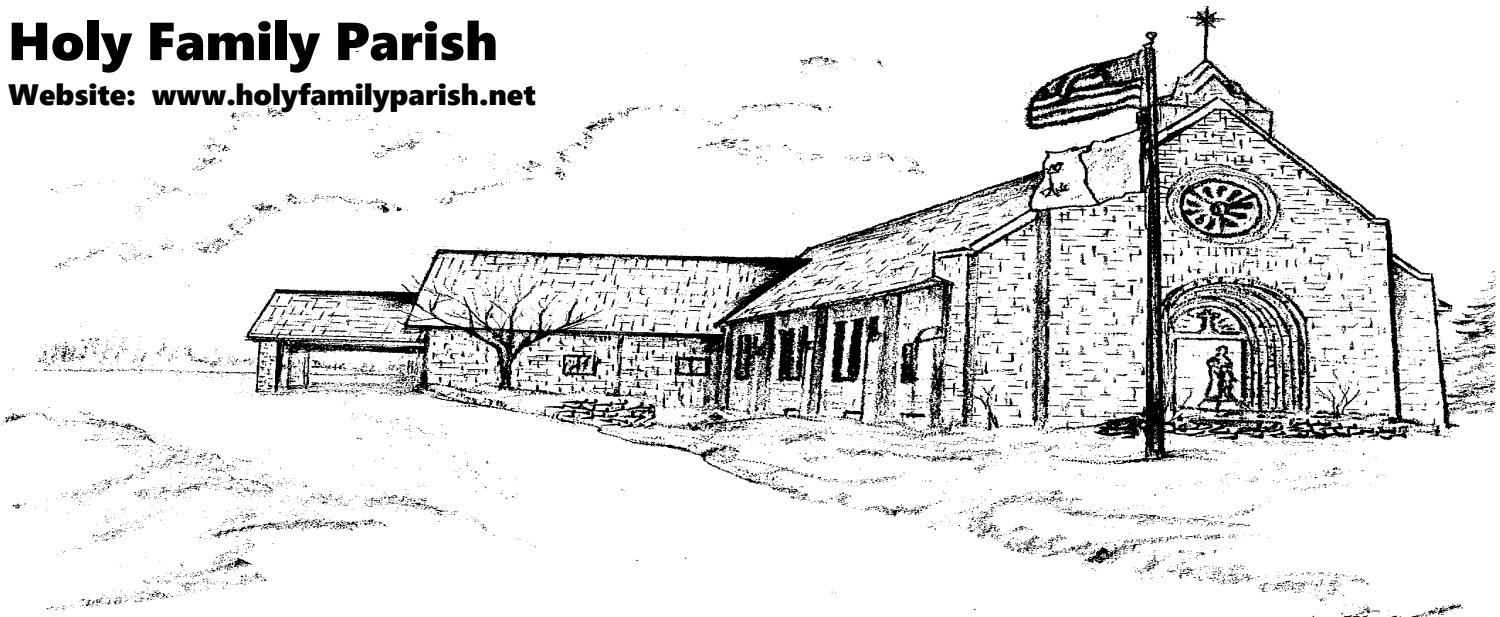
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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2026

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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. 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 Robitaillie, Rose Beauchamp, Denise Seymour
Linda Benoit, Carissa & Weston
If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mat 25:1-13

TOO LATE

Today's Mass readings direct us to be on the alert all the time because this life will come to an end suddenly. The readings are a warning about preparations for the end of our life. We are to search and watch and grow in lively dynamic faith in God who controls the world we live in. Don't wait till it's **TOO LATE.**

We are advised to search for true wisdom in the Bible; this wisdom regulates all life, life in this world and life to come. This wisdom is Divine and it is given by the Author of Life himself. When you find or accept Divine Wisdom, grow in it through faith in the One who gives it. Don't wait; it may be **too late**. Paul advises us that living and growing in Wisdom of God (Christian Wisdom), we should remember that Jesus' death and resurrection is so powerful that all who believe in him will have life because Jesus saves. But Jesus' saving power is not given without preparation; anyone who wants to be saved by Divine Wisdom must stand in readiness for it.

The exhortations in the first and second readings take us to Jesus' parable in the gospel. From the point of view of today's western world, the parable appears to be a "made-up" story. But this is a story which could have happened any time in any Palestinian village in those days and which could happen even today. On the wedding day the bridegroom went to the bride's house for the ceremony; then the bride and groom, along with a great procession, returned to the groom's house where a feast took place, often lasting a full week. They were treated, and even addressed, as prince and princess. Their chosen friends were admitted to the festivities of the week. These ten virgins were waiting to join the procession, and they hoped to take part in the wedding banquet. But when the groom didn't come at the expected time, five of them were out of lamp oil. By the time they had purchased extra oil, it was **too late** to join the feast. It was this joyous week that the foolish virgins missed because they were unprepared.

