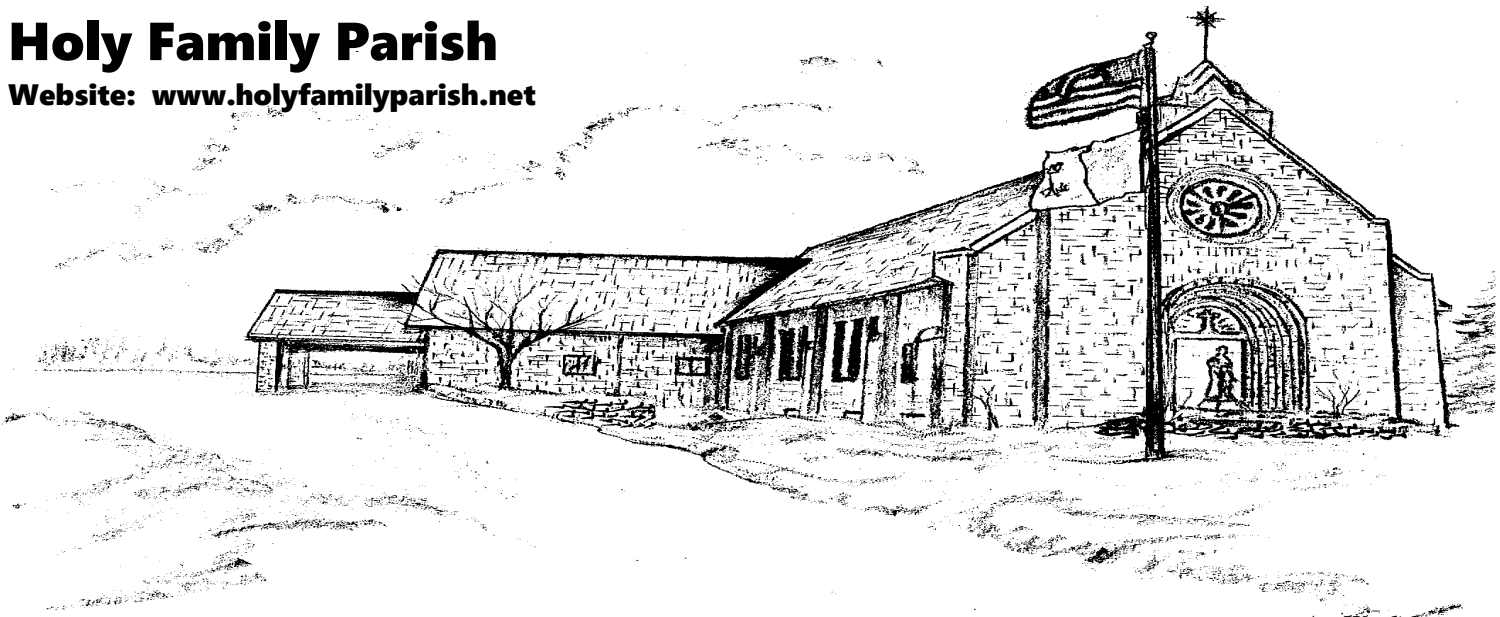
# Holy Family Parish

**Website: www.holyfamilyparish.net**



*Art Work by:*
*Theresa Piestch*

**Fr. Michael K. Ocran, kwekuocran@gmail.com** **4011 Co. 416-20th Road, Gladstone, MI 49837**

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 15, 2026

**Pastor**
(906) 792-4798

**Deacon**
Deacon: Robert Berbohm 786-9082
Email Address: deacon@holyfamilyparish.net

**Parish Secretary**
Pam Leisner (906) 786-1209 Ext. 1 (H) 399-3058
Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm
*Bulletin articles should be submitted*
*by Noon on Wednesdays*
E-mail Address: secretary@holyfamilyparish.net

**Faith Formation Coordinator**
Lena Quinlan, Director 428-9431
Email: lquinlan@allsaintsgladstone.org

**Maintenance**
906-786-1209

**Pastoral Council Members**
Pam Marenger – President
Harold Flagstadt
Kevin Dubord
Diane Danhoff
Tina Cryderman
Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

**Finance Council Members**
Gerald Miron
Mary Kay Nolde
Piper Desy
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. 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***
***Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr., Jan Carter***
***Dan & Linda Robitaillie, Rose Beauchamp, Denise Seymour***
***Linda Benoit, Carissa & Weston, Jody & Family***
If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209.

