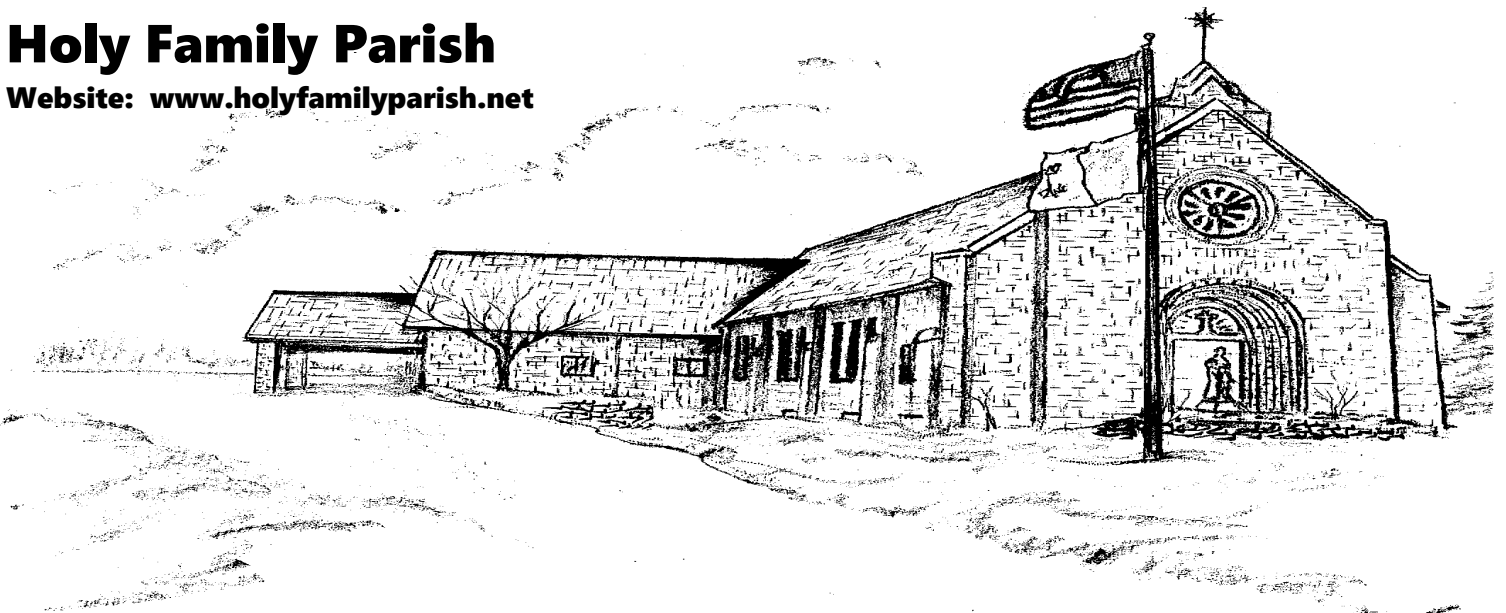


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The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – November 2, 2025

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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Gerald Miron Piper Desy

Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

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: 37-44: WORSHIP OF DETAILS AND NEGLECT OF THINGS THAT MATTER.

The Pharisee was surprised that Jesus did not wash his hands before eating. This was not a matter of cleanliness but of the ceremonial law. The law laid it down that before a man ate he must wash his hands in a certain way and that he must also wash them between the courses. As usual every littlest detail was worked out. Large stone vessels of water were specially kept for the purpose because ordinary water might be unclean; the amount of water used must be at least a quarter of a log, that is, enough to fill one and a half egg-shells. First the water must be poured over the hands beginning at the tips of the fingers and running right up to the wrist. Then the palm of each hand must be cleansed by rubbing the fist of the other into it. Finally, water must again be poured over the hand, this time beginning at the wrist and running down to the fingertips. To the Pharisee, to omit the slightest detail of this was to sin. Jesus' comment was that, if they were as particular about cleansing their hearts as they were about washing their hands, they would be better men.

There were certain dues which the meticulously orthodox would never omit to pay.

a) The first fruits of the soil. The first fruits of the seven kinds--wheat, barley, vines, fig-trees, pomegranates, olives and honey--were offered in the Temple.

