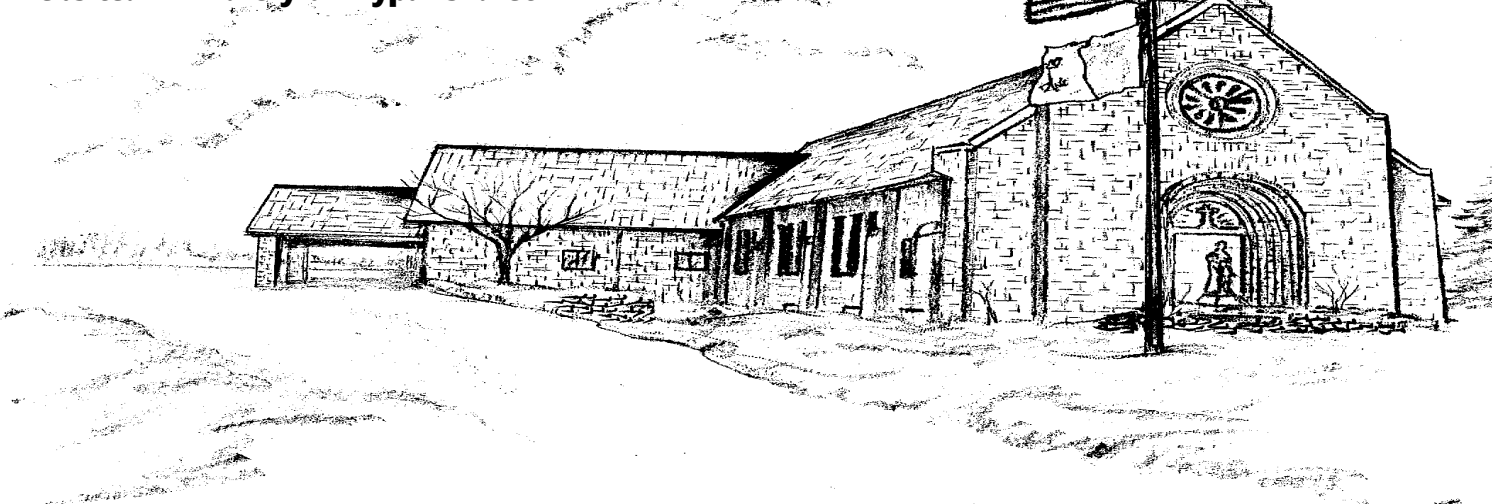


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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2026

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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. Michael at 906-792-4798

Please remember our sick in your prayers....

Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Shelly Polaczyk

Pete & Jean Way, Sue Boudreau, Mike, Mary Anne & Tom Theoret

Christina Theoret Zion, Brenda Chouinard, Frank Chenier

Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr., Jan Carter

Dan & Linda Robitaille, Rose Beauchamp

Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit, Denise Seymour, Carissa & Weston

If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is 45:1,4-6; 1Thes1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
SERVING GOD AND COUNTRY

In the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus teaching in parables about the Kingdom and what we need to do to inherit this Kingdom. The Kingdom parables revealed the innermost character and attitude of the elders of the Jews such that they plotted to eliminate this itinerant preacher from Galilee. But they feared the crowd who followed Jesus who considered Him as a great prophet and the Messiah. The loyalty and zeal for the Mosaic law and precepts blindfolded the Jewish elders to recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. They saw Jesus' teachings and actions as threats to their authority over the people. They saw Jesus as undermining their power and authority, thus, finding any means possible to eliminate him.

However, today's readings point out that we can be loyal to God as well as to our country. The readings show us how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Man (Heaven and Earth). Isaiah shows us how, indirectly, the policies of the Great Persian Emperor helped promote God's saving plan for His chosen people. The fact is that when nations put God's Kingdom first, everyone benefits. And that's exactly our Responsorial Psalm for today. As a result, Paul praises the Christians of Thessalonica for their faithfulness to God and to Christ, their Savior which led them to practice their virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity with the help of the Holy Spirit. Jesus sums it up in the Gospel when He teaches: ***"RENDER TO CEASAR WHAT BELONGS TO CEASAR AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."***

What does this answer to the messengers of the Pharisees and Herodians mean to us today? Jesus is reminding all of us: Much as we are concerned and careful about paying taxes to the State, we should be much more concerned and careful about our service to God as our creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by being patriotic and loyally obeying just laws and working for the welfare of all citizens. And we become heavenly citizens by obeying God's Commandments.

