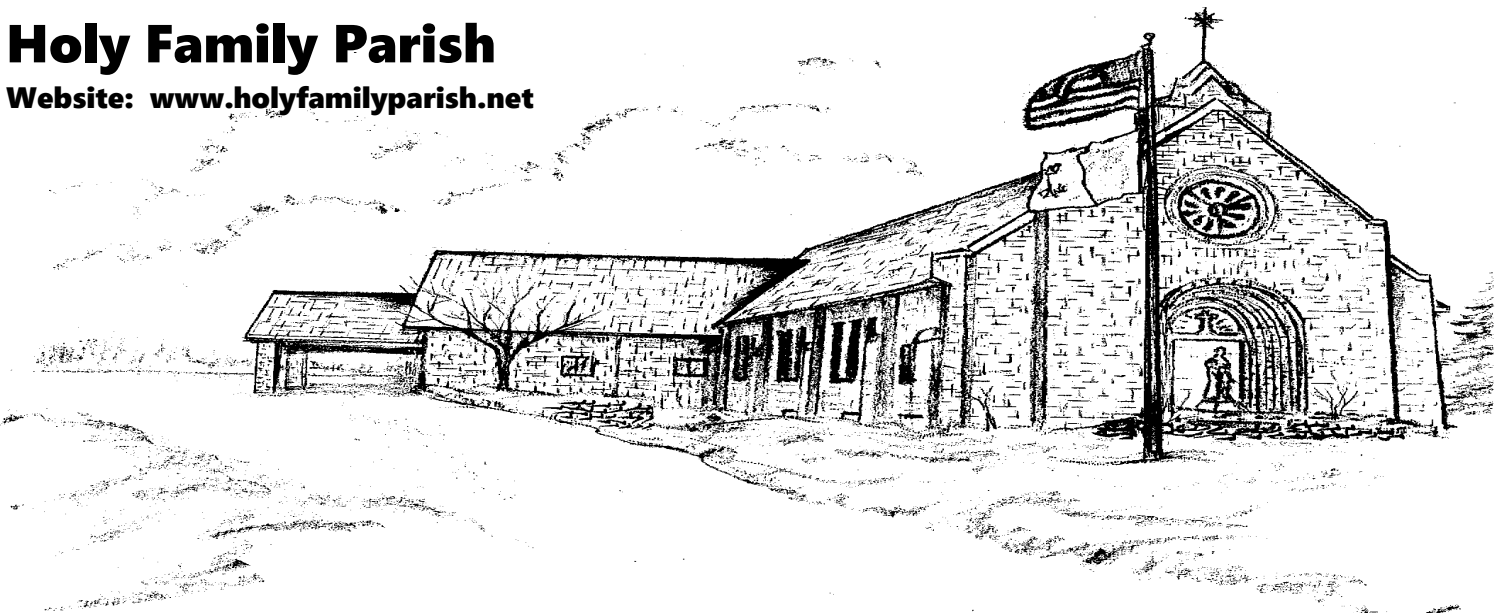


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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 10, 2024

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Sacrament of Marriage

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. 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

(Please, remember to read the verses before you go for their commentary, so that you may understand it better).

Luke 3: 12: In verses 12-14, John, the Baptist provides strict instructions to two specific groups who were renowned for using their positions of power for their own advantage at the expense of others. The two groups mentioned by Luke were despised and looked down upon by the average Jew. They were viewed as traitors of Israel and agents of Roman Imperialistic power. So in one sense, when these two groups ask John what they must do to repent, most people who were present would have approved, thinking that such sinners did indeed need to repent and be baptized. However, John has preached and Luke has shown that everyone in Israel needed to repent and be baptized, all the way up to the High Priests. Yet only these two groups, who were considered traitors to Israel, asked about how to repent. Those who didn't think they needed to repent of anything were not preparing for the Messiah, and were the actual traitors. It could be that these sinful yet repentant groups represent the "stones" from which God raises up new children of Abraham (cf. Luke 19:9-10).

The first of these groups was the **tax collectors**. There were numerous taxes in the Roman Empire, including a poll tax which all citizens paid, toll taxes on roads, land tax for all landowners, sales tax for both buying and selling, gate taxes to enter a city, and numerous other taxes which could be levied. Generally, a Jewish family could expect 30-40% of their income to go to such taxes. To collect these taxes from Jewish citizens, the Roman government hired Jewish tax collectors. This is due to the fact that zealous Jews would often murder Roman tax collectors, but would not murder Jewish tax collectors, even though the Jewish tax collectors were viewed as traitors, and were not allowed into the Synagogues.

