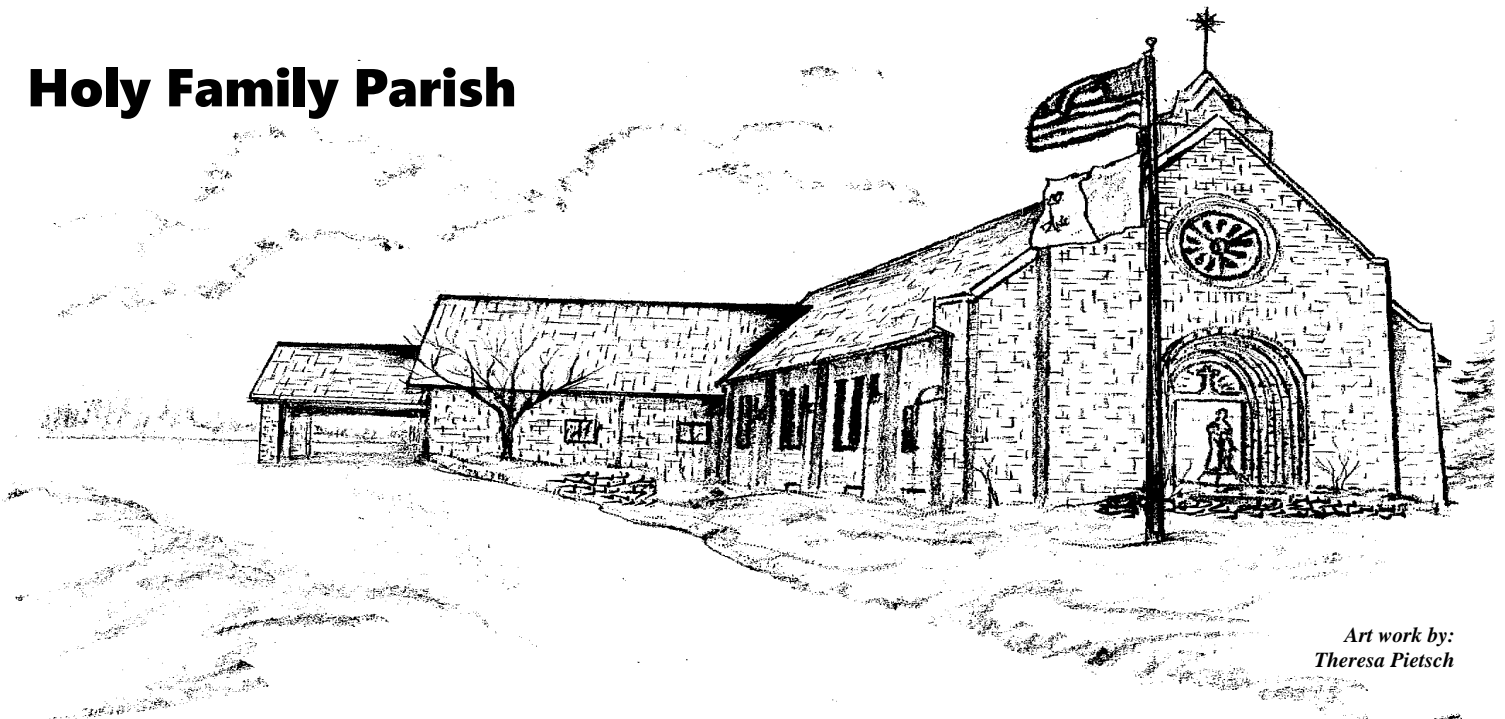


# Holy Family Parish



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## Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020

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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 3:30 P.M.  
7:15 am - 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm  
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 is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

### Private Mass Schedule for April 6<sup>th</sup> thru April 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday.....Louie Grondin  
Tuesday.....John Miller  
Wednesday.....Amy Chenier Kositzke  
Thursday.....George VanDamme *Birthday remembrance*  
Friday.....Good Friday  
Saturday.....Walter & Rosemary Solis  
Sunday.....Lawrence Viau 31<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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2 April 2020

Dear Parishioners of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Church,

Here I am with another letter as part of the weekly bulletin for Palm Sunday. I still miss you and I think that you are still missing Christ, present really and substantially in the Holy Eucharist and present potently in those privileged encounters with him in the sacraments. Once again I encourage you to make use of the variety of those helps to your prayer described elsewhere in this bulletin. Please don't neglect the most helpful practice of making a "Spiritual Communion" every day. The formula is found below. As we begin Holy Week, I again encourage you to pray the Rosary, especially the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please consider praying the Stations of the Cross, particularly on Good Friday. Palms will be blessed this Sunday and made available at a date to be determined by Bishop Doerfler.

