

Holy Family Parish

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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

Eternal Life (Heaven)

Heaven in Tradition: When we turn into the great Tradition of the Church, we find that the Fathers of the Church agree that the direct sight of God in Heaven is the reward awaiting those who die in God's favor or in full Grace. Indeed, there is little need to go beyond St. Ignatius of Antioch. In his letter to the Romans, he describes how his body has become irksome to him, for it hinders him from giving himself entirely to his Savior. He says, **"To die is to sink from the sight of this world and to rise again in God, to attain Christ, to be reborn to life, to enter into pure light."** Although some of the earlier writers seem to have thought that the direct sight of God would not be the lot of the just until after the General Resurrection, it is clear that the majority believed then just what the whole Church believes today. St. Augustine speaks for all when he says that Heaven consists before all else in the vision of God and in the full possession of the Truth, of Perfect Truth, known no longer in a concept or image, but in itself, through a direct and immediate vision.

It is the curiosity of everyone to know where the existence of Heaven is. Unfortunately, we don't have any clear information from any source at all. Jesus speaks a lot about Heaven and eternal life, but has not revealed to us the location of it. The Church has decreed nothing on this subject.

Happiness in Heaven: People have all sorts of popular beliefs about the happiness in Heaven. Some consider it as the same material happiness we have on earth in its highest degree. If we compare the heavenly joy with the material happiness, we will be wrong. What we have seen and experienced in all our life is the earthly happiness and we cannot comprehend or imagine something different. Essentially the happiness of Heaven consists in seeing God immediately and directly, clearly and distinctly, face to face, as He is Himself. This is known as the **Beatific Vision**. It far transcends all the powers of the created natures of men or Angels. We have already seen how, even during this life, the soul that is free from mortal sin possesses the seed of the vision of God, Sanctifying Grace, a new nature, elevating it to divine order. Still, it is clear from Scripture that our sharing in the divine nature, our adopted sonship of God, cannot attain full perfection until our glorification after death.

The primary object of the Beatific Vision is God Himself, as He is. By direct intuition the Blessed see the essence of God and therefore all His perfections and all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. Created ideas and images will give way to this Great reality, which contains the knowledge of all else within it.

The secondary object of the Beatific Vision includes everything the Blessed have a reasonable interest in knowing. Thus those in Heaven understand all the mysteries believed on earth; they see each other and rejoice in the company of dear ones separated from them by death. They know, too, the honor paid to them by those still on earth.

Degrees of Happiness in Heaven: The Beatific Vision admits, of degrees. It is said that a soul in Heaven is perfectly happy in much the same way as it may be said that a thimble and barrel are perfectly full of water. Suppose, if the barrel can contain 100 gallons when it is full, the thimble, may contain 10 gallon when it is full, but each is full to capacity. So it is with the souls in Heaven. During their time of trial here on earth, they obtain for themselves greater or lesser capacity to know and love God supernaturally, according to the strength of the life of grace in their souls. Jesus says, **"The Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with angels; and then will render to every man according to his conduct (Mt 16:27).** It is evident therefore, that the happiness will vary according to the degree of one's good works on earth. **(We will continue next week).**

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Dec. 13th at 7:00 PM
All Saints – Gladstone – December 18th at 7:00 PM

Holy Family – December 14th at 6:30 PM
St. Joe/St. Patrick – Dec. 19th at 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 4 th	<i>Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Dec. 5 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Lela Dubord (3 rd Anniv.) 5:30 P.M. - Ladies Altar Society Christmas Party ----- Parish Office Closed
Wed.	Dec. 6 th	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Sue & Chad Anderson Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M. - CCD Classes for grades 1-7 & 8 th & 9 th
Thurs.	Dec. 7 th	<i>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M.- Mass – A special intention 7:00 P.M. - Holy Family Men’s Meeting & Smear League ----- Parish Office closed
Fri.	Dec. 8 th	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -Holy Day</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Walter Marcella 6:30 P.M. - <i>Mass – For the People of our Parish</i> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Dec. 9 th	<i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauthlatoatzin</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Dec. 10 th	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Cameron Delveaux 10:00 AM - Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette

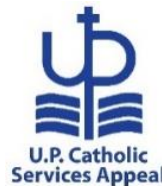
STEWARDSHIP CORNER

66 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 26th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,635.00
Loose.....	252.00
General Maintenance.....	20.00
Fuel.....	<u>25.00</u>
Total.....	\$ 2,932.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,389.42
Shortage.....	\$ 1,457.42

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	515.00
Pasties.....	10.00
Hall Rental.....	25.00



The 56th Annual U.P. Catholic Services Appeal is well underway. Our goal for this year is \$41,006.97. Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards. ***To date we have received 117 pledges totaling \$29,810. There are still 65 outstanding cards***

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.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- 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.
- Dec. 7th** - Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could, some blunder and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely.
- Dec. 8th** - So much of what is great has sprung from the closeness of family ties.
- Dec. 9th** - Belief in God is acceptance of the basic principles that the universe makes sense, that there is behind it an ultimate purpose.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Envelope will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Wednesday

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

Friday

Gn 3:9-15,20
Eph 1:3-6,11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 25:6-10a
Lk 10:21-24

Thursday

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

Saturday

Is 30:19-21,23-26
Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday

Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

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 Flagstadt, 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.

Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary is hosting a Christmas party for all Knights and their families. It will be December 10, 2023 at the KC Hall. It will begin at 5:00p.m. with refreshments with a POT LUCK supper at 6:00 p.m. So please bring a dish to pass. Please call and let us know if you are coming so we set up enough tables for everyone. Piper Desy - 906 399 - 3218 or Cathy Flagstadt - 906 786 - 5034.