Due to their position, the Jewish tax collectors often took advantage of their situation. Rome instructed the collectors to send in a set amount of taxes. Anything collected above that amount could be kept by the tax collector to cover his own expenses and provide himself with a salary. Though most tax collectors

were honest and fair, some became wealthy by collecting well beyond what Rome had set for them. Yet they are among those who feel convicted by what John has been preaching, and ask, "**Teacher, what shall we do?**"

3:13. John does not tell them to give up their profession, and quit working for a foreign, occupying government. Instead, he tells them to **collect no more than what is appointed**. Doing so would mean that the tax collector would no longer be taking a salary. If they collected only what was *appointed* by Rome, they would have to send to Rome everything they collected. But this is the fruit of repentance. It is not only stopping the sinful behavior, but going in the opposite direction to do what is right. Repentance is often painful and costly. Certainly, of course, many of them would have already had large estates and great wealth stored up. John says nothing about that here, at least, not as recorded by Luke. Later, Luke does show Zaccheus the tax collector, when he repents, giving back fourfold what he had wrongly taken from others (Luke 19:1-10).

3:14: Another group which frequently abused their power and authority were **the soldiers**. It is unlikely that Roman soldiers would come out to the Jordan for a Jewish ritual baptism. So these were likely Jewish soldiers conscripted by the Roman military, or possibly Jewish temple guards, personal body guards for the rich, or Herodian palace guards. Whatever their position, soldiers often took advantage of the weak and the poor. They not only had weapons to wound, or even kill people, but also had the authority to imprison people if they wanted. As a result, many would make false accusations to intimidate or extort others for money and power. Sometimes, they would even go on strikes and refuse to defend the public officials unless their wages were increased. John's instructions to them were that they **not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with [their] wages**.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 11 th	<i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop – Veteran’s Day</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets
Tues.	Nov. 12 th	<i>St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe Nolde
Wed.	Nov. 13 th	<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lisabeth Kudwa (7 th Anniv.) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Nov. 14 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Doris Begalle 7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 15 th	<i>St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dec. members of the King & Kutches Families ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 16 th	<i>St. Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the People of our parish
Sun.	Nov. 17 th	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Doris Begalle 10:00 AM - Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

77 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 3rd

Adult Offering.....	\$3,680.00
Loose.....	236.00
General Maintenance.....	175.00
Fuel.....	<u>295.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,386.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	123.61

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	115.00
The WORD AMONG US.....	20.00
Harvest Dinner Donation.....	25.00
UPCSA Donations.....	\$5,570.00

All Saints, November 1, 2024

Adult Offering.....	717.00
Loose.....	30.00
All Souls Day Envelope.....	336.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,083.00

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.

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 \$21,720 from 74 pledges. Still short \$20,942.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Nov. 15th - Jesus' timing is always perfect, regardless of our limitations and expectations.

Nov. 16th - Remove all obstacles to interior peace - and then await in patience the coming of Jesus. -St. Louise de Marillac

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH... The Christmas Party will be Tuesday, Dec. 3, sign up at the back of church. More info will be in next week's bulletin.

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree wish to extend our sincere appreciation and thank all those who served in the Military, on this Veteran's Day, November 11!

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" 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 know God's love and care.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Ti 1:1-9
Lk 17:1-6

Wednesday

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

Friday

2 Jn 4-9
Lk 17:26-37

Tuesday

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

Thursday

Phlm 7-20
Lk 17:20-25

Saturday

3 Jn 5-8
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14,18 Mk 13:24-32

St. Anthony/St. Thomas Annual Dinner Bazaar 2024

It will be Sunday, December 8th, with doors opening at 11:00 AM. They will be serving Baked Ham, Pigs in a blanket, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot veggies, coleslaw, serving from 11:00 am to 2:00 PM Dinner (ages 16 plus) \$15, ages 6-15 \$7, 5 and under free with adult.

All New Women's Ministry

First meeting will be November 18th at 6:00 PM It will be at St. Joe & St. Pat's basement, Escanaba. All women are invited to attend.

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.

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**