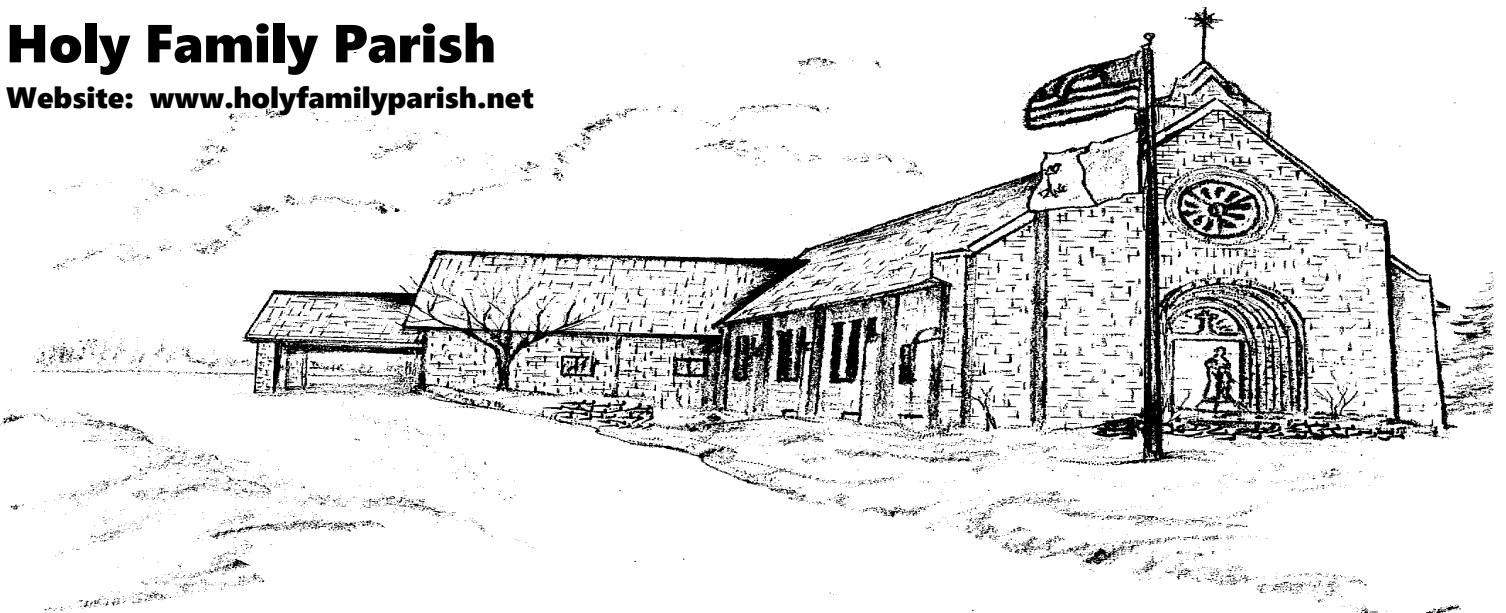


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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 27, 2024

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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.....

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 3:8: John knows that many of those coming out to be baptized have no intention of repenting of anything, nor do they believe that divine discipline will come. So he challenges the multitudes that if they really want the baptism of repentance (3:3), they should **bear fruits worthy of repentance**. They should prove that they are actually repenting of something by taking definite and concrete steps to admit their sin and turn from it. They should state what sin they are turning from, and explain what corrective changes they will make in their life. Such changes are the true *fruits*, or results, of *repentance*. Without such changes, repentance did not take place.

Many of the Jews, however, felt that it did not matter whether they had personal failures or not. They believed they could rest on their patriarchal heritage, rather than on personal holiness. There was a belief among some of the Jews that due to the great faith and obedience of certain Jewish forefathers, such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, God would never judge Israel. All Israel had part in the world to come. This sort of thinking is what John is referring to when he says; **do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'** Some even believed that in regard to eternal judgment, God had Abraham sit at the gate of hell to keep any Israelite from accidentally going there. Yet John does not want such

thoughts to even enter their mind and they should not claim Abraham is going to save them anyway.

