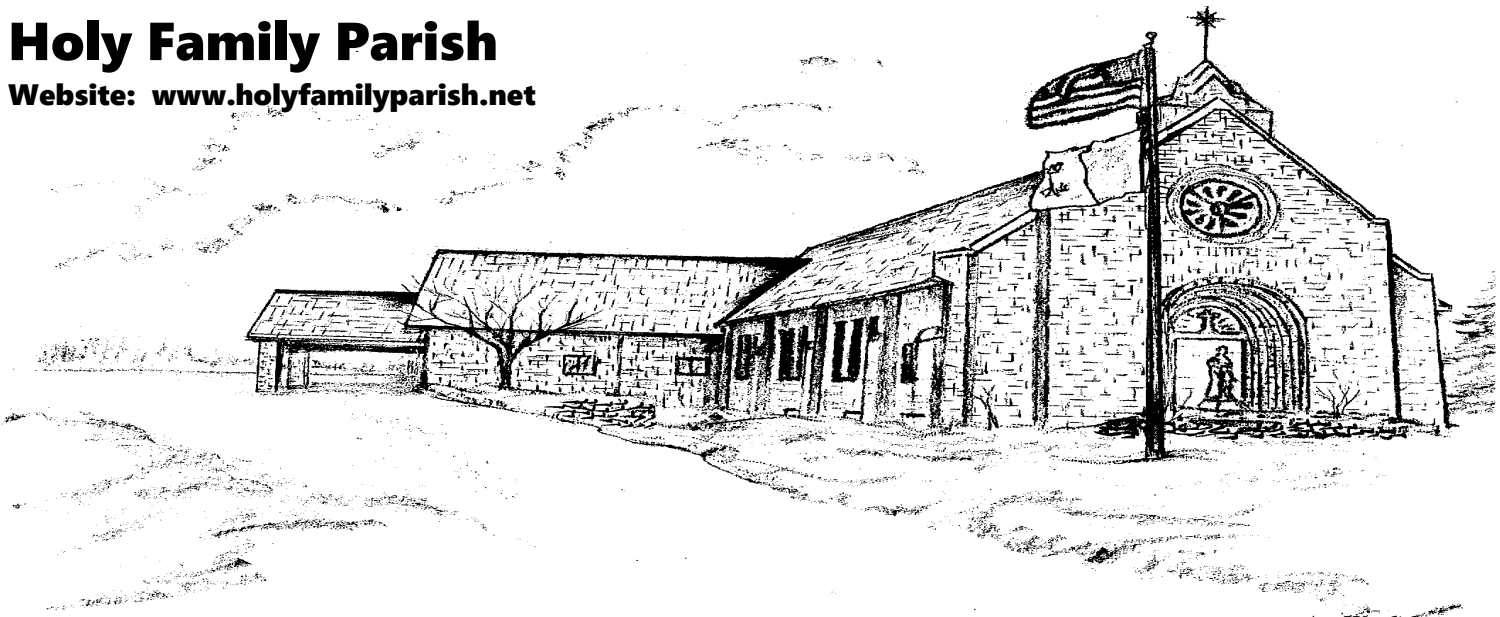
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 22, 2026

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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
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.

34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A): Ez 34:11-12,15-17; 1Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

My dear friends, on this great day, let us praise the Lord who has deemed it fit to bring us to the end of another liturgical year, reminding us to prepare for the end of life which no one knows when. Smile everyone, because the Lord is good all the time!

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, celebrating Christ as King of the Universe, the Church leads us to meditate on the Final Judgment, when the universal King will execute justice by passing sentence on every human being; the time that Christ will punish evil and reward those who love and sacrifice for the sake of the other person, thereby establishing justice on earth. It's a triumph of good over evil, of peace over violence, of love over hate, and of unity over disunity. Today's solemnity challenges us to see Christ in everyone, especially the vulnerable, those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat every person with the same love, mercy, and compassion as Jesus Christ himself would do.

My dear friends, the prophet Ezekiel presents the people of God as sheep just as Matthew does in the Gospel. But Matthew contrasts the sheep with the goats. The setting of Matthew's parable is similar to St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians chapter fifteen, in which Paul assures the Corinthians of the resurrection and that, just as God raised Jesus, God through Christ will raise us from the dead and give Christ a place of supremacy. My dear friends, although the sheep are accepted and the goats rejected before the just judge, they share two things in common. First, both call Jesus **"Lord."** However, Mat 7:21 says, *"not everyone who says… 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."* You see, my dear friends, our actions are more important than our words, and God desires that our actions are expressions of mercy for the weak and vulnerable. Truly, that is how the prophet Ezekiel describes God's attitude and actions toward us as our shepherd: God cares for us with goodness and mercy, even or especially when we are lost, gone astray, or injured.

The second point is that both the sheep and the goats express that they have never seen Jesus in a needy condition. Neither group knows or understands the reasons or implications of their actions, but one chose to act with mercy while the other chose to ignore the needs of people they encountered. The significance is that while our understandings can be limited, the most important thing is how we treat *"these least ones"* as our Gospel today relates (Mt 25:40,45).

