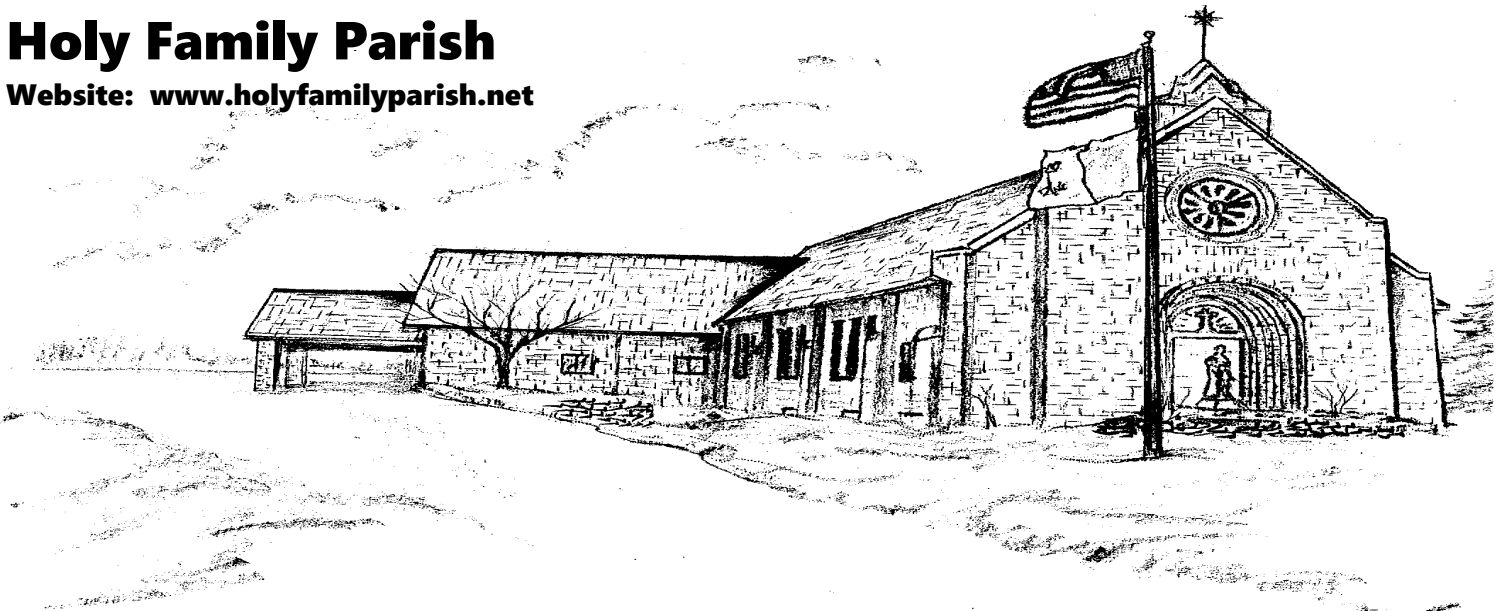


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First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025

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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.....

Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk

Jan Carter, Sue Boudreau, Michael Theoret

Brenda Chouinard, Denise Seymour, Annette Russell

Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Julie Bishop

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

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. 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?

(i) We would like him to find us with our work completed. Life for so many of us is filled with loose ends. There are things undone and things half done; things put off and things not even attempted. Great men have always the sense of a task that must be finished.

(ii) We would like God to find us at peace with our fellowmen. It would be a haunting thing to pass from this world at bitterness with a fellow. No man should let the sun go down on his anger (Ephesians 4:26), least of all the last sun of all and he never knows which sun that will be.

(iii) We should like God to find us at peace with himself. It will make all the difference at the last whether we feel that we are going out to a stranger or an enemy, or going to fall asleep in the arms of God.

In the second section of this passage Jesus draws a picture of the wise and the unwise steward. In the east the steward had almost unlimited power. He was himself a slave, yet he had control of all the other slaves. A trusted steward ran his master's house for him and administered his estate. The unwise steward made two mistakes.

(i) He said, I will do what I like while my master is away; he forgot that the day of reckoning must come. We have a habit of dividing life into compartments. There is a part in which we remember that God is present; and there is a part in which we never think of him at all. We tend to draw a line between sacred and secular; but if we really know what Christianity means we will know that there is no part of life when

the master is away. We are working and living forever in our great task-master's eye.