**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30**

**"WELL DONE…"**

Brothers and sisters, Jesus has been teaching us in the last few weeks about readiness to meet him when he comes again. Today he points out to us to be awake and be prepared for his coming; we are to make use of the resources that have been entrusted to us and carry out our responsibilities. Being awake and prepared means being hard at work, making the best use we can of the talents we have, that is, giving Jesus his money's worth. We will be judged on our use of our talents; God will bring us into his joy if we have made good use of our gifts.

The first reading throws more light on this when it suggests that we should be as diligent and hardworking as a loyal and faithful wife, in the use of our God-giving resources and gifts. What do we see in the diligent and industrious wife? She takes her gifts and **"brings him good, not evil…she reaches out her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy."** A hardworking wife or woman is a replica of responsible preparedness. She is always ready to do something with whatever God places in her hands.

And St. Paul encourages us to keep awake and be sober, encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the **DAY OF THE LORD.** PAUL challenges us to turn fear of the lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action. As if Paul is referring to the gospel reading, the parable in the gospel describes the consequences of two attitudes to Christ's return. The person who diligently prepares for it by investing his time and talent and abilities to serve God will be rewarded. Jesus challenges us with the gospel story to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with every opportunity God has given to us before it's too late. The person who has no heart for the work of the Kingdom will be punished. God rewards faithfulness. Therefore, those who bear no fruit for God's Kingdom cannot expect to be treated the same as those who are faithful.

Jesus is coming—we know this is true. Does this mean we must quit our jobs in order to serve God? **NO;** it means we are to use our time, talents, and treasures diligently in order to serve God completely in whatever we do. For a few people, this may mean changing professions. For most of us, it means doing our daily work out of love for God.

Dear friends, sometimes considering our resources which we may think are insufficient, we act like the man who was given one talent. You may think only of yourself and hope to play it safe and protect yourself from the Just Judge, Jesus Christ. This way you will be judged for your self-centeredness. Don't make excuses to avoid doing what God calls on you to do. If God truly is our Master, we must obey willingly. Our time, abilities, and money aren't ours in the first place—we are caretakers, not owners of God's manifold blessings. When we ignore, squander, or abuse what we are given, we are rebellious and deserve to be punished. Therefore, ask yourself as you read or listen to the parable: ***"What gifts and proficiencies have been entrusted to me? How can I best make use of them for Jesus?"***

Use your talents such that the Just Judge, Jesus Christ, will say to you: **"well done, my good and faithful servant…"**

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mon. | Nov. 16th | ***Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*** |
| | | **8:00 A.M. - NO Mass** |
| Tues. | Nov. 17th | ***Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*** |
| | | 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joyce Culliton |
| | | 6:00 P.M. - NO OCIA Class |
| Wed. | Nov. 18th | ***The dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*** |
| | | 8:00 A.M. - NO Mass and NO Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help |
| | | 11:00 AM - Funeral Mass for Frank Chenier with lunch to follow |
| Thurs. | Nov. 19th | 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of Fr. Michael Ocran |
| | | 7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League |
| Fri. | Nov. 20th | 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Julia Desy *(12th Anniv.)* |
| | | ---------- **Parish Office closed** |
| Sat. | Nov. 21st | ***The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*** |
| | | 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM |
| | | 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Tom Flagstadt |
| Sun. | Nov. 22nd | ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*** |
| | | 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish |
| | | 10:00 AM - Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving for Answered prayers for a long awaited pregnancy |