HOW DO WE GIVE TO CEASAR? It is the duty of Christians, as citizens of the country, to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools and other necessities. If we refuse to pay taxes, how will these needs be met? Another way of giving to Caesar what belongs "Caesar" is to participate actively in the running of the government, electing the most suitable candidates and influencing them through frequent contacts. Third, we must submit to the civil authorities and respect the laws of our country in order to live in peace. As loyal citizens, we must also see to it that our elected representatives are faithful in maintaining law and order in the country and in promoting the welfare of its citizens without violating God's laws.

HOW DO WE GIVE TO GOD? Since everything belongs God, we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations and find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in Faith and morals. We are invited each year to make a stewardship pledge of our financial offering to the local Church for the coming year. Our contribution to the parish Church should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, and another way of giving to God His due, is offering of our whole self.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 19 th	<i>Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Oct. 20 th	<i>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving 6:00 P.M. - OCIA Class – The Eucharist
Wed.	Oct. 21 st	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Jim, MaryAnn, Bob & Ray Gascon Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Oct. 22 nd	<i>Saint John Paul II, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Michelle Becker 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Oct. 23 rd	<i>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 24 th	<i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Oct. 25 th	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Pete & Willa DeMay and a special intention

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

75 envelopes returned for Oct. 11, 2026

Adults.....	\$3,747.00
Loose.....	184.00
General Maintenance.....	95.00
Fuel.....	90.00
Total.....	\$4,116.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,661.53
Short.....	\$ 545.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	10.00
58 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	250.00
59 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$1,320.00

Pasty weekend is November 6th & 7th. The signup sheets are out at the back of church.



Don't forget to come and enjoy a good meal this Sunday here at Holy Family. Our harvest dinner will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 PM. Chicken & Meatball dinner.

Join St. Joseph & St. Patrick parish on Sunday, October 26th for the best breakfast in town. They will be serving from 9:00 am to 12:30 PM.

Our parish goal for the year 2026-27 is \$44,279.54.

To date we have received 62 cards back with a total pledge of \$23,490. That leaves us with a balance of \$20,789.54 with 114 cards still out. That is an average of \$405.00 per pledge.

2027 Church Calendars are now at the back of church!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Oct. 18th** - "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."
- Oct. 19th** - A Christian's purpose is to win souls - not arguments.
- Oct. 20th** - "I have so much to do (today) that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."
Martin Luther
- Oct. 21st** - There is no freedom on earth or in any star for those who deny freedom to others.
- Oct. 22nd** - No brain is stronger than its weakest think.
- Oct. 23rd** - There is a very good reason why God did not put eyes in the back of our head. He wants us to look AHEAD.
- Oct. 24th** - Whatever our race, creed, or background, we are all children of God.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER RETREAT

Youth Encounter is a Catholic weekend retreat for high schoolers run by a team of teens and adults who give talks, lead group discussions, and mentor retreatants in living as disciples of Jesus. The Fall weekend is Nov. 6-8 and the Spring retreat is March 12-14, both at Immaculate Conception parish in Iron Mountain. Registration is open now at:

yoopecatholic.org/youthencounter

THE WORD AMONG US

The new subscriptions will start in January of 2027. The cost is \$20 for the year. If you would like to order one, please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Eph 2:1-10
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday
Eph 2:12-22
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday
Eph 3:2-12
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
Eph 3:14-21
Lk 12:49-53

Friday
Eph 4:1-6
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
Eph 4:7-16
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

Holy Family to Host Story Time!

We're excited to welcome the **Escanaba Area Catholic Playgroup** to Holy Family once a month this winter! Each gathering will begin with prayer and stories before continuing into the Parish Hall for fellowship and fun. We're looking for volunteers who would like to share their time and talents with the youngest members of our community. Could you read a story, lead some songs, plan a simple activity, or help provide lunch? Maybe God is calling you to serve in another way! **Our first Story Time will be Wednesday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.** We'd love to have you be part of creating a joyful, faith-filled experience for our little ones! Please contact Heidi at 399-5461.

