and prepare the people in

the cities for the Messiah. But this emissary, says Isaiah, will declare his message *in the wilderness*. This is curious because the wilderness

is not where the people were. They were in the cities. But spiritually, morally, and politically, they were in the wilderness, as Luke has already hinted at with the list of names in verses 1-2. In Jewish thinking, the wilderness was a place of chaos, disorder, and dark spirits. So having John begins his ministry in a place of chaos, disorder, and darkness gives the impression that something new is about to begin, just as when the Spirit of God hovered over the dark chaos before the original creation (Gen 1:1-2).

Mention of *the wilderness* also evokes images of the wanderings of Israel in the desert. Such wanderings served as a time of purification for the nation, after the Exodus from bondage in Egypt, but before the entrance into the Promised Land. By preaching in the wilderness, John is forcing the people who want to hear him, as multitudes do, to experience a personal Exodus from the cities, and come out to the wilderness for purification. In so doing, John was preparing the people for the Messiah who, it was hoped, would bring about the national Exodus of the Israelites from bondage of Rome.

**3:5.** Sometimes the work performed would be to such a great extent that **every valley would be filled in and every mountain and hill brought low.** One of the things expected was that the path or road he would arrive on was straight and level. This would protect him from getting lost by having to make too many turns, from danger by not being able to see around corners, and from weariness (or his horse from weariness) by having to go up and down too many hills. Through parallelism, Isaiah says that **the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth.** Such terminology hints, of course, that when it comes to the Messiah and the prophet who would prepare the way before Him, God is not concerned about the roads and buildings, but about the spiritual and moral lives of His people (referred to as "all flesh")

(We will continue)

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Callistus I, Pople, Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Julia Kudwa ----- Parish Office closed – Secretary Workshop in Marquette
Wed.	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dan Chouinard Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Doris Begalle 7:00 P.M. - Smear League starts
Fri.	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Luke, Evangelist</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Carol LaFave ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i></b> 10:00 AM - Start peeling veggies for the Harvest Dinner 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glen King (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)
Sun.	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Dan Chouinard 11:00 AM - The Start of our Harvest dinner serving until 2:00 PM

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**84 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Offering.....	\$4,010.00
Loose.....	100.00
General Maintenance.....	195.00
Fuel.....	420.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,725.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$4,509.61**  
**Over..... 215.39**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	125.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal “56”.....	720.00
Mass Stipends.....	140.00
Funeral Luncheon Reimbursement.....	92.72

**WE ARE IN NEED OF WORKERS!!!!**

**For Harvest Dinner – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

There are signup sheets at the back of church. Please take a moment to look over where you can give an 1 ½ hour of your time on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be greatly appreciated!!

A huge **THANK YOU** to Fr. Sebastian for the beautiful funeral mass for our sister Patty Luft Kasbohm and Jenna Eastin from Skradski’s Funeral Home for your help. Also **THANK YOU** to the ladies of the parish for the luncheon they put on for our family and friends during our time of our loss. It is greatly appreciated.

*God Bless, The Luft Family*

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**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.

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.

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

**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** - 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. 18<sup>th</sup>** - "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** - A Christian's purpose is to win souls - not arguments.

ATTENTION MEN!!! The Smear League will start this Thursday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church hall. This is open to any men of the parish and we are always looking for new teams and members.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me."

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.

### **St. Thomas Breakfast!**

November 3rd, 9am - 12:30pm

1820 9th Ave North, Escanaba

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice \$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,

Ages 5 and under are FREE!

Please join us!

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR SOLD (or  
unsold) RAFFLE TICKETS**

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31—5:1

Lk 11:29-32

### **Tuesday**

Gal 5:1-6

Lk 11:37-41

### **Wednesday**

Gal 5:18-25

Lk 11:42-46

### **Thursday**

Eph 1:1-10

Lk 11:47-54

### **Friday**

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Lk 10:1-9

### **Saturday**

Eph 1:15-23

Lk 12:8-12

### **Sunday**

Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

## MISSION TRIP

Sirvientes de Cristo is seeking faith-filled volunteers for a mission trip to Honduras on June 16 to July 1, 2025. All those interested in participating are invited to attend an informational meeting at the chaplain's residence at OSF (across from the adoration chapel) in Escanaba on Sunday, October 13th at 6 pm. Please call Laura Hallfrisch at (906) 389-7253 or Julie Bishop at (906) 280-1315 if you have any questions.

### Live in Concert

### Tony Melendez

### St. Ann Church, Escanaba

October 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM

### Adoration to follow

Tony, born a thalidomide baby, plays guitar with his feet. An unforgettable performance in 1987 for Pope John Paul II has inspired Tony to share his message through music. Free Admission. Come and enjoy

## **U.P. Catholic Services Appeal**

**Our goal this year is 42,662.03. We need the participation of everyone to meet this goal. Thanking you in advance for helping our parish meet our goal.**

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## Harvest Dinner & Bazaar



**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**



**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Father Matt's Hall**

**The dinner will feature a Chicken & Meatball Dinner with dressing, green beans/corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, rutabagas & pies. There will also be a bucket raffle with great prizes and a large Raffle.**

**Cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for ages 13 to 18; \$5.00 for ages 6 to 12, and 5 and under are free. Take-outs will be available by calling 906-399-3058.**



## Prayer for our Country

### CONSECRATION OF THE ELECTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen**

### PASTY NEWS

Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Those days we will be prepping and making pasties just in time for DEER CAMP.

### BUCKET RAFFLE NEWS

We will have it run from the weekend of October 12 & 13 thru Sunday October 27<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!!!

*Fall Bazaar* on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, Perkins. There will be a soup, salad and sandwich luncheon. Adults \$12, 6-12 years \$5 and 5 and under are free. Many craft vendors and raffles. Everyone is welcome.