My dear brothers and sisters, what can we learn or what admonition is Jesus giving to us as we approach the end of our life? When Jesus returns to take his people to heaven, we must be ready. Spiritual preparation cannot be bought or borrowed at the last minute. Our relationship with God must be our own. We learn from this parable that there are certain things we cannot obtain at the last minute. Teachers know very well that students cannot be preparing when examination day is at hand. Also no one can take up a task or job that he has not prepared for or a job for which he doesn't have the skill. There are many jobless people because they don't have the skills or the characters required for available jobs. Whatever job you want to pursue you must prepare for it. You cannot say to yourself that "when I get the job I will prepare for it." That is not possible. Similarly, we shouldn't leave our spiritual life to the back burner such that it will be **too late** to prepare ourselves to meet with God. Brothers and sisters, to be **too late** is always a tragedy.

The other aspect of this great parable is that we cannot borrow certain items. You see, the foolish virgins couldn't borrow lamp oil when they ran out of it. Our relationship with God is like lamp oil; without the oil the lamp wont burn. Therefore, friends, we cannot borrow a relationship with our God. Each individual needs to possess that relationship for himself. Who can borrow a character? You must clothe yourself with the character you want. The fact is that you cannot live on spiritual wealth one has acquired for himself. I cannot clothe you with my spiritual wealth; you have to acquire for yourself what fits you. At best, I can pray for you but I cannot clothe you with the spiritual character I have acquired.

Brothers and sisters, there is no chime so full of regret as the resounding of the words, **TOO LATE.**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 9th	***The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***	
		8:00 A.M. -	**NO Mass**
		1:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent dePaul Society Meets
		2:30 P.M. -	Ladies Altar Society meeting
		6:00 P.M. -	Ladies Altar Society meeting
Tues.	Nov. 10th	***Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church***	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Cecilia Terrien
		6:00 P.M. -	OCIA Class
Wed.	Nov. 11th	***Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop***	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all souls in Purgatory
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Nov. 12th	***Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr***	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Lester & Helen Ness, Jr.
		7:00 P.M. -	Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 13th	***Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin***	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Larry Beauchamp
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Sat.	Nov. 14th	3:00 P.M. –	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Nov. 15th	***Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the People of our Parish
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Dan Chouinard

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes returned for Nov. 1, 2026

Adults……	$4,132.00
Loose…….	520.00
General Maintenance…….	225.00
Fuel…….	320.00
Total……	**$5,197.00**
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	**$4,661.53**
Over.....……	**$ 535.47**
St. Vincent DePaul Society…….	215.00
59th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal…..	$1,285.00
All Souls……..	$ 130.00

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.

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.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY….November 9th meeting will be SNOOPS, so bring a bagged $5 gift if you'd like to join in. Everyone brings a snack and it always works out to an array of tasty delights.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies Altar Society will be having a BAKE SALE next weekend Nov. 14th & 15th after all the Masses. If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring them to church with you packaged and marked. There are also sign up sheets at the back of church if you would like to work.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Nov. 10th - Christianity is the highest perfection of humanity.

Nov. 11th - Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.

Nov. 12th - My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people; Those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition there.

Nov. 13th - Ideas are funny little things, They won't work unless you do.

Nov. 14th - And when in the mansions above, The saved all around me appear, I'd like to hear somebody say; It was you who invited me here.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.



Family Adoration Night

A special evening for families with young children to grow in faith together. It will be held at All Saints Church, Gladstone on Thursday, November 12. Potluck dinner at 5:15 pm. Please bring a dish to share. To sign up to bring a dish, email flathmegan@gmail.com There will be adoration in the church at 6:00 PM. Lean about Adoration in a child-friendly way, kid-friendly music, prayer prompts for families. There will be a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Each child will go home with a small token. All families are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Tuesday
Ti 2:1-8,11-14
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday
Ti 3:1-7
Lk 17-11-19

Thursday
Phlm 7-20
Lk 17:20-25

Friday
2 Jn 4-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
3 Jn 5-8
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday
Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

Immediate Job Opportunity
Director of Faith Formation
Mid-August through mid-May
Tuesday - Thursday, 15-19 hours/week

Coordinates and facilitates all aspects of the Faith Formation process for St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parishes 1st - 11th graders.
For more information, please contact St. Thomas Parish Office, 906-786-4627.

Join Bishop John Doerfler, Deacon Steve & Jackie Gretzinger on a spectacular journey to Sicily and Rome on October 19-28, 2027! Enjoy Italian cuisine. 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

Story Time Thank You

We had 8 mothers and 14 children at our first Story Time at Holy Family. Thank you Beverly Plimpton for reading and Ann King for the monetary donation towards snacks! Our next Story Time is December 2nd. We have a volunteer planning an Advent craft for us. We could still use a volunteer to help with snacks. Will you help serve our youngest believers? Contact Heidi 906-399-5461