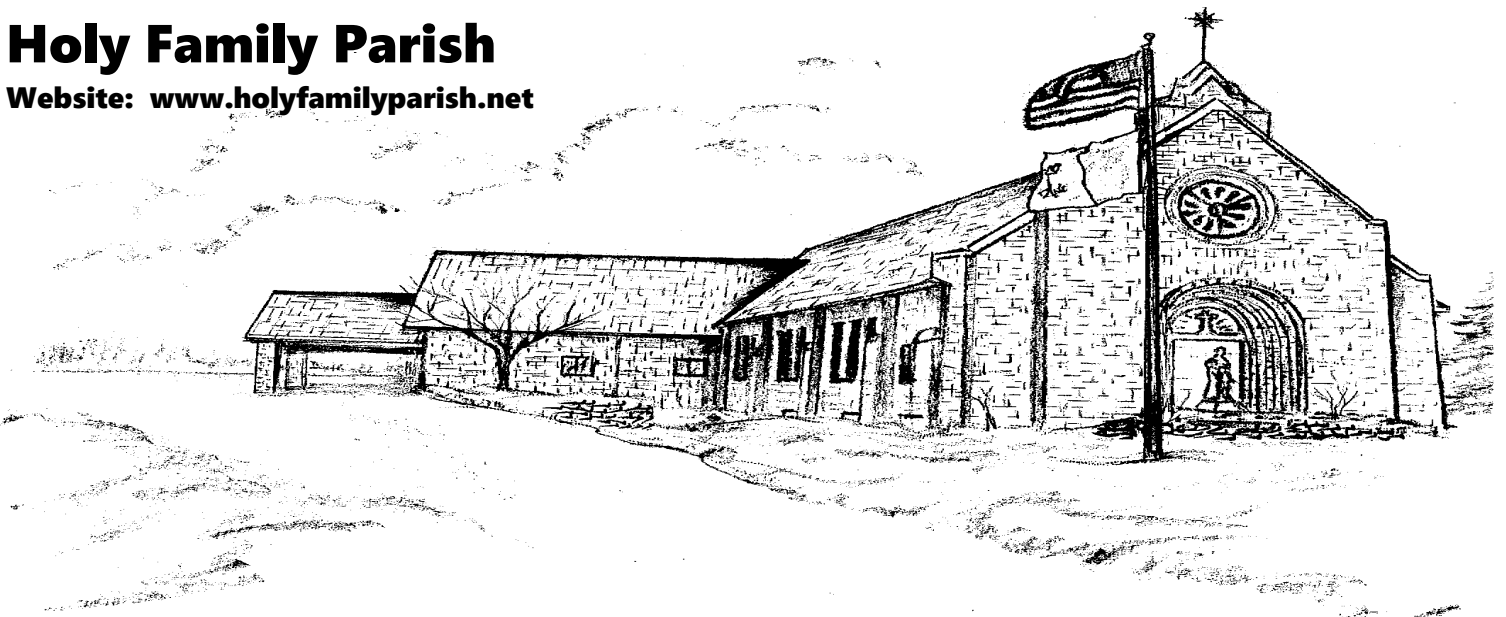


# Holy Family Parish

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## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 5, 2023

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
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### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### 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.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan*

*Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Jean Way*

*Amanda, Mike Mosher, Shelly Polaczyk*

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.

# CATECHETICAL CORNER

## Mary Mother of God

Catholic Church has given Mary the title ‘**Theotokos means Mother of God or the one who gave birth to God.**’ Our Protestant brethren very strongly oppose this title of Mary. According to them Mary is the Mother of Jesus, the human person and God cannot have a Mother. Even many Catholics fail to understand this title. The first objection against this title arose in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, due to the confusion concerning the Mystery of the Incarnation. Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople (428-431) incited a major controversy. He stated that Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, a regular human person, period. To this human person was united the person of the Word of God (the divine Jesus). This union of two persons –the human Christ and the divine Word- was sublime and unique but merely accidental. The divine person dwelt in the human person as in a temple. Following his own reasoning, Nestorius asserted that human Jesus died on the cross, not the divine Jesus. As such Mary is not the Mother of God but simply the Mother of the human Jesus. Thus Nestorius divided Jesus into two persons, the human and divine, which was against the teaching of the Church. The Church holds the doctrine that Jesus is one person, but with two natures, divine and human. So the theory of Nestorius was condemned as a heresy.

