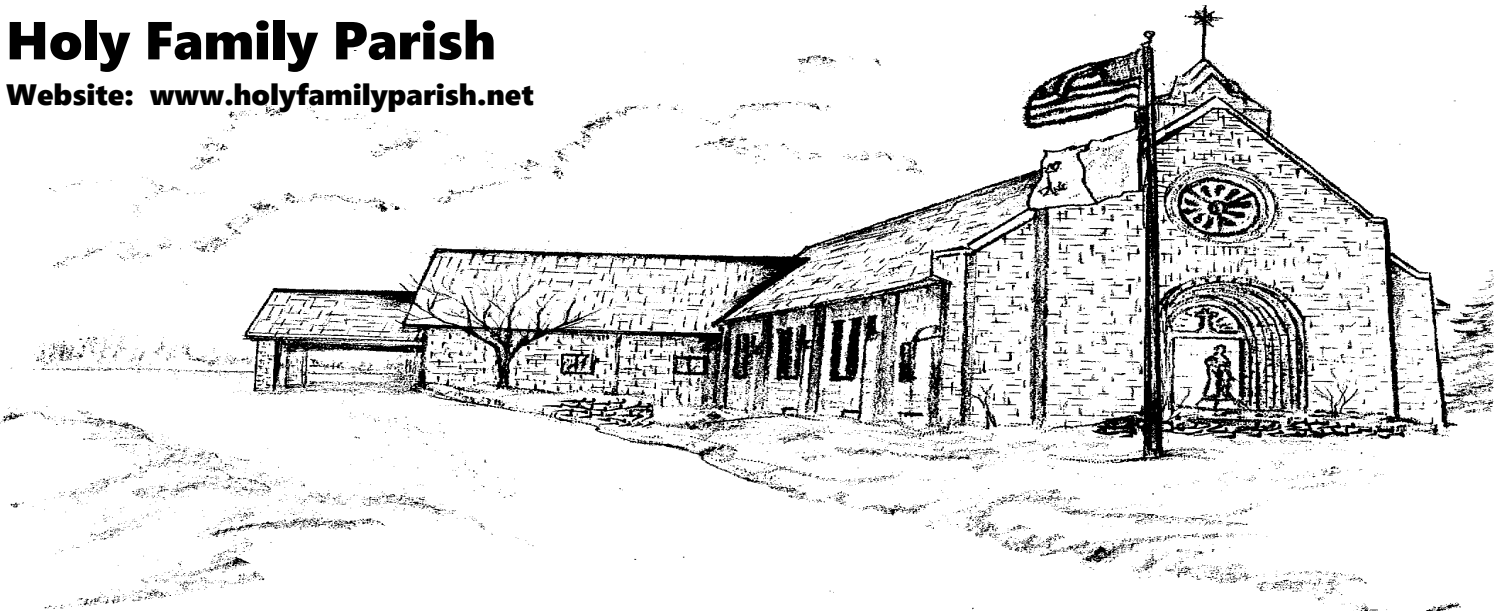


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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 16, 2025

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Notice of six months is required

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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.....

Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk

Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret

Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell

Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme

Steve Belongie, Sr., Christina Theoret Zion

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

THE CREED OF COURAGE AND OF TRUST

(Luke 12:1-12)

When we read this passage we are reminded again of the Jewish definition of preaching--charaz which means stringing pearls. This passage, too, is a collection of pearls strung together without the close connection which modern preaching demands. But in it there are certain dominant ideas.

(i) It tells us of the forbidden sin, which is hypocrisy. The word hypocrite began by meaning someone who answers; and hypocrisy originally meant answering. First the words were used of the ordinary flow of question and answer in any talk or in any dialogue; then they began to be connected with question and answer in a play. From that they went on to be connected with acting apart. The hypocrite is never genuine; he is always play-acting. The basis of hypocrisy is insincerity. God would rather have a blunt, honest sinner, than someone who puts on an act of goodness.

(ii) It tells of the correct attitude to life, which is an attitude of fearlessness. There are two reasons for fearlessness.

(ii) Man's power over man is strictly limited to this life. A man can destroy another man's life but not his soul. In the 1914-18 war a famous cartoon came out, in which it showed the German Emperor saying to King Albert of Belgium, "So now you have lost everything"; and back came Albert's answer, "But not my soul!" On the other hand, God's power is such that it can blot out a man's very soul. It is, therefore, only reasonable to fear God rather than to fear men. It was said of John Knox, as his body was being lowered into the grave, "Here lies one who feared God so much that he never feared the face of man."

