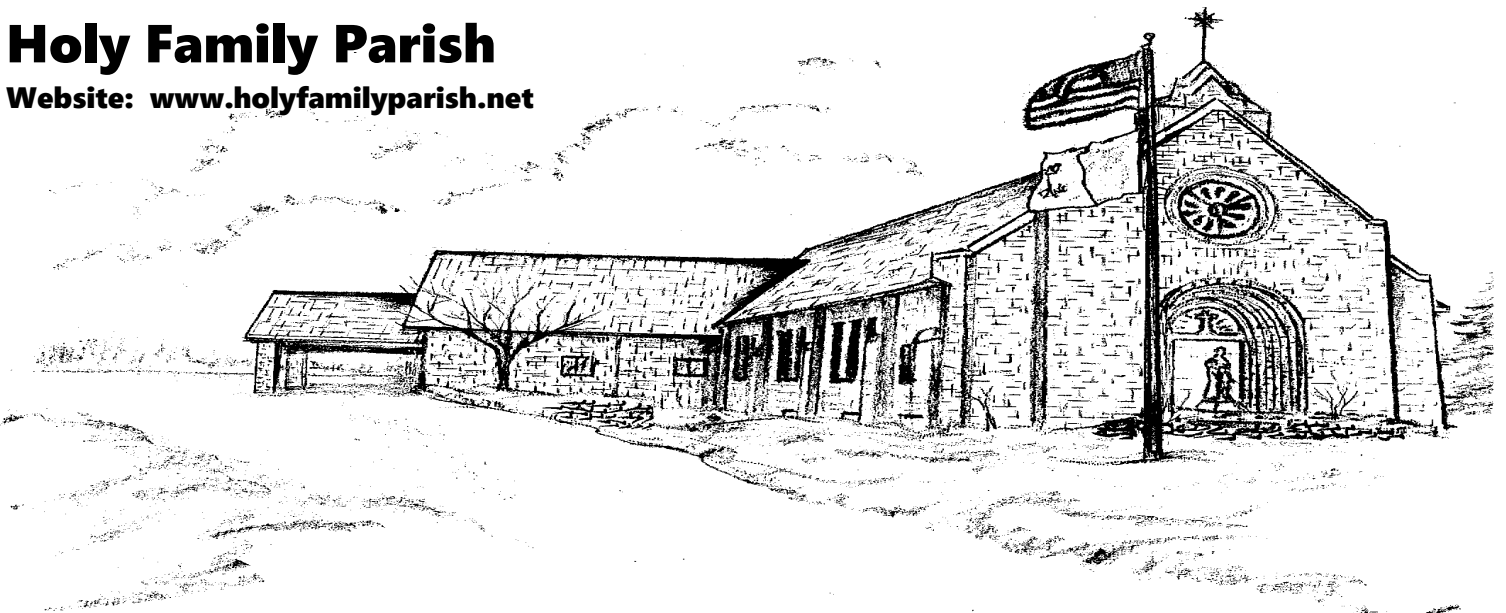


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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 19, 2025

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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

A MALICIOUS SLANDER ([Luke 11:14-23](#))

When Jesus' enemies were helpless to oppose him by fair means they resorted to slander. They declared that his power over the demons was due to the fact that he was in league with the prince of demons. They attributed his power not to God but to the devil. Jesus gave them a double and a crushing answer.

First, he struck them a shrewd blow. There were many exorcists in Jesus' time in Palestine. Josephus, the Jewish historian, traces this power back to Solomon. Part of Solomon's wisdom was that he was skillful with herbs and had invented incantations which--drove out demons in such a way that they never came back; and Josephus states that he had seen Solomon's methods used with success even in his own day (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews 8: 5: 2). So Jesus delivers a home-thrust. "If I," he said, "cast out devils because I am in league with the prince of devils, what of your own people who do the same thing? If you condemn me, you are only condemning yourselves."

Second, he used a really unanswerable argument. No kingdom in which there is a civil war can survive. If the prince of devils is lending his power to defeat his own emissaries he is finished. There is only one way for a strong man to be defeated and that is for a still stronger man to master him. "Therefore," said Jesus, "if I cast out devils, so far from that proving that I am in league with the prince of devils, it proves that the devil's citadel is breached, the strong man of evil is mastered, and the kingdom of God is here."

Out of this passage emerge certain permanent truths.

1) It is by no means uncommon for people to resort to slander when honest opposition is helpless.