What are we to do, dear friends? We need to recognize and appreciate Christ's presence within us and surrender our lives to his rule, learning to be servers and using our God-giving authority to support Jesus' kingship on the earth, putting into action his greatest commandment: *"Love one another as I have loved you"* (Jn 13:34). We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches, or might. We know Jesus' kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close, calling each one of us by name. Our king calls us to follow him in remembering all people, regardless of who they are, and fighting for the dignity of each person.

And what's our reward for such work in bringing Christ's kingdom to bear in our world? Simply that Christ will remember us when he comes into his kingdom and he promised the repentant criminal on the cross. So my dear friends, let's join our voices with all those who long for paradise and say, ***"JESUS REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM."***

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 23rd	***Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin pro, Priest and Martyr***
		8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Nov. 24th	***Saint Andrew Aung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs***
		8:00 A.M. - Mass – Patty Delveaux
		6:00 P.M. - NO OCIA Class
Wed.	Nov. 25th	***Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr***
		8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the Intentions of the Martin Family
		Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Nov. 26th	***Thanksgiving Day***
		8:00 A.M. - Mass – A Mass of Thanksgiving
		7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 27th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving
		---------- **Parish Office closed**
Sat.	Nov. 28th	3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. - Mass – Bill DeShambo
Sun.	Nov. 29th	***First Sunday of Advent***
		8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson
		10:00 AM - Mass – For the People of our Parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

60 envelopes returned for Nov. 15, 2026

Adults……	$2,679.00
Loose…….	189.84
General Maintenance…….	35.00
Fuel…….	10.00
Total…….	**$2,913.84**
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	**$4,661.53**
Short.....……	**$1,747.69**
St. Vincent DePaul Society…….	$ 5.00
59th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal…..	$ 360.00
Pasty Money……	$ 635.00
Mass Stipends……..	$ 540.00
Men's Club Donation……..	$1,000.00
Votive Lights……	$ 380.00

The Parish office will be closed Monday, Nov. 23rd thru Monday, Nov. 30th. Office will be open 12-1.

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. 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.

Nov. 24th - If you can think of nothing for which to give thanks, you have a poor memory.

Nov. 25th - Lord show me the way I can somehow repay the blessings you've given me today.

Nov. 26th - So once in every year we throng Upon a day apart, To praise the Lord with feast and song In thankfulness of heart.

Nov. 27th - Thank God for dirty dishes, they have a tale to tell; While others may go hungry We've eaten very well. With home, health, and happiness I shouldn't want to fuss, By the stack of evidence God's been very good to us.

Nov. 28th - "…Be thankful unto Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "…whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve families, by providing money for food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Rv 14:1-3,4b-5
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday
Rv 14:14-19
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday
Rv 15:1-4
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday
Rv 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a
Lk 21:20-28

Friday
Rv 20:1-4,11—21:2
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday
Rv 22:1-7
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday
Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7
1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

Our parish goal for the year 2026-27 is $44,279.54.
To date we have received 79 cards back with a total pledge of $33,330. That leaves us with a balance of $10,949.54 with 97 cards still out. That is an average of $421.89 per pledge. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please return as soon as possible.

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 3rd.

This Thursday we will have a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:00 am. We ask that when you come you bring canned goods, monetary donations, etc. for the St. Vincent dePaul Christmas Baskets.

Join Bishop John Doerfler, Deacon Steve & Jackie Gretzinger on a spectacular journey to Sicily and Rome on October 19-28, 2027! 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, visit: www.petersway.com/1496.html or contact Megan at Peter's Way Tours / 516-605-1551 ext. 18 / megan@petersway.com

To our church family and all who have reached out to us:

Our family is deeply grateful for the love, prayers, and kindness you have shown us. In so many ways—through your thoughtful words, generous help, and quiet acts of care—you have supported not only our husband and father, but our entire family.
From shoveling snow this past winter and raking leaves this fall, to providing meals and tending to the many tasks and repairs that needed attention, you have shown your care in thoughtful, practical ways. Along with your prayers, cards, calls, and visits, these acts of kindness have brought comfort and eased the burdens of daily life.

Some kindnesses we have been able to thank you for personally; others may have happened quietly, without our ever knowing whom to thank. Please know that every expression of care has meant so much to us. Your compassion has been a source of comfort and strength, and your kindness will not be forgotten.

We thank God for each of you and for the love you have shown our family.

We would also like to share these words of gratitude from Frank Chenier:

"Thank you to the many, many friends and so many people whom I have never met who have have prayed for me; for those have said Masses for me; for those who sent so many cards and encouraging letters. For the many who so kindly provided meals for Nancy and myself. For those who visited me, some traveling for long distances. The love they provided through all of this was totally overwhelming."

With love and heartfelt gratitude,
Nancy, Michelle, Angela, Fr. Michael, and family of Frank Chenier

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St. Anthony's Church Meat Pie sale will be Dec. 10th & 11th. Pies must be pre-ordered by calling or texting Debbie at 399-4259. Pickup will be at St. Thomas Church in Escanaba. Pies are $18 and ½ ground church & ½ ground pork.