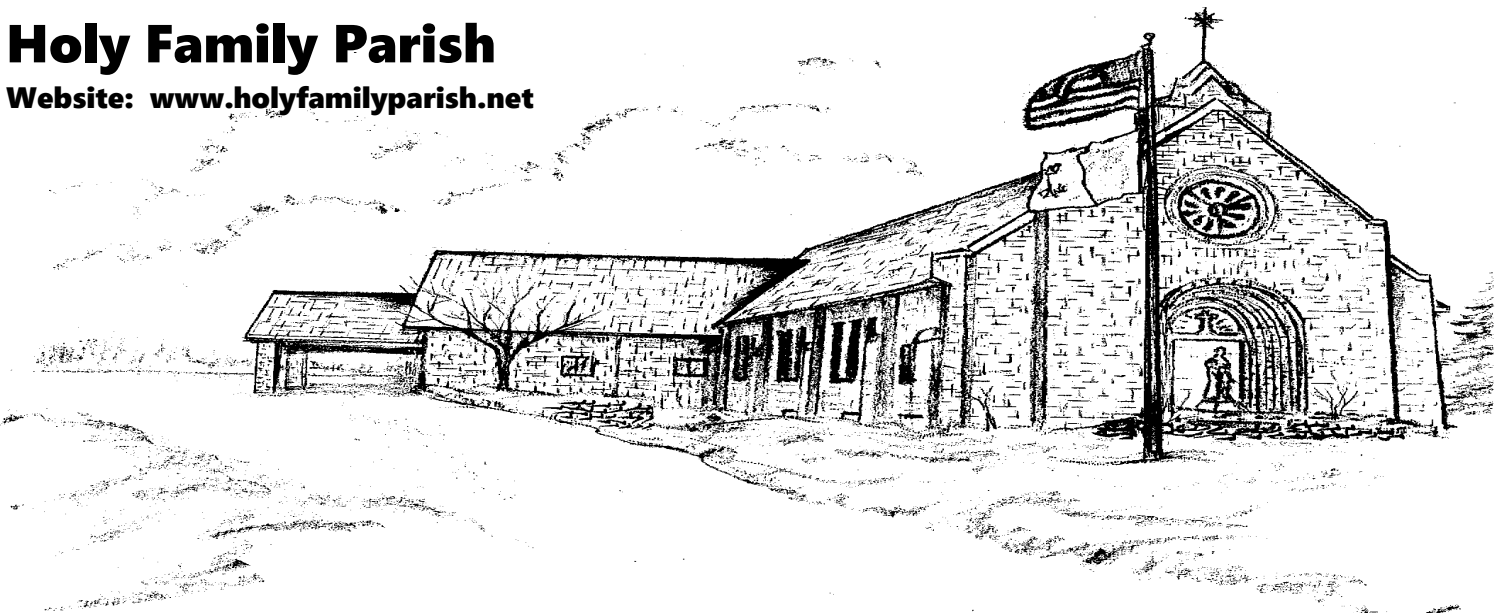


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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 3, 2024

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

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Finance Council Members

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.....

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

(Before you start reading the commentary of a particular verse, please, make sure you read the verse/verses first, so that you may understand it better. It is impossible for me to quote the verse, as I am limited with space).

3:9. Therefore, the Israelites must be careful, because **even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees.** It is uncertain whether John has particular types of trees in mind with this image, but in Jewish imagery, Israelite leadership and the nation as a whole is often portrayed as a tree, specifically, a fig tree (Hos 9:10). When every man had his own fig tree, it was a symbol of national peace and property (1 Kings 4:25; 2 Kings 18:31; Micah 4:4; Zech 3:10). Therefore, if the trees were cut down, it indicated judgment and discipline, often at the hands of enemies (Jer 2:21-22; Hos 10:1-2; Joel 1:12). John is saying here that just as **every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down,** so also, if the nation does not produce the fruit of repentance, they too will be cut down. Later in His ministry, Jesus told a similar parable (cf. Luke 13:6-9), and caused a fruitless fig tree to wither, symbolizing what would happen to the fruitless nation of Israel (Matt 21:19-21).

John goes on to say that when a fruitless tree is cut down, it is **thrown into the fire.** As with most of the references to *fire* in Scripture, this is not a reference to hell, but a way of speaking about temporal divine discipline on earth (cf. similar prophetic speech in Malachi 3:2; 4:1; Jerimiah 22:7). “Both Jerimiah 11:16 and Ezekiel 15:6-7 used the image to speak of the consuming destruction that crushed the nation and produced the exile... In the New Testament as well, fire is a picture of consuming destruction (Luke 3:17; 9:54; 17:29; Matt 5:22, 29; John 15:6). This is what John speaks of here, and what began to happen to Israel in 70 AD with the destruction of Jerusalem. The bottom line of John’s message is that being the elect nation of God was not enough to save them from His discipline. If the people did not repent and change their ways, discipline and judgment would come.