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**78 envelopes returned for Nov. 8, 2026**

| | |
|---|---|
| Adults…… | $4,140.00 |
| Loose……. | 180.08 |
| General Maintenance……. | 60.00 |
| Fuel……. | 150.00 |
| **Total……** | **$4,530.08** |
| **Budgeted weekly Income & Expense** | **$4,661.53** |
| **Short.....……** | **$ 131.45** |
| St. Vincent DePaul Society……. | 35.00 |
| 59th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal….. | $1,515.00 |

***A HUGH THANK YOU TO*** all of the volunteers who helped on Friday and Saturday and to all who donated supplies and bought pasties. We could not have done it without your help! 2,532 pasties were made and all were sold!!! Great Job everyone. Hoping to see you in February 2027!.

***CALLING ALL LADIES….The Ladies of the Parish Christmas party will be on Monday, December 14th starting at 5:30 PM. There will be a Turkey & Lasagna catered dinner at a cost of $15.00. Also if you would like to participate there will be a gift exchange of $15, 50/50, Raffle with proceeds going to St. Vincent dePaul, and bingo. If you plan to attend please sign up at the back of church by December 6th.***



The Knights of Columbus will be offering a Christmas Wreath Sale. There will be two styles of wreaths, one without ornaments, and one with ornaments. Cost will be $30 for wreaths without ornaments and $35 for wreaths with ornaments. Sign up sheets will be at area churches through November 29th. Payment will be due when wreaths are picked up. Pick up date will be December 6th . Thank you for your support.

# SPIRIT LIFTERS

**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

**Nov. 17th** - The strange thing about Jesus is that, although He is always being crucified, never does He die.

**Nov. 18th** - You may not have been responsible for your heritage, but you are responsible for your future.

**Nov. 19th** - Prayer is something more than asking God to run errands for us.

**Nov. 20th** - When you begin to dislike someone, do something nice for him.

**Nov. 21st** - Tolerance is a virtue, but the greatest crime of our age has been the toleration of wrong.

## St. Vincent de Paul Corner

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

## WHAT IS A PRAYER SHAWL?

A prayer shawl is a wrap which is usually knitted, woven or crocheted. It is made for individuals experiencing grief, illness, medical procedures or major life milestones. It is a "wearable hug" meant to bring physical and spiritual comfort. There is a group of ladies who belong to Holy Family Parish who make prayer shawls and meet once a month to present their shawls at Mass to be blessed. After Mass, they gather downstairs to prepare the shawls for delivery and to socialize. If you would like a shawl for yourself or someone you know, please contact Pam at church, or call Doris (906-786-8974) or Sally (906-420-2732). We would be happy to get one to you.

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**
Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5
Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday**
Rv 3:1-6,14-22
Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday**
Rv 4:1-11
Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday**
Rv 5:1-10
Lk 19:41-44

**Friday**
Rv 10:8-11
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday**
Rv 11:4-12
Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday**
Ez 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28
Mt 25:31-46

**Our parish goal for the year 2026-27 is $44,279.54.**
To date we have received 76 cards back with a total pledge of $32,970. That leaves us with a balance of $11,309.54 with 100 cards still out. That is an average of $433.81 per pledge. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please return as soon as possible.

## SCAM EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES

Reminder that email and text scams are on the rise, particularly in the guise of church-related communications. Some points to remember:

Diocesan employee emails are always formatted as [firstinitiallastname@dioceseofmarquette.org]; anything else is NOT from the diocese. For example, Gannon Foley's diocesan email is gfoley@dioceseofmarquette.org .

Bishop Doerfler, priests, parish/school staff, or other church representatives DO NOT solicit gift cards, nor do they use text messages to request contributions. Any text messages or requests for gift cards are scams.

***St. Anthony & St. Thomas Christmas Bazaar*** will be on Sunday, Dec. 6th, doors open at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas Parish Hall. Menu: Baked Ham, Pigs in Blanket, Meatballs with all the trimmings serving from 11:00 to 1 pm. Dinner 16 & up - $15; ages 6-15 - $7, 5 and under are free with an adult.

## 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.