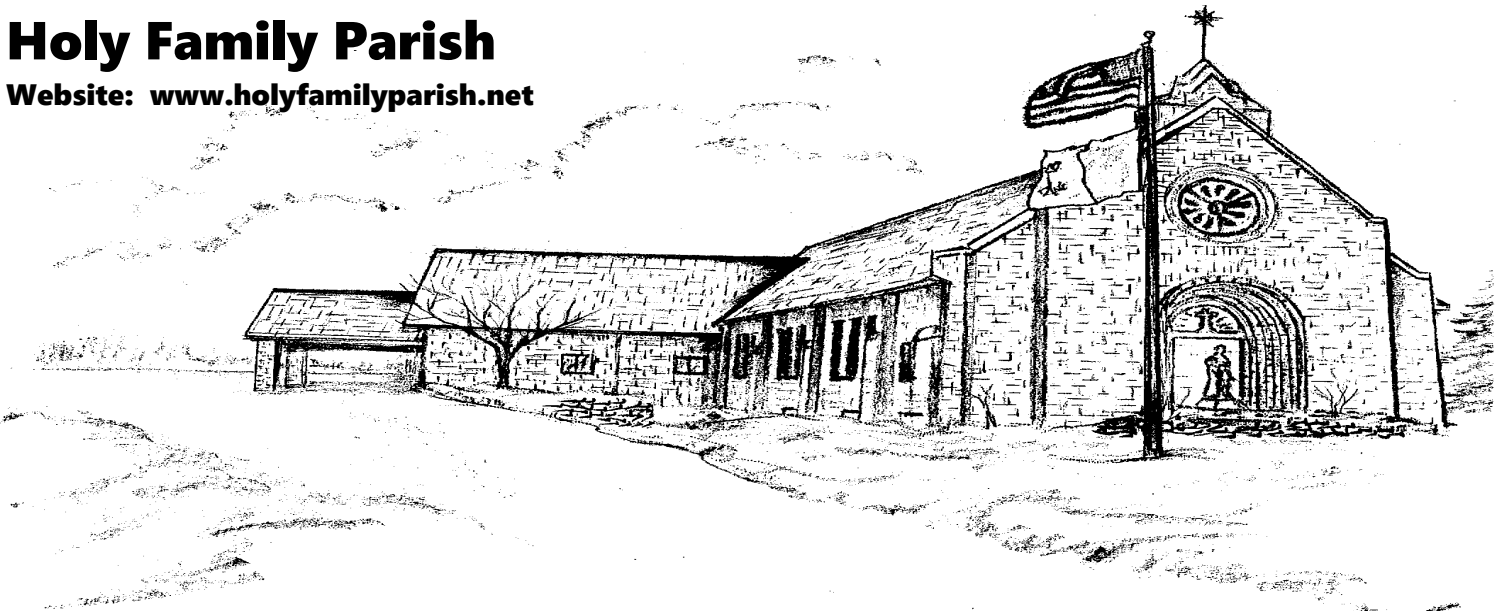


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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 23, 2025

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Notice of six months is required

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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

Luke 12: 13-34: It was not uncommon for people in Palestine to take their unsettled disputes to respected Rabbis; but Jesus refused to be mixed up in anyone's disputes about money. But out of that request there came to Jesus an opportunity to lay down what his followers' attitude to material things should be. He had something to say both to those who had an abundant supply of material possessions and to those who had not.

(i) To those who had an abundant supply of possessions Jesus spoke this parable of the Rich Fool. Two things stand out about this man.

(a) He never saw beyond himself. There is no parable which is so full of the words, ***I, me, my and mine***. A schoolboy was once asked what parts of speech *my and mine* are. He answered, "*Aggressive pronouns*." The rich fool was aggressively self-centered. The famous criticism was made of a self-centered person, "There is too much ego in his cosmos." When this man had a superfluity of goods the one thing that never entered his head was to give some to the needy. His whole attitude was the very reverse of Christianity. Instead of denying himself he aggressively affirmed himself; instead of finding his happiness in giving he tried to conserve it by keeping.