3:10. Many of the people who heard John’s words were convinced of their need to repent, and so **asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?”** In response, John provides three admonitions about what could be done to show the fruit of repentance. These admonitions struck at some of the core political, religious, and social issues of that day, but primarily at the issue of finances and greed. The people were greedy, and needed to repent and turn from their greed by being generous, honest and content. He does not call the crowd to his ascetic lifestyle, nor does he call for a commitment to a series of ritual religious acts, nor does he point to the sacrifices associated with the Jewish faith. Rather, he points to meeting the needs of others. **True “religion” is not about doing things to please and appease God, in singing many songs and attending numerous meetings, but is found in being a blessing to others, serving them, and meeting their needs, especially for those less fortunate than ourselves (cf. James 1:27).**

3:11. The first admonition was directed toward the people in general. It had no specific target group, but was intended for all. John **said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.”** John instructs the people to be generous with their possessions, to share with those who have less. People tend to hoard possessions out of greed or for a sense of personal security. John could see the rich getting richer and the poor poorer. A start had to be made to get things back on track. Such a start begins, not with changing laws, electing officials, or public demonstrations, but by followers of God doing what is right in their own lives with their own possessions. John instructs the people that the proper fruit of repentance for those who own more than others is to give some of their food and possessions away.
(We will continue)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 4 th	<i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Nov. 5 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Vernon Ford 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meets ----- Parish Office closed
Wed.	Nov. 6 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lawrence Viau Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Nov. 7 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 8 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Pat Beauchamp 5:30 P.M. - <i>Mass - Peeling Veggies for Pasties</i> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 9 th	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 8:00 A.M. - <i>Starting to make pasties</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass –Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Nov. 10 th	<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass –For the People of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass –Larry Beauchamp

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

67 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct. 27th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,658.00
Loose.....	267.00
General Maintenance.....	35.00
Fuel.....	<u>25.00</u>
Total.....	\$2,985.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	1,524.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	505.00
Harvest Dinner Donation.....	100.00
Bucket Raffle.....	2,169.00

The NEW subscription for **THE WORD AMONG US** will start January of 2025. If you would like to have a subscription through the church please contact the parish office by the end of November. The price is \$20 per subscription.

REPORT ON THE 2024 HARVEST DINNER

We served 240 people making a profit of \$2,700.

Large Raffle – Sold 1,943 tickets
557 tickets not returned.
Took in \$9,715 less \$3,000 in prizes making a profit of \$6,715.00

Bucket Raffle – Made a profit of \$2,169.00

We would like to thank everyone who supported by coming to the dinner, buying tickets, donating, etc. Without your support none of this would be possible!

PASTY NEWS

Next weekend we are making pasties. Please check the sign up sheets to see where help is needed. We are also taking monetary donations this year!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Nov. 9th - Faults are thick when love is thin.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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 \$19,545 from 67 pledges. Please return your cards as soon as possible.

This Tuesday, Nov. 5th, the Ladies Altar Society will meet at 6:30 PM We will have guest speaker, Jenna Eastin from Skradski Family Funeral Home to give a presentation on the Benefits of prearranging your funeral, and other topics. Everyone is invited to attend. *Danforth area is in charge of snacks.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Phil 2:1-4
Lk 14:12-14

Wednesday

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

Friday

Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 16:1-8

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

Holy Family Meal Train Ministry

If you are expecting a new child, recovering from serious illness, or anticipating a major surgery, please contact Heidi so we can provide short-term meal service to you. If you know of anyone in need, please consider being an advocate by suggesting the service to them or by reaching out to us directly. Please note, if the person/family in need prefers discretion, we have some options to consider. Contact Heidi at 399-5461.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Wreaths after Masses beginning November 3rd. Cost is \$30 for a 24 inch wreath. Pick up dates for the wreaths is Monday November 24 or Monday Dec 2 at St Annes garage. Payment due at time of pick up. For more information or ordering, contact Tom Desy at 906 399 3138. Thank you for your support.

What: "Donuts with the Diocese"

Led by Megan O'Connor, Director of Missionary Stewardship, the program involves her traveling to each vicariate to foster conversations with parishioners and strengthen church community relationships. The gatherings, centered around sharing donuts and coffee, aim to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all parishioners.

When: Monday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST

Where: St. Anne Parish
817 S Lincoln Rd, Esby