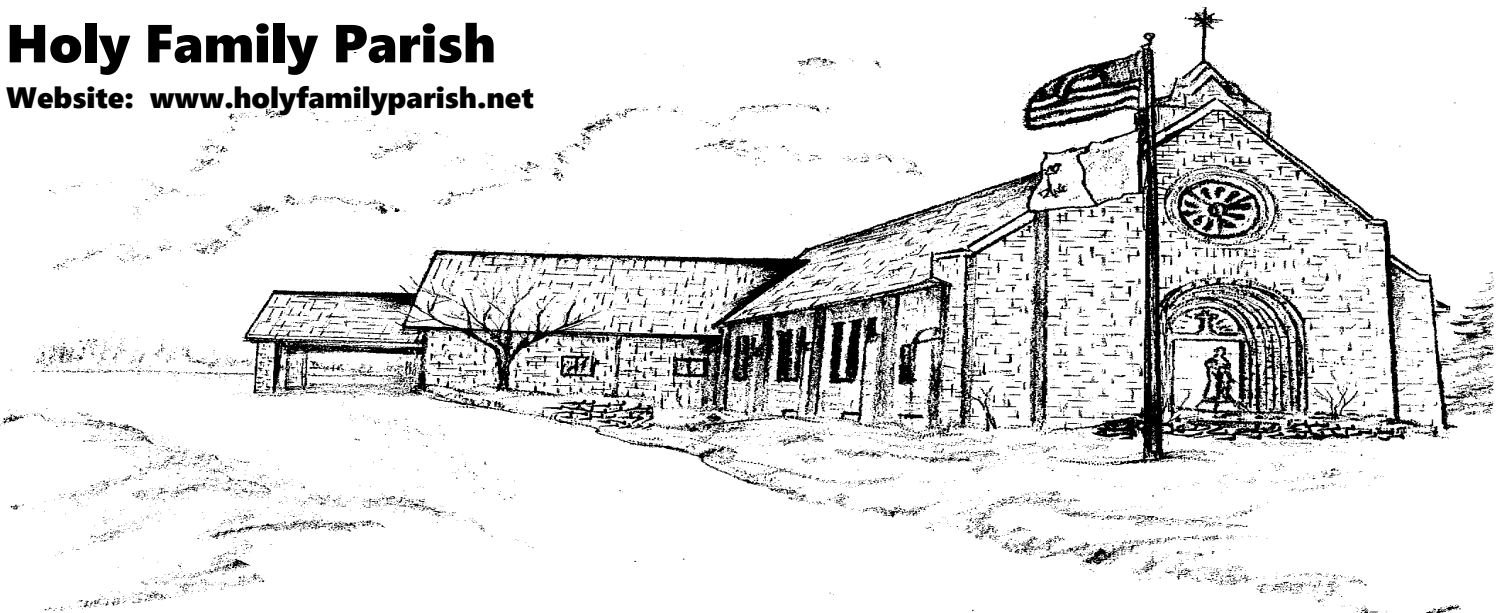


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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 26, 2025

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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

Luke 11: 29-36: Christ's discourse in these verses shows two things:—1. What is the *sign* we may *expect* from God for the *confirmation* of our *faith*. The great and most convincing proof of Christ's being sent of God, and which they were yet to wait for, after the many signs that had been given them, was the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Here is a reproof to the people for demanding other signs than what had already been given them in great plenty: *The people were gathered thickly together* (v. 29), a vast crowd of them, expecting not so much to have their consciences informed by the doctrine of Christ as to have their curiosity gratified by his miracles. Christ knew what brought such a multitude together; they came *seeking a sign*, they came to gaze, to have something to talk of when they went home; and it is an *evil generation* which nothing will awaken and convince, no, not the most sensible demonstrations of divine power and goodness.

2. A promise that yet there should be *one sign* more given them, different from any that had yet been given them, even the *sign of Jonah the prophet*, which in Matthew is explained as meaning the *resurrection of Christ*. As Jonah being cast into the sea, and lying there three days, and then coming up alive and preaching repentance to the Ninevites, was a sign to them, upon which they turned from their evil way, so shall the death and resurrection of Christ, and the preaching of his gospel immediately after to the Gentile world, be the last warning to the Jewish nation. If they be provoked to a *holy jealousy* by this, well and good; but, if this do not work upon them, let them look for nothing but utter ruin: *The Son of Man shall be a sign to this generation* (v. 30), a sign speaking to them, though a sign spoken against by them.

