

Holy Family Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2024

Pastor

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

Deacon

Deacon: Robert Berbohm 786-9082

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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

Parish Secretary

Pam Leisner (906) 786-1209 Ext. 1 (H) 399-3058

Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

Bulletin articles should be submitted

by Noon on Wednesdays

E-mail Address: secretary@holyfamilyparish.net

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Faith Formation Coordinator

Kathy Kohtala 428-9431

Email: kkohtala@allsaintsgladstone.org

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

Maintenance

906-786-1209

Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff
Wanda Chenier – Secretary Harold Flagstadt
Kevin Dubord Tina Cryderman
Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

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

Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

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

*Mike Gasperich, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk
Clifford Marcella, Brenda Chouinard, John King
Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson, Sue Boudreau*

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 4: 1-13; The Temptations of Jesus

Setting: These events take place in two significant locations: the wilderness and Jerusalem. Historically, the *wilderness* is closely connected to the life of the people of Israel. This was the place where God met the Jewish people at Sinai after rescuing them from Egypt. In the wilderness God shaped them into God's covenant people, cared for and led by God with cloud and fire. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is also led, this time by the Holy Spirit, in the wilderness, and he faces temptation by his adversary, the devil. Here the wilderness is located in Palestine itself. Between the southern Palestine and the Dead Sea stretched a terrible wilderness, thirty-five by fifteen miles. It was called Jeshimon, which means 'the devastation.' The hills were like dust heaps. This was the area where Jesus spent forty days in prayer and fasting and part of the three temptations also took place here. It was not totally devoid of life such as one might imagine if thinking about the sands of the Sahara desert but was rather a place that only produced food for flocks when there were abundant rains.

Jerusalem, the city of David, is the center of Jewish power, identity, and worship. At the time of Jesus, the second temple had been renovated and expanded by Herod the Great and was the center of worship for the Jewish people. This place of power and worship is the setting for the final temptation.

Luke 4:14-30: Inauguration of the Ministry:

After defeating the temptations of the devil Jesus determined what should be the nature of his Mission and he has chosen Galilee to be the place of his inaugural address. Galilee was an area in the north of Palestine about fifty miles from north to south and twenty five miles from

east to west. It was circled by non-Jewish nations. Having been influenced by the gentile culture, Galilee was least conservative part of Palestine. It had over 204 villages or towns with over 3 million people living.

It was the most fertile land with all sorts of fruit trees and other cultivations. People were ever fond of innovations and by nature disposed to changes, and delighted in seditions. They were ever ready to follow a leader who would begin an insurrection. They were quick in temper and given to quarrelling. This is the land which Jesus chose to begin his Ministry.

Jesus began his preaching in the Jewish synagogue which was the center of Jewish religious life. There was only one Temple which was in Jerusalem; but the law said that wherever there were ten Jewish families there must be a synagogue where people gathered on Sabbath for worship. It is amazing that Jesus got an entry in a synagogue to preach, though he was not yet a recognized as a rabbi.

The synagogue service had three parts: 1) The worship part, in which prayers were offered. 2) The reading of the Scriptures which were read by seven people from the congregation. 3) The teaching part. In the synagogue there was neither professional ministry nor any one person to give the address; the president would invite any distinguished person present in the congregation to speak, and discussion and talk would follow. That is why Jesus got his chance. Luke says that people held Jesus in high esteem. That means, the people were impressed by his preaching, though we are not sure on what subject he spoke.

(We will continue next week)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Dec. 16 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For all of our Special Intentions
Tues.	Dec. 17 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Mary Thomas
Wed.	Dec. 18 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Walter Marcella (9 th Anniv.) Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Dec. 19 th	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. -	Mass – Joyce Viau Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 20 th	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – All Souls in Purgatory Parish Office closed
Sat.	Dec. 21 st		<i>Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Cameron Delveaux
Sun.	Dec. 22 nd		<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Bert & Cecile Meyette 11:00 AM - Decorating the church with a light lunch

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

80 envelopes returned for Sunday, Dec. 8th

Adult Offering.....	\$2,898.00
Loose.....	172.00
General Maintenance.....	65.00
Fuel.....	40.00
Total.....	\$3,175.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$4,509.61
Short.....	1,334.61

Christmas flowers.....	125.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	25.00
U.P. Catholic Services appeal.....	1,400.00
Funeral Luncheon Reimbursement.....	71.87
The Word Among Us.....	370.00

Faith Formation

Do you know our Faith? –

Video recommendation for all, even non-believers
Title: Catholic or Protestant (who's right?)
How to Watch: On the internet, 1) Bring up Youtube Page. 2) In the search bar, type in Escanaba Faith Formation. 3) Scroll down to Catholic or Protestant (who's right?)

**all are welcome to the Adult Faith Formation Class – Wednesday's 6:00-7:00, Holy Name*

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

All Saints, Gladstone – Dec. 16th at 7:00 PM
St. Joe & St. Pat – Dec. 17th at 6:00 PM

JUST A LITTLE NOTE...We will be having our yearly calendar but production was a little late. Hoping to have them before the end of the year.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Earl Guenette. May he rest in the gentle peace of our Lord.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 15th** - CHEER UP! Birds also have bills, but they keep on singing.
- Dec. 16th** - A fault-mender is better than a fault-finder.
- Dec. 17th** - A partnership with God is motherhood.
- Dec. 18th** - Christmas is a time for children, No matter what their age. Spirit is the only ticket, And heart the only gauge.
- Dec. 19th** - There is no right way to do the wrong thing.
- Dec. 20th** - Before your gifts are all wrapped up and gayly ribbon tied, Please remember to tuck a lot of love inside.
- Dec. 21st** - Christmas is a time to remember timeless stories from days of your, A time to ponder what's ahead, A time to open another door.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Holy Name is looking for a Lead cook (28 hours per week) and a Part time or Full time (with benefits) Custodian. Resumes can be emailed to employment@holynamecrusaders.com

U.P. Catholic Services Appeal
Our goal this year is 42,662.03. We need the participation of everyone to meet this goal.
To date we have received \$31,040 from 93 pledges. Still short \$11,622.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Monday
Nm 24:2-7,15-17a
Mt 21:23-27 | Tuesday
Gn 49:2,8-10
Mt 1:1-17 |
| Wednesday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25 | Thursday
Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a
Lk 1:5-25 |
| Friday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38 | Saturday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45 |
| Sunday
Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45 | |

Pregnancy Services & Donut Connection Join Forces to Help Those Experiencing Unplanned Pregnancy!

For the month of December, receive either **2 FREE Donuts** or **1 FREE Muffin** from *Donut Connection* when you donate a pack of 50 or more fragrance-free wipes, or 20 or more diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, or 6.

Are You a Woman?

If you answered yes, then you are invited to investigate what it truly means to live as an authentic Catholic Christian woman. Starting Sunday, Jan. 5, women will gather at 6:45pm at Holy Name High School: A Chesterton Academy to use Endow's study on Pope St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. Written for the occasion of the 1995 Fourth United Nations Conference on Women, JP II's letter introduces us to the Christian concept of woman and her indispensable role in the Church, the family, society, and the world. We will meet for 8 consecutive Sunday evenings and welcome any woman who has completed high school through later adult years with the hope we will have fruitful intergenerational conversation and fellowship. The cost is \$40 and participants must purchase the study guide ahead of time. For details and to register, email or call/text Nancy Vande Hey at nvandehey72@gmail.com, 920-257-1736.