(ii) He said, I have plenty of time to put things right before the master comes; there is nothing so fatal as to feel that we have plenty of time. Jesus said, "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night comes when no one can work" (John 9:4). **One of the most dangerous days in a man's life is when he discovers the word "tomorrow."**

The passage finishes with the warning that knowledge and privilege always bring responsibility. Sin is doubly sinful to the man who knew better; failure is doubly blameworthy in the man who had every chance to do well.

THE COMING OF THE SWORD (Luke 12:49-53)

To those who were learning to regard Jesus as the Messiah, the anointed one of God, these words would come as a bleak shock. They regarded the Messiah as conqueror and king, and the Messianic age as a golden time.

(i) In Jewish thought fire is almost always the symbol of judgment. So, then, Jesus regarded the coming of his kingdom as a time of judgment. The Jews firmly believed that God would judge other nations by one standard and themselves by another; that the very fact that a man was a Jew would be enough to absolve him. However much we may wish to eliminate the element of judgment from the message of Jesus it remains stubbornly and unalterably there.

(ii) Jesus says, "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Here Jesus does not speak about the ordinary baptism by which he too was baptized. The Greek verb for to baptize is *baptizein* means to dip. In the passive it means to be submerged. Often it is used metaphorically. For instance, it is used of a ship sunk beneath the waves. Above all it is used of a man submerged in some grim and terrible experience-- someone who can say, "All the waves and billows are gone over me." That is the way in which Jesus uses it here.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 1 st	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Dec. 2 nd	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all the souls in purgatory
		5:30 P.M. -	Ladies of the Parish Christmas Party
		-----	Parish Office closed
Wed.	Dec. 3 rd	<i>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For the intentions of Michelle Becker
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Dec. 4 th	<i>Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Kim LaMarche
		7:00 P.M. -	Holy Family Men's club meeting & Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 5 th	First Friday	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Earl Guenette (1 st Anniv.)
		-----	Parish Office closed
		6:30 P.M. -	Adoration until 7:30 P.M.
Sat.	Dec. 6 th	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	First Saturday Mass – For Fr. Sebastian's Intentions
		3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – Rudy Wencil
Sun.	Dec. 7 th	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Walter Marcella
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

62 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 23rd

Adults.....	\$2,484.00
Loose.....	178.00
General Maintenance.....	-0-
Fuel.....	75.00
Total.....	\$2,737.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense \$4,594.23

Short..... \$1,857.23

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	70.00
Reimbursements.....	15.75
58 th U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	970.00

CALLING ALL LADIES....The Ladies of the Parish Christmas party will be this 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.

Going Deeper Retreat

High school students who desire to deepen their relationship with Christ are invited to Going Deeper: **Friday, January 2nd – Sunday, January 4th, 2026** at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls. This retreat is led by parish youth ministers from the U.P. and includes food, fun, talks, and prayer times. Visit yoopecatholic.org/deeper for more info and to register.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

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.

Dec. 3rd - You cannot possess a richer treasure than that of the loyalty of a friend.

Dec. 4th - Lord, protect me and keep me close to your heart.

Dec. 5th - When a happy person enters the room, it's as if another candle had been lighted.

Dec. 6th - God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

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 85 pledge cards back out of 166. To date we have \$30,947.00 in pledges. That leaves us with a balance of \$13,574.15 to achieve. If you misplaced your pledge card, contact the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 4:2-6
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-32

Saturday

Is 30:19-21,23-26
Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday

Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

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.

March for Life 2026

Join Fr. Ryan Ford and pilgrims from the U.P. on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington D.C. **Wednesday, January 21st – Sunday, January 25th, 2026.** Pilgrimage includes lodging, sightseeing, rally and march on the National Mall, and attendance at the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life. Registration is due with \$50 deposit by January 1st. Visit yoopercatholic.org/march for more information.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Elizabeth – Bark River – Dec. 10th at 7:00 PM

Holy Family – here - Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM

St. Joe/St. Pat – Escanaba – Dec. 16th at 6:00 PM

All Saints – Gladstone – Dec. 18th at 6:00 PM