(b) There was the Terumah. The first fruits were given to God, but the Terumah was a contribution to the upkeep of the priests. It was the presentation of the first fruits of every growing thing. The amount to be given was one-fiftieth of the total yield.

c) There was the tithe. The tithe was paid directly to the Levites, who, in turn, paid a tithe of what they received to the priests. It was one-tenth of "everything that can be used as food and is cultivated and grows out of the earth." The meticulousness of the Pharisees in tithing is shown by the fact that even the law said it was not necessary to tithe rue. No matter what their

inner hearts and feelings were like, however much they neglected justice and forgot love, they never omitted the tithe.

The chief seats at the synagogue were the seats out in front facing the audience. In the congregation itself the best seats were at the front and they decreased in honor the further back they got. The advantage of these seats was that they could be seen by all! The Pharisees made sure that they got the seats on the stage facing the people and they displayed their piety to the people to see and appreciate them. The more exaggerated the respect of the greetings the Pharisees received in the streets the better they were pleased.

The point of [Luke 11:44](#) is this. [Numbers 19:16](#) lays it down that "*whoever in the open field touches a grave shall be unclean seven days.*" To be unclean was to be debarred from all religious worship. Now, it might be that a man might touch a grave without knowing that he was doing it. That did not matter; its touch made him unclean. Jesus said that the Pharisees were exactly like those graves in the open. Although men might not know it their influence, as they come in contact with them they also become corrupted by those Pharisees.

Two things stand out about the Pharisees and for these two things Jesus condemned them.

(i) They concentrated on externals. So long as the externals of religion were carried out that was all that mattered. Their hearts might be as black as hell; they might be utterly lacking in charity and even in justice; but so long as they went through the correct motions at the correct time they considered themselves good in the eyes of God. A man may be regular in his church attendance; he may be a diligent student of his Bible; he may be a generous giver to the church; but if in his heart there are thoughts of pride and of contempt, he is not a real Christian.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 3 rd	<i>Saint Martin de Pores, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Nov. 4 th	<i>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets
Wed.	Nov. 5 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Thurs.	Nov. 6 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Kristen Mercier 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men's Meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 7 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – John King ----- Parish Office closed 4:00 P.M. - Peeling Veggies for Pasty Making
Sat.	Nov. 8 th	8:00 A.M. - Start making pasties 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Bill Smith
Sun.	Nov. 9 th	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Larry Beauchamp

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

64 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 26th

Adults.....	\$2,524.00
Loose.....	252.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	<u>25.00</u>
Total.....	\$2,801.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,793.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	524.00
Bucket Raffle.....	\$2,477.00
58 th UPCS Appeal.....	\$4,825.00

A huge thank you to all who donated baskets and bought tickets. Our profit was \$2,477.00

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

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH

We will have our monthly meeting this Tuesday, Nov. 4th at 6:30 P.M. We will have a short meeting with a video presentation. Church area is in charge of snacks. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

HARVEST DINNER RESULTS

We served 280 adults and 20 students.

Money taken in -	\$4,346.00
Food bought	22.00
Monetary Donations	<u>975.00</u>
Total Money	\$5,343.00
Less Expenses	<u>\$1,364.56</u>
PROFIT	\$3,978.44

Raffle tickets sold	\$9,110.00
Less Prize money	<u>3,000.00</u>
PROFIT	\$6,110.00

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Nov. 8th** - We lose the peace of years when we hunt after the rapture of moments.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus promises not to reject anyone who comes to Him, for this is the will of His Father.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

It's that time again to renew THE WORD AMONG US. If you would like a subscription, please contact the parish office. It will still be \$20 for the year.

The annual Upper Peninsula Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA) is underway. This year, Holy Family Parish has a parish goal of \$44,521.15. We have received 61 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$21,605 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$22,916.15 to achieve.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Rom 11:29-36
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday
Rom 12:5-16b
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday
Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus Council 640 would like to thank all who donated coats for the 'Coats for Kids'. With your generosity, the Knights will donate 151 coats to the St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Basket program for families in need. Thank you again for your support.

Christmas Wreath Sale

The Knights of Columbus Council 640 will be holding a Christmas wreath sale starting Nov 1st and ending Nov 23rd. The wreaths will be made by Roger Cheiner. Quantity is limited so order yours as soon as possible. There will be order forms at Escanaba area churches. Cost per wreath is \$30. For more information contact Tom Desy at 906-399-3138.