The Romans had a proverb which said that money was like sea-water; the more a man drank the thirstier he became. And so long as a man's attitude is that of the rich fool his desire will always be to get more--and that is the reverse of the Christian way. He never saw beyond this world. All his plans were made on the basis of life here. The man who never remembers that there is another world is destined someday for the grimmest of grim shocks.

(ii) But Jesus had something to say to those who had few possessions. In all this passage the thought which Jesus forbids is anxious thought or worry. Jesus never ordered any man to live in a shiftless, thriftless, reckless way. What he did tell a man was to do his best and then leave the rest to God. The lilies Jesus spoke of were the scarlet anemones. After one of the infrequent showers of summer rain, the mountain side would be scarlet with them; they bloomed one day

and died. Wood was scarce in Palestine, and it was the dried grasses and wild flowers that were used to feed the oven fire. "If," said Jesus, "God looks after the birds and the flowers, how much more will he care for you?"

Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God." We saw that God's kingdom was a state on earth in which his will was as perfectly done as it is in heaven. So Jesus is saying, "Bend all your life to obeying God's will and rest content with that. So many people give all their effort to heap up things which in their very nature cannot last. Work for the things which last forever; things which you need not leave behind when you leave this earth, but which you can take with you."

In Palestine wealth was often in the form of costly raiment; the moths could get at the fine clothes and leave them ruined. But if a man clothes his soul with the garments of honor and purity and goodness, nothing on earth can injure them. If a man seeks the treasures of heaven, his heart will be fixed on heaven; but if he seeks the treasures of earth, his heart will be thrilled to earth--and someday he must say good-bye to them, for, as the grim Spanish proverb has it, "There are no pockets in a shroud."

BE PREPARED (Luke 12:35-48)

This passage has two senses. In its narrower sense it refers to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ; in its wider sense it refers to the time when God's summons enters a man's life, a call to prepare to meet our God. There is praise for the servant who is ready. The long flowing robes of the east were a hindrance to work; and when a man prepared to work he gathered up his robes under his girdle to leave himself free for activity. The eastern lamp was like a cotton wick floating in a sauce-boat of oil. Always the wick had to be kept trimmed and the lamp replenished or the light would go out. No man can tell the day or the hour when eternity will invade time and summons will come. How, then, would we like God to find us?

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 24 th	<i>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Meets
Tues.	Nov. 25 th	<i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joe Nolde
Wed.	Nov. 26 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Jim Becker Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 12:00 Noon- Parish office closed
Thurs.	Nov. 27 th	<i>Thanksgiving - Parish Office closed</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – In Thanksgiving 7:00 P.M. - NO Smear League
Fri.	Nov. 28 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Dale Richer ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Nov. 29 th	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Judith Gereau
Sun.	Nov. 30 th	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Don Anderson 10:00 AM - Mass – For the people of our parish

Christmas Wreath Sale

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

63 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 16th

Adults.....	\$2,608.00
Loose.....	256.00
General Maintenance.....	15.00
Fuel.....	6.00
Total.....	\$2,885.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,709.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	55.00
The word among us.....	540.00
Mass Stipends.....	150.00
58 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	2,447.00

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. 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. You can also bring toys for the St. Vincent dePaul Christmas baskets. If you plan to attend please sign up at the back of church by November 26th.

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

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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."
- Nov. 29th** - I used to censure everyone, I was a Pharisee; Until, quite unexpectedly, I got a glimpse of me.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting families, in providing food, money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You! 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 81 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$29,997.00 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$14,544.15 to achieve. If you have misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Dn 1:1-6,8-20 Lk 21:1-4	Tuesday Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Lk 21:12-19	Thursday Dn 6:12-28 Lk 21:20-28
Friday Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	Saturday Dn 7:15-17 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

St. Anthony/St. Thomas **Annual Dinner Bazaar 2025**

Sunday, Dec. 7th from 11 to 2 pm at St. Thomas Parish Hall, Escanaba. Baked Ham, pigs in a blanket, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, coleslaw, salads, pie and beverage. Dinner is \$15 for 16 years and up; ages 6-15 \$7; and 5 and under are free with an adult.

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!