

Holy Family Parish

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 20, 2024

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Sacrament of Marriage

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.....

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 3:6: The result of all of these preparations is that **all flesh shall see the salvation of God.** This verse, in connection with Luke's reference to the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins in verse 3, has caused many to believe that John is telling people how to "be saved," which to many, means "get eternal life, escape hell, and go to heaven when you die." But this is not what John is preaching, nor what Luke is referring to, nor how the term "**salvation**" is most often used in Scripture. In Scripture, the "salvation" very often refers to being delivered from some physical, temporal calamity such as sickness, enemies, and storms. Sometimes it refers to being delivered from the enslaving power of sin in our lives. Only rarely does it refer to having something to do with going to heaven when we die (e.g., Eph 2:8-9), and even then, the terminology is debatable. Here in this context, Isaiah, Luke, and John are all clearly referring not to eternal life and going to heaven, but rather to being delivered from one's enemies, and more particularly, from the Roman occupation and religious corruption Luke referred to in 3:1-2. Individually, this will occur as each person makes the necessary preparations in their own lives by making steps to be delivered from sin. So here, *the salvation of the Lord* refers to freedom from sin and freedom from foreign rule, and a return of **all flesh**, that is, all the world, being ruled by *God*. When this happens, the power and domination of paganism will be broken, God will return to Zion, the covenant will be renewed, Israel's (and the entire world's) sins forgiven, the long-awaited 'exodus' will happen, the Temple will be rebuilt, and all the other promises fulfilled.

Luke 3:7-14: These verses contain the specific call to repentance by John to certain individuals of the multitude who had come out to see him in the wilderness. These specific examples continue to show that John is not trying to tell people how to get into heaven or receive eternal life, but rather how to make the necessary changes in their life so that they will prepare themselves and their nation for the earthly Kingdom of God. If the necessary preparations were not made, the people could expect only discipline and judgment from the Messiah when He arrived. The Messiah's message

would build upon and exceed the message of John (cf. 3:15-18). This message of John is in fulfillment of the words of the angel to John's father, Zacharias (1:14-17) and the prophecy from Isaiah 40:3-5 (cf. Luke 3:4-5).

3:7. Verses 7-9 provide the general call to repentance that John preached. It was a message with an accompanying symbol. It was **the multitudes** who heard John preach. Matthew 3:7 directs John's speech toward the religious leaders, which does not cause any problem here, since John undoubtedly preached the same message numerous times to various audiences.

When they heard him, they desired **to be baptized by him**. This baptism was most likely the Jewish *mikvah*, a purification ritual, which indicated a person's desire to change their life, die to their old ways, and live a new life of obedience and faithfulness to God. See the commentary on Luke 3:3 for more about this. Nevertheless, it appears John believed that just as with many of the other Jewish rituals of that time, some were going through the outward motions without any inner change of heart. Some people were coming out to John to be baptized by John, but they had not repented of anything. So his words to such people are pointed and direct. The term **brood of vipers** is a slanderous term, telling the people that they were offspring of snakes. Aside from the fact that snakes are unclean animals according to Jewish law, John was, in a sense, calling them "snake bastards. Jesus will later use this same terminology in reference to the religious rulers (Matt 12:34; 23:33).

The term is also an allusion to Annas, the High Priest (3:2). As was mentioned in the commentary there, Annas was known as "the viper" since he went about "hissing" or whispering in ears of politicians and other authority figures to influence their decisions. Other literature of the time refers to political rulers as "snakes" and "vipers" and so John's accusation is political as well. He believes that many of those who have come out to him have aligned themselves with the corrupt political practices of Roman rulers.

(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 21 st	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Oct. 22 nd	<i>Saint John Paul II, Pope</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the Intentions of Michelle Becker
		6:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	Oct. 23 rd	<i>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the Intentions of Christine Kudwa
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Oct. 24 th	<i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all who have or will receive a prayer shawl
		8:30 A.M. -	Prayer shawl ministry in the church basement
		7:00 P.M. -	Smear League
Fri.	Oct. 25 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Bob Valley
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	Oct. 26 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	Oct. 27 th	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Lester Ness (4 th Anniv.)
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the People of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

77 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 13th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,030.00
Loose.....	101.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	60.00
Total.....	\$3,221.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	1,288.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	\$10.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal “56”.....	560.00
Harvest Dinner Donations.....	55.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal (57).....	9,225.00

CALLING ALL COOKS!

St. Joseph & St. Patrick’s Parish is looking for contestants to show off their skills and enter their chili in the 2nd Annual Chili Challenge. Call the parish office at 906-789-6244 to sign up! It will be held Tuesday, Oct. 29th.

**Harvest Dinner & Bazaar
Today, Sunday, October 20th
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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Oct. 26th** - An old man was asked what had most robbed him of joy in his life. His reply was "things that never happened."

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

St. Thomas Breakfast!

November 3rd, 9am - 12:30pm
1820 9th Ave North, Escanaba
\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12,
Ages 5 and under are FREE!
Please join us!

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.
To date we have received \$13,196 from 46 pledges. Please return your cards as soon as possible.

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

Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

Aquinas College Open House – Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m. to noon

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their families to our Open House on Saturday, November 2! Explore academic programs, connect with our faculty, staff & students, and tour our scenic campus. The event includes admissions and financial aid sessions, as well as a first-generation presentation. Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

PASTY NEWS

Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 8th and Saturday, Nov. 9th. 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 27th 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.