3. A warning to them to improve this sign; for it was at their peril if they did not. The *queen of Sheba* would *rise up in judgment against them*, and condemn *their unbelief*, v. 31. She was a stranger to the commonwealth of Israel, and yet so readily gave credit to the report she heard of the glories of a king

of Israel, that, notwithstanding the prejudices we are apt to conceive against foreigners, she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to *hear his wisdom*, not only to satisfy her curiosity, but to inform her mind, especially in the knowledge of the true God and his worship, which is upon record, to her honor; and, behold, a *greater than Solomon is here, pleion Solomontos —more than a Solomon is here*; and yet these stubborn Jews will give no manner of regard to what Christ says to them, though he be in the midst of them. The Ninevites would rise up in judgment against them, and condemn their impenitency (v. 32): They *repented at the preaching of Jonah*; but here is preaching which far exceeds that of Jonah's, is more powerful and awakening, and threatens a much sorer ruin than that of Nineveh, and yet none are startled by it, to turn *from their evil way*, as the Ninevites did.

What is the *sign* that God *expects* from us for the *evidencing* of our faith, and that is the serious practice of that religion which we profess to believe, and a readiness to entertain all divine truths, when brought to us in their proper evidence. They had *the light* with all the advantage they could desire. For God, having *lighted the lamp* of the gospel did not put it in a *secret place*, or *under a bushel*; Christ did not preach in corners. The apostles were ordered to preach the gospel to every creature. It is a great privilege that the light of the gospel is put on a *lamp-stand*, so that all that come in may *see it*, and may *see by it* where they are and whither they are going, and what is the true, and sure, and only way to happiness. Having the *light*, their concern was to have the *sight*, or else to what purpose had they the light? Be the *object* ever so *clear*, if the *organ* be not *right*, we are never the better: *The light of the body is the eye* (v. 34), which receives the light of the lamp when it is brought into the room. So the light of the soul is the understanding and judgment, and its power of discerning between good and evil, truth and falsehood. Now, according as this is, so the light of divine revelation is to us, and our benefit by it; it is a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 27 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	Oct. 28 th	<i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Wed.	Oct. 29 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Thurs.	Oct. 30 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Oct. 31 st	<i>Happy 76th Birthday Fr. Sebastian</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 1 st	<i>All Saints (not a Holy Day)</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Rudy Wencil
Sun.	Nov. 2 nd	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Tom & Florence Duffy

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

68 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 19th

Adults.....	\$2,765.00
Loose.....	211.00
General Maintenance.....	45.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Total.....	\$3,046.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,548.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 10.00

Donation..... 100.00

58th UPCS A Appeal..... 3,200.00

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

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 52 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$15,855 in pledges.

Congratulations to Harold & Cathy Flagstadt who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Saturday, October 25th. May the Lord Bless you with many more happy years.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Oct. 26th** - An old man was asked what had most robbed him of joy in his life. His reply was "things that never happened."
- Oct. 27th** - O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- Oct. 28th** - Do not worry about whether or not the sun will rise. Be prepared to enjoy it.
- Oct. 29th** - You shall judge a man by his foes as well as by his friends.
- Oct. 30th** - Take a tip from nature - man's ears weren't made to shut - his mouth was.
- Oct. 31st** - Good intentions are no substitute for action; failure usually follows the path of least persistence.
- Nov. 1st** - Lord, you are patient with me - even though I am slow to respond.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to families by providing food, money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Emmaus Walk Retreat for grieving parents will be held at St. Peter Cathedral on Saturday, November 1st. This powerful retreat is an opportunity for parents who have lost a child of any age – however long ago – to encounter the love of God in their loss. There is no charge, and it includes lunch and a catered dinner. We invite any Catholics who have experienced the devastating loss of a child, to register emfgp.org/11-01-25-marquette-mi-one-day-retreat-registration/ For more information, contact Tiffany Ampe at tampe@dioceseofmarquette.org (906) 379-3860.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Rom 8:12-17
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday
Rom 8:26-30
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday
Rom 8:31b-39
Lk 13:31-35

Friday
Rom 9:1-5
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday
Rv 7:2-4,9-14
1Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday
Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40

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>.

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.

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.