God's Care: God's care is the most detailed of all. To God we are never lost in the crowd. Here Luke says, "Are not five sparrows sold for two coins?" Two coins are very small value for men; but even

God has not forgotten that. The very hairs of our head are numbered. It has been computed that a blonde person has about 145,000 hairs; a dark-haired person, 120,000; and a person with red hair, 90,000! The Jews were so impressed with the individual care of God that they said that every blade of grass had its guardian angel. None of us needs to fear for each can say, "**God cares for me.**"

(iii) Jesus tells us of the unforgivable sin, which is the sin against the Holy Spirit. Both Matthew and Mark record that Jesus spoke about this sin immediately after the scribes and Pharisees had attributed his cures to the prince of devils instead of to God ([Matthew 12:31-32](#); [Mark 3:28-29](#)). These men could look at the very grace and power of God and call it the work of the devil. To understand this we must remember that Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit as the Jews understood that conception, not in the full Christian sense, about which his audience at that time obviously knew nothing.

Why is that the unforgivable sin? Because in such a state repentance is impossible. If a man does not even realize that he is sinning, if goodness no longer makes any appeal to him, he cannot repent. God has not shut him out; by his repeated refusals he has shut himself out. He is so dead to God that he is conscious of no sin at all.

(iv) It tells us of the rewarded loyalty. The reward of loyalty is no material thing. It is that in heaven Jesus will say of us, "This was my man. Well done!"

(v) It tells us of the help of the Holy Spirit. In the fourth Gospel the favorite title of the Holy Spirit is the Paraclete. Parakletos (Greek) means someone who stands by to help. It can be used of a witness, or an advocate to plead our cause. In the day of trouble there need be no fear, for no less a person than the Holy Spirit of God stands by to help.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 17 th	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Nov. 18 th	<i>The dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette
Wed.	Nov. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all souls in purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Nov. 20 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Julia Desy (12 th Anniv.) 7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 21 st	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Judith Gereau (1 st Anniv.) ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 22 nd	<i>Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	Nov. 23 rd	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Lawrence & Joyce Viau

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

77 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 9th

Adults.....	\$3,943.00
Loose.....	232.00
General Maintenance.....	120.00
Fuel.....	<u>122.00</u>
Total.....	\$4,417.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$ 177.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	10.00
Donation.....	\$ 40.00
Mass Stipends.....	140.00
58 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	3,095.00
57 th Appeal.....	200.00

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated, worked or bought pasties. We made a total of 2,497!!! I think that's a record!!! And sold all!!! See you all in February of 2026.

Christmas Wreath Sale

The Knights of Columbus Council 640 will be holding a Christmas wreath sale starting Nov 1st and ending Nov 23rd. The wreaths will be made by Roger Chenier. Quantity is limited so order yours as soon as possible. There will be order forms at Escanaba area churches. Cost per wreath is \$30. For more information contact Tom Desy at 906-399-3138.

CALLING ALL LADIES....The Ladies of the Parish Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 2nd starting at 5:30 PM. There will be a Turkey & Meatball catered dinner at a cost of \$17.00. 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 November 26th.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Nov. 22nd** - What makes life worth the living is our giving and forgiving.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?"

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.

The annual (UPCSA) is underway. Holy Family Parish has a parish goal of \$44,521.15. We have received 75 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$27,947.00 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$16,574.15 to achieve.

Fr. Ryan Ford will lead this year's **Wise Men's Retreat** December 5-7 at Fortune Lake Camp in Crystal Falls. This is perfect for men desiring spiritual growth, connection with other men, and time for rest, reflection, and prayer. Cost is \$150. Register online at yoopercatholic.org/retreats

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1,20-31
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:41-44

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

It's that time again to renew THE WORD AMONG US. If you would like a subscription, please contact the parish office. It will still be \$20 for the year.

GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

Young adults are invited to join our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the feast day Dec. 11-13. The trip includes carpooling from Iron Mountain, hotel lodging, Mass and prayer and festivities at the Shrine, fun and meals. Cost is \$100. Visit yoopercatholic.org/guadalupe to register!

St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree

Angel Trees will be put up in the parishes this November 15/16 and the following weekend (November 22/23). Anyone who wishes to purchase gifts for area children are welcome to take a tree tag. Gifts are to be returned, unwrapped, to the Church by December 1. The corresponding tree tag must be included with the gifts. Thank you.

Youth Adoration

Adoration with Worship Music for our youth (Steubie Style)!

Where: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

When: Sunday, November 30, 2025

at 7:00 p.m. (about an hour).

EVERYONE is welcome, young & old alike, please join us!