

Holy Family Parish

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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
Clifford Marcella, Brenda Chouinard, John King
Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson, Sue Boudreau*

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).

As we have seen already, how enthusiastic the people were to come to the desert to listen to John and receive the baptism of repentance. We also saw even the tax collectors and soldiers coming to him seeking his advice as how they could improve their life style. In a way John's ministry was to prepare the Jewish people of all walks of life for the coming of the Messiah. In such a prophetic role, it was inevitable that people began to wonder if he himself might actually be the Messiah. When questioned about this, John answered that he was not the Messiah, but that the Messiah would come after John, and be greater than him. John prophetically spoke more than he knew, since Jesus was greater than John in every way, not only in His ministry, but also in His death.

3:15. The people were in expectation for the coming of the Messiah. They knew the promises of God and prophecies of Scripture, and were constantly waiting, looking, hoping, and praying for the Messiah to arrive, to lead the nation in perfect obedience to the Torah, set Himself on the throne of David, restore proper Temple worship, and subject the nations of the world to the kingdom of Israel. Numerous prophets had come and gone in recent Israelite history – some had even been hailed as Messiah – but none had been proved to be the Messiah. So as John began to carry out his prophetic ministry, the people **all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not**. Like many prophets before him, John ministered and worked in the wilderness, called people out to him, and baptized them in the Jordan. All this signified that a new Exodus was underway, and that this renewed Israel did not rely on the Temple.

In light of what John was preaching and doing, many wondered if he was *the Christ*, which is the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew "Messiah." Both terms literally mean "anointed" and can refer to anyone who has been chosen and anointed by God to carry out a specific task. It is used of various

human figures in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament, it is only used in reference to Jesus. Here, of course, the Jewish people thought that John might be the Christ. This reveals some of the Jewish expectations for the Messiah, as well as some of the things they were not expecting. While they did expect the Messiah to be one like Moses, who would preach and teach in the wilderness, calling out a people who were set apart, they didn't expect the Messiah to be born of a virgin, or to be divine. These latter two ideas are not inherent within the title "*Christ*."

3:16. To those who wondered if he was the Messiah, **John** explained that while he did indeed do things that the Christ was expected to do, he was not the Christ (cf. John 1:20). Though John does **baptize...with water** this does not prove he is the Christ. Many teachers of the time baptized people with water, and most Jews practiced the ritualistic purification *mikvah* which was similar to John's baptism. Performing baptisms was not something that proved the identity of the Messiah. After all, Jesus Himself did not baptize anyone (John 4:2). So John's statement here is more of a reference to what baptism symbolized, namely, that since Judaism has become corrupt, a new Exodus was occurring, and those who repented and were baptized were helping to prepare the way for the Messiah.

As an emissary should do, John points the people beyond himself to the [b] One mightier than [b] John who **is coming** after him. John is only the emissary going before the King, and as such, the Messiah will be *mightier* than John in every way (cf. John 3:30). John indicates his own lowly position by stating that he is not even able to undo the **sandal strap** of the Messiah. The baptism with *the Holy Spirit* is a permanent, spiritual baptism. It first occurred at the birth of the Church in Acts 2 during the Feast of Pentecost.

(Will be continued)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 18 th	<i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Nov. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Tom Anderson
Wed.	Nov. 20 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Julia Desy (11 th Anniv.) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Nov. 21 st	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joyce Viau 7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 22 nd	<i>Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Glenn King ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 23 rd	<i>St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Glenn King
Sun.	Nov. 24 th	<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 – Harold Chenier

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 10th

Adult Offering.....	\$3,289.00
Loose.....	202.00
General Maintenance.....	90.00
Fuel.....	<u>55.00</u>
Total.....	\$3,631.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	878.61

Votive Lights.....	277.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	25.00

UPCSA Donations.....	\$1,800.00
UPCSA (56) Appeal.....	200.00

There is a Little Blue book for Advent at the back of church for anyone who would like to take one.

BIG THANKS!

Thanks to the generous volunteer service and the financial support of many, we had another successful Pasty making event. It is amazing that many of you worked hours, even forgetting your age and bodily weakness. This is the great quality of Holy Family Community that in any event our members roll their sleeves and come together to make things successful. Perhaps, words are not good enough to thank each and every one of you. But kindly accept my grateful appreciation and thanks. On this occasion my special appreciation goes to Pam for her able guidance and organization. Her hours of hard work helped things go very smoothly and well. She is really an asset not only to the Office but above all to the Community.

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Nov. 23rd** - Love me for what I am, Not what you want me to be.

THE ANGEL TREE IS UP...The St. Vincent de Paul Society asks that when you take a tag from the tree, **please return the gift unwrapped** with the tag attached to the gift. Thank you for helping brighten children's Christmas. They need to be returned by December 1st.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out. For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

CALLING ALL LADIES....*The Ladies of the Parish Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 3rd starting at 5:30 PM. There will be a 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 November 24th.*

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
Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

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

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.

Holy Name Elementary School is in need of a full time custodian. If you have a passion for cleaning and want to work in a mission aligned environment, please submit a resume to employment@holynamecrusaders.com. For more information please call the school at 906 786 7550.

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 \$26,840 from 85 pledges. Still short \$15,821.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.