The Jews believed that as the chosen people of God, they were necessary to accomplish the plan and will of God. They knew the Messiah would come through them and that they must inherit the earth and so God could never set them aside, or do away with them as a people, lest His promises fail. John's response is that God's Promises will never fail, for if God has to, **He is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones**. If John was speaking in Hebrew or Aramaic, there would be a word play here between "stones" and "children."

John probably has several allusions and images in mind with such a statement. First, the reference to *these stones* may refer to the twelve stones which were taken from the Jordan River by the Israelites when they entered the Promised Land with Joshua (Josh 4:2; 20-22; cf. 1 Kings 18:31-32; Evans 2003:72).

Second, John may be alluding to the prophetic image of God being able to use any person for His purposes, even if they have hearts of stone (Zech 7:12). God is not as concerned with family and lineage as with loyalty and faithfulness. God's children are not born at physical birth, but are transformed from the heart.

GREAT APPRECIATION AND THANKS!

I am very happy that, thanks to the hard work of so many people, our Harvest Dinner went very well. But the credit for the delicious meal goes solely to our dear Pam. I went around visiting people at every table and inquired as how they enjoyed the meal. All of them had very excellent opinion and appreciation over the taste of the meal and they enjoyed it well. On this occasion we remember with gratitude the long hours of the hard work of Pam behind this event. This year her choice of chicken as the main dish was a great decision and many commented on that. As there was nobody to serve the meal people could take as much as they wanted. On this occasion I greatly appreciate and thank Pam for her goodwill and hard work in preparing such a great meal. I also sincerely thank and appreciate her small crew as well as the parishioners who volunteered in different areas of dinner from beginning till the end. We did well with our raffle and I appreciate your co-operation in selling the tickets. My special thanks go to all of you who brought gifts for the bucket raffle.

With Love
Fr. Sebastian

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Oct. 28 th	<i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Oct. 29 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all the souls in purgatory
Wed.	Oct. 30 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bill & Agnes Beauchamp Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Oct. 31 st	<i>Happy Birthday Fr. Sebastian</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Francis Kudwa 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 1 st	<i>All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – In celebration of the 7 th Birthday of Stella Nieman 5:30 P.M. - Mass - For the People of our parish ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 2 nd	<i>8:00 A.M. - All Souls Day Mass</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Lester & Helen Ness
Sun.	Nov. 3 rd	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Duane & Nancy Marenger

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

70 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 20th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,267.00
Loose.....	1,156.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Total.....	\$4,448.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	61.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	6.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal “56”.....	50.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal (57).....	2,150.00



***Happy Birthday
Fr. Sebastian
October 31st***

***May the Lord bless you with many
more happy years! You have been
such a blessing to our parish!***

All Saints Day

This Friday, November 1st is All Saints Day which is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION for all Catholics. Our mass schedule is 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM.

All Souls Day

Next Saturday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. A Mass for all the Faithful departed will be offered at 8:00 AM. We will remember in particular those who have died this past year as we remember the dead at Mass on that day by lighting a candle in memory of them.

We invite everyone to attend this special Mass to remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

*Totals from the Harvest Dinner
will be in next week's bulletin*

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Nov. 2nd** - In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

This month, 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, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

St. Thomas Breakfast!

November 3rd, 9am - 12:30pm
1820 9th Ave North, Escanaba

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 \$16,295 from 56 pledges. Please return your cards as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

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

Wednesday

Eph 6:1-9
Lk 13:22-30

Friday

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

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33
Lk 13:18-21

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20
Lk 13:31-35

Saturday

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

Sunday

Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

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.

We are taking MONETARY DONATIONS this year for the Pasties. All the supplies will be picked up

HARVEST RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st – Dana Gartland
2nd – Laurie Brunette
3rd – Ben Smith
4th – Jason VanDrese
5th – July LaFleur
6th – Sharon Chenier
7th – Deborah Verbrigghe