This controversy became confusing to the faithful too. So on June 22, 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus convened to settle this argument of Nestorius. The Council declared, **“If anyone does not confess that the Emmanuel is truly God and therefore that the holy Virgin is the Mother of God (Theotokos), since she begot according to the flesh the Word of God made flesh, anathema sit-means excommunication.”** Therefore, the Council officially recognized that Jesus is one person, with two natures – human and divine-united in a true union. Secondly, the Council affirmed that our Blessed Mother can rightfully be called the Mother of God. **Mary is not the Mother of God the Father or the Holy Spirit; rather she is the Mother of God, the second Person of the Trinity, Jesus. For, we believe that Jesus Christ, the Second Person of God is truly God. In that case, Mary can be called the Mother of God.** The Council of Ephesus declared Nestorius a heretic and the Emperor Theodosius ordered him deposed and exiled. Interestingly enough, small Nestorian communities still exist in Iraq, Iran and Syria. No doubt, more than any other saints in Church we give high honor to Mary as a Co-redeemer with Jesus.

## LIFE AFTER DEATH

**Death:** Death is the uninvited guest or unwanted reality in our life. No culture would like to think about or talk about death. At the same time it is the undisputed reality in our life. Human beings who are the believers are curious to know what happens to us after our death. Many asks the questions, is there a life after death? If it is what type of life is that? Is there a place called heaven and hell? If they exist, what sort of life we have there? Does everybody go to heaven? Is anyone condemned to hell? In short life after death is an unresolved mystery for human beings. So in this article we will go through these questions based on the official teachings of the Church and Apostolic Tradition.

Death is the dissolution of the union between the soul and the body which must happen to every human being at the end of his/her life. The author of the letter to the Hebrews 9:27 says, *“Just it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this is the Judgment.”* So it is clear that with the death everything is over; rather one has to stand before the Judgment Seat of God to be judged by one’s deeds, good or bad. The very certainty of death never allows men to forget it. Moreover, each succeeding generation has pondered the question ‘What happens after death?’

(To be continued next week).

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. – NO Mass
Tues.	Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass – Parish Office closed 6:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society meeting
Wed.	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass 6:30 P.M. - CCD Class for grades 1 thru 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs.	Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></b> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Bill Smith <b>7:00 P.M. - Smear League</b>
Fri.	Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Larry Beauchamp ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Veterans Day</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – William Lancour Family
Sun.	Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 9:00 A.M.- Coffee Social after the 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM - Mass – Nancy Marenger & For the Veterans 11:00 AM- Coffee Social honoring the Veterans

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

80 envelopes returned for Sunday, Oct.30<sup>th</sup>

Adult Offering.....	\$ 3,516.00
Loose.....	332.00
Fuel.....	105.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,953.00</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$4,389.42</b>
<b>Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$ 436.42</b>

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	517.00
Funeral Luncheon Reimbursement.....	114.53

**ATTENTION VETERANS**

There will be a special Mass honoring all Veterans next Sunday at 10:00 AM. Immediately following Mass we will have a light reception in the church basement for everyone to come down and enjoy!

**ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH**

We will have our monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM We invite all women to come join us. Danforth area is in charge of snacks.

November Ultreya  
When: November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7:00 PM and St. Annes Parish Hall

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** - A poor listener seldom hears a good sermon.
- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>** - He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity, will revolutionize the world.
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Optimism is the handmaiden of faith. Together, they help us see the light at the end of tunnels yet to be built.
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** - We lose the peace of years when we hunt after the rapture of moments.
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Faults are thick when love is thin.
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Christianity is the highest perfection of humanity.
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

### Adult Faith Formation

**Each Wednesday** from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Where** – Holy Name Grade School, Commons Area Live Stream or recorded class @ Facebook; Type in Escanaba Faith Formation in the search bar.

The above Adult Faith Formation Classes are canceled until November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Fire Starter's Catholic Young Adult Group is for people in their 20's and 30's in Delta County. This group welcomes all including young families. They have monthly gatherings and share the Word in each other's lives. For more information please contact Megan Hansen at 906-280-2665 or find them on Facebook

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

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

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

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

**Thursday**  
Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12  
1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17

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

**Sunday**  
Wis 6:12-16  
1 Thes 4:13-18  
Mt 25:1-13



**U.P. Catholic  
Services Appeal**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual U.P. Catholic Services Appeal has started. Our goal for this year is \$41,006.97. Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards. *To date we have received 66 pledges totaling \$24,980. Thank you! There are still 108 outstanding cards.*

St. Thomas Breakfast  
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,  
Potatoes, Toast, Coffee & Juice  
\$9 ages 13 & up; \$6 ages 6-12 5 and under free

### Knights of Columbus Council #640

We wish to welcome new brother Knights, Andrew Simon and Preston Barstow who recently joined our Escanaba Council.

### Fourth Degree Message:

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation and thank all those who served in the Military on Veterans Day, November 11th.

For more information on joining the Knights please contact Harold Flagstadt at hflagstadt@gmail.com