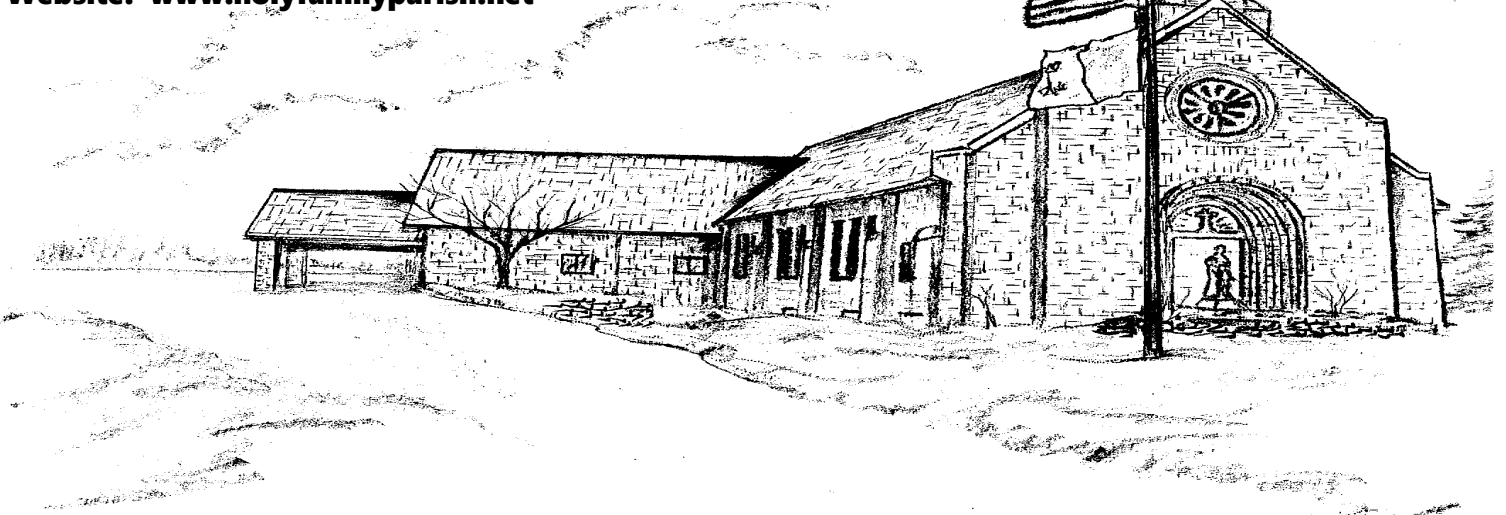


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All Saints – November 1, 2026

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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, Denise Seymour
Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit, Carissa & Weston, Jacob Smith*

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

CORRECT POSTURE DURING THE “OUR FATHER” (THE LORD’S PRAYER) AT MASS

Hello there, during a discussion at OCIA class, a question arose about the correct posture during the “OUR FATHER” (The Lord’s Prayer) at Mass. I would like to take this opportunity to explain it briefly here.

At the celebration of Mass, the entire congregation stands to pray the Lord’s Prayer at the invitation of the presider, the Priest celebrant. The fact is that, the bodily posture of standing is a universal prescription but the official liturgical guidelines are notably silent with regard to the specific hand gestures of the congregation. Because the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) does not outline a mandatory hand position for the people, several customs have developed (some in imitation of what protestants and Pentecostals do), leading to a great deal of variation from parish to parish. However, GIRM teaches that the gestures and bodily posture of both the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers (servers), and also of the faithful, must be conducive to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, to making clear the true and full participation of all.

COMMON POSTURES AMONG THE LAY FAITHFUL WE SEE

I. Folded Hands (Traditional): this is the most traditional, universally accepted posture for the laity as they pray, that is, praying with hands joined or folded together (palms pressed together with thumbs crossed, or fingers intertwined). This is the standard posture or reverence across the Mass whenever a specific gesture is not explicitly instructed.

II. Hands Outstretched (Orans Posture): this posture has become very common in many modern parishes for the laity, extending their arms outward and upward with palms facing up, a practice known as ORANS posture. ORANS in Latin means “praying”. The priest adopts this stance because he acts “In Persona Christi” (in the person of Christ) and intercedes on behalf of the congregation. Therefore this posture at the “OUR FATHER” at Mass is proper to the priest.

III. Holding Hands: there are some parishes where you find families or adjacent church attendees holding hands across the pews while praying the Lord’s Prayer together.

