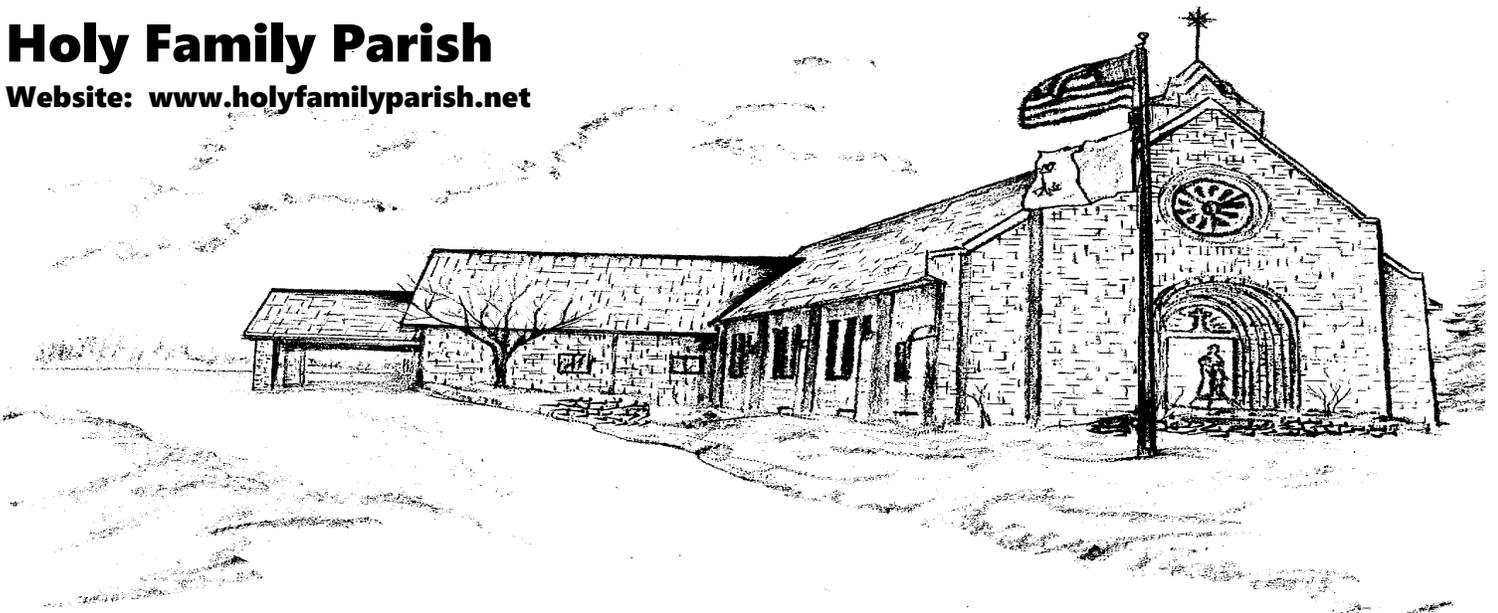


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Sacrament of Marriage

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. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan

Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Jean Way

Amanda, Mike Mosher, Shelly Polaczyk

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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

Life after Death

Eternal Punishment (Hell): The word hell is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word ‘helan’ meaning, to hide. This meaning does not show any connection to the reality of hell. Many early writings show that the idea of hell came into existence in the Church even in the second century itself. The Catholic Faith is stated in the ancient Athanasian Creed: “*They that have done what is good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.*” A Synod was held at Constantinople in 543 and its decrees, confirmed by Pope Vigilius, condemned all those who deny the eternity of hell. Ten years later, this condemnation was renewed by the 5th General Council held at Constantinople. St. Justin, who lived in the first half of the second century, went so far as to teach that if hell does not exist, either there is no God, or if there is, He does not concern Himself with men, and virtue and vice have no meaning.”

There will always be many things about hell which human mind cannot fully understand. The judgments of God are inscrutable, His ways undiscoverable. Yet we can at least understand that all is one in God. He is justice and He is mercy. The two attributes cannot be at variance with one another. Each finds its infinite perfection in Him. God, because He is Goodness itself, rewards the good and punishes the evil. St. Thomas Aquinas therefore says, “*Hell glorifies the justice and goodness of God. He made men free to love Him; He does everything possible to win their love; throughout life He pursues them with His graces; and he only condemns them when they knowingly and willfully turn against Him and die as His enemies. Can we honestly blame Him for that? To maintain that He is always bound to forgive His creatures, no matter how wickedly they turn against Him. As it is, those who go to hell only do so because they choose to be there. They put themselves in hell. They never asked for mercy, and they never will. They are fixed in evil forever.*”

We are all curious to know where hell exists. Unfortunately Jesus has not revealed anything to us and the Church Fathers too are silent about the ‘where of hell.’ St. John Chrysostom says, “We must not ask where hell is; but how we to avoid it.”