Gladstone, the social worker, was interested in the reformation of the fallen women of the streets of London. His enemies suggested that he was interested in them for very different and very inferior reasons. There is nothing so cruel as slander, for it is apt to stick because the human mind always tends to think the worst and very often

the human ear prefers to hear the derogatory rather than the complimentary tale. We need not think that we are free of that particular sin. How often do we tend to think the worst of other people? How often do we deliberately impute low motives to someone whom we dislike? How often do we repeat the slanderous and the malicious tale and murder reputations over the tea-cups? To think of this will not cause complacency but call for self-examination. (ii) Once again we must note that Jesus' proof that the kingdom had come was the fact that sufferers were healed and health walked where disease had been. Jesus' aim was not only soul salvation; it was also whole salvation.

(iii) Luke finishes this section with the saying of Jesus that he who was not with him was against him and that he who did not help to gather the flock helped to scatter it abroad. There is no place for neutrality in the Christian life. The man who stands aloof from the good cause automatically helps the evil one. A man is either on the way or in the way.

THE PERIL OF THE EMPTY SOUL ([Luke 11:24-28](#))

Here is a grim and terrible story. There was a man from whom an unclean spirit was expelled. It wandered seeking rest and found none. It determined to return to the man. It found his soul swept and garnished--but empty. So the spirit went and collected seven spirits worse than itself and came back and entered in; and the man's last state was worse than his first.

(i) Here is the fundamental truth that you cannot leave a man's soul empty. It is not enough to banish the evil thoughts and the evil habits and the old ways and leave the soul empty. An empty soul is a soul in peril. Adam C. Welch, the preacher, liked to preach on the text, "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit" ([Ephesians 5:18](#)). When he did so his opening sentence was, "You've got to fill a man with something." It is not enough to drive out evil; good must come in.

(ii). Cleansing is necessary; but after the rooting out of evil, there must come the filling with good.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 20 th	<i>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Oct. 21 st	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Wed.	Oct. 22 nd	<i>Saint John Paul II, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Thurs.	Oct. 23 rd	<i>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Oct. 24 th	<i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 25 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King (2 nd Anniv.) 50 th Wedding Anniv. Of Harold & Cathy Flagstadt
Sun.	Oct. 26 th	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lester (5 th Anniv.) & Helen Ness, Jr. 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

75 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 12th

Adults.....	\$3,489.00
Loose.....	220.00
General Maintenance.....	15.00
Fuel.....	150.00
Total.....	\$3,874.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short.....	\$720.23
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	25.00
57 th UPCS.....	305.00
58 th UPCS Appeal.....	6,995.00

***Pasty Making will be Nov. 7th & 8th Sign up sheets
are at the back of church!!!!***

***Don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets before the
drawing this Sunday at 2:30 PM. Please return any
unsold tickets.***

Meal Train Ministry

If you are currently pregnant or preparing to adopt/foster, recovering from serious illness, or are anticipating a major surgery, or if you know anyone within the parish who could use short-term meal service, please contact Heidi (399-5461). Please keep your hearts and minds open to participating in an upcoming meal train for Brittany & Allen Botwright in January with the arrival of their first child.

Our parish has begun the annual Upper Peninsula Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA). This year, Holy Family Parish has a parish goal of \$44,521.15. We have received 39 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$12,015 in pledges.

***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.***

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Oct. 25th - Unless you can control yourself, you will never be able to control others.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary., indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

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 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

Wednesday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Friday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Tuesday
Rom 5:12,15b,17-19
Lk 12:35-38

Thursday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Saturday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday
Sir 35:12-14,16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18 Lk 18:9-14

St. Vincent dePaul will have a tour of their facilities on Tuesday, Oct. 21st from 11 am to 1 pm. Come join us for refreshments at 115 N. 8th Street, Escanaba.

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>.

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.

BISHOP JOHN DOERFLER LAUNCHES NEW PODCAST

On Oct. 2, 2025, the first episode of Bishop John Doerfler's new podcast titled "The Anchor of Hope podcast" was released. Alongside Bishop Doerfler, the podcast is co-hosted by Hattie Hanold, former assistant editor of The U.P. Catholic. The two discuss Jesus and living with hope in today's world.

New episodes of the podcast will be released on the first and third Thursdays of each month. To listen to The Anchor of Hope podcast, search "The Anchor of Hope" on any app where podcasts are distributed

Fall Bazaar Craft Sale & Lunch on Saturday, Oct. 25th from 11 am to 3 pm at St. Joseph Church, Perkins. Everyone is invited to attend.