The ORANS posture in the Catholic Tradition during the Lord’s Prayer at Mass is reserved to the priest and priest concelebrants. The GIRM explicitly instructs the priest celebrant and concelebrating priests to pray the “Our Father” with hands extended. Liturgical documents like ECCLESIAE DE MYSTERIO states that gestures proper to the priest should not be unthinkingly adopted by the laity to maintain distinct liturgical roles.

However, the USCCB notes that since no uniform assembly gesture is officially prescribed individuals generally follow local parish custom or personal preference. I, therefore, strongly suggest that as a parish we adopt a uniform way of praying the “OUR FATHER” during Mass, that is, the most traditional, universally accepted posture: FOLDED HANDS, #1 above.

Thank you for paying attention to this. If you forget yourself just look at the posture of the Deacon at Mass, and especially as we pray the “Our Father” and do same.

Fr. Michael

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 2 nd	<i>All Souls Day</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 6:00 P.M. - Mass - For all the Departed Souls from our parish during the last year
Tues.	Nov. 3 rd	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gary Simison 6:00 P.M. - OCIA Class ----- Parish Office Closed
Wed.	Nov. 4 th	<i>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lester & Helen Ness, Jr. Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:00 AM - Play Group here hosting story time until 1:00 pm
Thurs.	Nov. 5 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of the Martin Family 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family men's club meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 6 th	<i>First Friday - No Adoration</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a special intention 3:30 P.M. - <i>Peeling veggies for the pasties</i> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 7 th	<i>First Saturday -No Mass</i> 7:30 A.M. - <i>Starting to make pasties</i> 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Lawrence & Joyce Viau
Sun.	Nov. 8 th	<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Max Whitney

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

53 envelopes returned for Oct. 25, 2026

Adults.....	\$1,932.00
Loose.....	297.00
General Maintenance.....	45.00
Fuel.....	120.00
Total.....	\$2,394.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,661.53
Short.....	\$2,267.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	454.00
58 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	-0-
59 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$1,135.00
Mass Stipends.....	\$ 340.00
Bucket Raffle.....	\$3,087.00

ALL SOULS DAY

This Monday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. A Mass for all the Faithful departed will be offered at 6:00 PM. 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.

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.

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

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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

Nov. 3rd - In seeking happiness for others, you find it for yourself.

Nov. 4th - In labors of love, every day is pay day.

Nov. 5th - A poor listener seldom hears a good sermon.

Nov. 6th - He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity, will revolutionize the world.

Nov. 7th - Optimism is the handmaiden of faith. Together, they help us see the light at the end of tunnels yet to be built.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, we hear that the poor and suffering are especially blessed. As Blessed Frédéric Ozanam said, “the blessing of the poor is the blessing of God.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope, please pray for the blessing of the poor.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Coats for Kids Program

The Knights of Columbus Escanaba Council 640 will be holding their annual Coats For Kids drive. We are looking for donations of gently used or new coats to help out those in the area who need a warm coat for the winter. Please bring in your donations the weekend of Nov 7-8th to church. There will be a box and someone there to take your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

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

To date we have received 72 cards back with a total pledge of \$29,245. That leaves us with a balance of \$15,034.54 with 104 cards still out. That is an average of \$406.18 per pledge.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

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

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a
Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

Wil 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

Holy Family to Host Story Time!

Bring your little ones for a morning of faith and fun! Join the Escanaba Area Catholic Playgroup at Holy Family Church in Flat Rock for prayer, stories, and fellowship. Moms, dads, grandparents, and other caregivers are all welcome to bring children!

When: First Wednesday of each month, beginning November 4, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact:
Megan Hansen: 906-280-2665, Heidi Swanson: 906-399-5461

Join Bishop John Doerfler, Deacon Steve & Jackie Gretzinger on a spectacular journey to Sicily and Rome on October 19-28, 2027! Enjoy Italian cuisine. Celebrate Mass in breathtaking shrines, churches & cathedrals while taking in unrivaled views in Sicily and Rome like Palermo, Monreale, Neapolis Archaeological Park, Catania. We'll tour religious sites like Vatican Museum, Holy Stairs, Roman Forum, Piazza del Duomo, Shrine of Our Lady of Tears, Cave Church of Santa Rosalia, St. Peter's Basilica and much more. Price includes airfare from Chicago O'Hare (motorcoach available from Menominee, MI). Our Pilgrimage includes excellent hotel accommodations and delicious meals. Deposit is due December 15, 2026. For a complete itinerary, pricing and registration information, visit: www.petersway.com/1496.html or contact Megan at Peter's Way Tours / 516-605-1551 ext. 18 / megan@petersway.com