Eternal Life (Heaven)

Catholic Teaching: Like the word hell, heaven is also of Anglo-Saxon origin, meaning ‘**the abode of the Godhead.**’ Here the meaning at least gives some sense. In Scripture it is used in many senses; to denote region of the clouds and the stars, the dwelling of God, the abode of angels and the souls of the just. Thus heaven has come to signify both the happiness and the abode of the just in the next life. It is of Catholic faith defined by Pope Benedict XII in 1336 that the souls of the just who die without any stain of sin or debt of punishment due to sin, see God immediately face to face. In the Old Testament this truth is gradually and progressively unfolded, but in the New Testament it is explicitly and clearly taught in very many places by Jesus himself.

Heaven in Scripture: In the first three gospels, called the Synoptic gospels, our Lord speaks of a future eternal kingdom which the just shall possess and in which they shall see God. For instance, in the Sermon on the Mount, he says, “Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 5: 3-12).

St. Paul is equally explicit: “For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven” (2 Cor. 5:1-2).

(We will continue next week).

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Nov. 27 th	8:00 A.M. –	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Nov. 28 th	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. -	Mass – Clayton VanDrese St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Nov. 29 th	8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass – Lurine Pepin Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help CCD Classes for grades 1-7
Thurs.	Nov. 30 th		<i>Saint Andrew, Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – Joey Bishop 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 1 st		<i>First Friday</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Janet Nelson 6:30 P.M. - Adoration until 7:30 PM ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Dec. 2 nd	8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	<i>First Saturday Mass – Intentions of Fr. Sebastian</i> Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – Don Anderson
Sun.	Dec. 3 rd		<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Dan Chouinard

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

67 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 19th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,722.00
Loose.....	183.25
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Mass Stipends.....	250.00
Fuel.....	50.00
Total.....	\$ 3,235.25
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Shortage.....	\$ 1,154.17
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	95.00



The 56th Annual U.P. Catholic Services Appeal has started. Our goal for this year is \$41,006.97. Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards. ***To date we have received 115 pledges totaling \$28,510. There are still 67 outstanding cards. I know that this pledged amount is less than what was reported in last weeks bulletin but there was a glitch in my program that was doubling some of the pledges as I entered them and didn't notice it until I ran the report Monday.***

Ladies of the Parish Christmas Party – Dec. 5th

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas party, **December 5th**, which starts at 5:30 pm. The cost for the night is \$15 for a catered chicken & meatball meal, and if you want to participate there is a \$10 gift exchange. We also collect toys for the baskets. ***If you plan to attend, please sign up at the back of Church by November 30th.***

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: There is an email and text scam using a fake email and phone number that looks like it came from Fr. Sebastian asking for help. Priests will never ask parishioners for money or gifts cards. Fr. Sebastian's personal email is skavumkal@yahoo.com. and area code of 906. Please check the email address & phone no. before opening.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Nov. 30th** - God doesn't do for us what He has given us power to do for ourselves.
- Dec. 1st** - Prayer is not an attitude attained, but an attitude maintained.
- Dec. 2nd** - What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, Yet what can I give Him; give my heart.

St. Vincent DePaul 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 food, money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You! For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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 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

Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Friday

Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Ishpeming Catholic community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph parishes will present an Advent/Christmas concert of "Lessons and Carols" on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church (downtown) Main Street in Ishpeming. The concert is featuring the talents of musicians and lectors from both parishes. Special performances by Fr. Ryan Ford and Fr. Christian Flagstad, Associate Pastor of both parishes. Admission is free, but a free will offering will be collected to benefit the Ishpeming St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

St. Anthony/St. Thomas at St. Thomas Parish Annual Dinner Bazaar 2023

Sunday, Dec. 3rd, serving Ham, Pigs in a Blanket, Meatballs, etc., serving from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Adults \$15, ages 6-15 \$7, 5 and under free with adult. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, raffles, 50/50 a silver dollar and craft sale.

The library feature of the month is Christmas!

On the table to the left of the library, you will find several books and cd's pertaining to Christmas. There are also books for small children. If you would like to borrow an item or two, please sign the card and place it in the box on the desk in the library. Also, please check around your home to see if you have any items which belong to the library. We are still missing many books and dvd's.