I am pleased to report that very many of you have not forgotten to support your parish during this difficult time. I am keenly aware that some of you have lost your jobs and are trying to stretch what little income you have to cover your own basic expenses. I am, on the other hand, most grateful for whatever contributions you may be able to make. Your generosity continues to humble me; the mail has brought contributions every day this week.

This is certainly not the way I anticipated celebrating the Sacred Triduum and Easter for the last time as a pastor. "Man proposes and God disposes." This is God's plan, not mine, for my last Holy Week as a pastor. Please pray for me as I will be praying for you during this most solemn celebrations of the Church Year. I have been thinking about Pope Emeritus Benedict in this regard. When he visited the Holy Land as pope, he was scheduled to address the Catholic Bishops of the region. The Israeli officials delayed all of the bishops with extended security checks; he delivered his address to an empty room, but he delivered his address. I will be praying the abbreviated services in an empty church. I will pray them to best of my ability and mark the days with prayer as I remember and make real again the saving work of Jesus Christ. I will be spared that temptation to sadness that usually assails me with the small turnout at the Triduum services, especially the Easter Vigil. In the normal course everyone is too busy; now the time is available but the services are not. But that kind of thinking is the work of the Tempter to steal our Easter joy. For in all of this there is still the deep and abiding joy that comes with the confident knowledge that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, suffered and died for the forgiveness of our sins and has risen from the dead the first fruits of those who will rise through him and in him.

With continued prayer and gratitude, I remain with you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Francis Dobrzenski,  
Pastor.

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. -	No Confessions No Mass
Tues.	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5:15 P.M. -</b> <b>6:00 P.M. -</b>	No Confessions No Mass
Wed.	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:15 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. -	No Confessions No Mass NO Classes grades 1-7
Thurs.	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	-----	<b>Holy Thursday – No Mass</b>
Fri.	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	----- 7:00 P.M. -	Good Friday – No services No Stations of the Cross
Sat.	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	-----	Holy Saturday – No Mass
Sun.	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	-----	Easter Sunday – No Masses



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

50 envelopes were returned for Sunday, March 29

Adults.....	\$3,575.00
Loose.....	200.00
General Maintenance.....	60.00
Fuel.....	15.00
Votive Lights.....	141.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	<u>147.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,138.00</b>

With no Sunday Masses, there are no collections taken up. Please consider mailing in your regular contribution. *Thanks very much to those of you who have already sent us your contributions. You are a lifeline for the survival of the parish.*

***Holy Family Altar Society Fundraiser***  
***Pureamitea.com***

Order from pureamitea.com and use discount code "AMEN" at check-out. YOUR Altar Society gets 10% of the total sale and YOU get 10% off!

**Masses**

Livestreaming of WNOA’s radio broadcast of 10:30 a.m. (Eastern) Sunday Mass at St. Peter Cathedral:  
[wnoaradio.com](http://wnoaradio.com)

Livestreaming and on demand Vatican Masses:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefy19g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/>

Livestreaming of Masses and other content is available through EWTN on cable, streaming device channels such as Roku, Amazon Fire, and online at [ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states](http://ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states) . On demand streaming of Masses is available through EWTN at [video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/](http://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/)

Livestreaming of Masses and other content is available through Relevant Radio at [relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/](http://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/)

**God does not abandon us**

God does not abandon us. Now is the time even more to gather and pray together with your family at home. Make your house a little hermitage. Set aside a prayer-corner where the family can gather for prayer and where individual family members can take turns praying in private and quiet.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>** - When we depend on man, We get what man can do, When we depend on prayer, We get what God can do.

**Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>** - People are often the carpenters of their own crosses.

**Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees and hears the word of God from Sacred Scripture read aloud.

**Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>** - When a man begins to amass wealth, it is a question whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man.

**Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Blessed are the hard-of-hearing for they miss much small talk.

**Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** - The only true beauty found in us is that beauty which comes by letting Jesus live His life in us.

**Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>** - He who merits praise he never receives is better off than He who receives praise he never merits.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Corner News**

For more information about the Holy Family Conference contact Cindy Hurthibise at 384-6927.

### **St. Vincent de Paul 40 Day Lenten Challenge**

It starts with an empty box or boxes. Each day of Lent, remove one gently used clutter item from your house and place it in the box. After Easter, donate the box or boxes to the Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Store at 1014 Ludington Street, or the Warehouse at 815 1st Avenue North, Escanaba. Did you know that last year, the Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Society donated over \$50,000 in financial assistance to our neighbors in need? We also provided over \$137,000 in the value of food, clothing and furniture to our local area brothers and sisters in Christ. The Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Society would not exist without donors, shoppers and volunteers like you! Thank You for Helping Us Help Others by Responding to the Lord's Call!

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Is 42:1-7  
Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**  
Is 49:1-6  
Jn 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday**  
Is 50:4-9a  
Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**  
Ex 12:1-8,11-14  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Jn 13:1-15

**Friday**  
Is 52:13-53:12  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1 – 19:42

**Saturday**  
Gn 1:1 2 2:2 or 1:1,26-31a  
Gn 22:1-18 or 11:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18  
Ex 14:15 – 15:1  
Is 54:5-14  
Is 55:1-11  
Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4  
Ez 36:16-17a,18-28  
Rom 6:3-11  
Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday**  
Acts 10:34a,37-43  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Jn 20:1-9 or 41 Lk 24:13-35

Here are a few resources to help you:

### **Daily Mass readings**

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Mass Readings: [usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://usccb.org/bible/readings/)

### **Reflection and prayer**

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), [issued a reflection and prayer](#) on Coronavirus (COVID-19): [Reflection and printable prayer card](#)

For those interested in Eucharist Adoration, visit [www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration](http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration) for a livestream from the EWTN Eucharistic Adoration Chapel to join in those praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday

The drama of Holy Week builds and finds its apex in the Sacred Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. For forty days the Church has prepared for these liturgies and therefore they are celebrated with great care and solemnity. As of Holy Thursday, the forty days of the Lenten fast end and the three days of the paschal fast begin. (The Sacred Triduum is not considered part of Lent.)

The liturgies of the Sacred Triduum celebrate the central mystery of our faith: the Paschal Mystery. Contrary to the popular practice of attending only one or two of these liturgies, the proper way of observing this most holy time is to attend all three liturgies since they form a single unit and can be seen as one continuous feast.

The first of the three solemn liturgies, The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, begins on Holy Thursday. After the simplicity of the Lenten liturgies, Holy Thursday is truly a joyous celebration. The vestments are white, flowers again decorate the sanctuary, the Gloria is sung, and the bells are rung. Despite this joyous beginning, the somberness of Good Friday is evident as the liturgy comes to a close.

On this night the Church commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the ordained priesthood, and the Lord's command to love one another. The Old Testament Scriptures tell of God's saving acts and the institution of the Passover Meal, which established yearly commemoration of these saving acts. Saint Paul explains to the Corinthian church that each time they gather for the Eucharist they recall Christ's saving act (his death) until he comes again. The high point of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the account in Saint John's Gospel of the Last Supper. Here Christ commands his disciples to love and serve one another and emphasizes his command by washing their feet. Immediately after the homily this Gospel is reenacted.

The celebration of the Eucharist ends with the solemn transfer of the Blessed Sacrament and the beginning of the watch which lasts until midnight. Now the Church waits, as the disciples waited, for the next event which brought salvation to the world, Christ's passion and death.



## THE SACRED TRIDUUM: Good Friday

Good Friday has traditionally been a day of mourning and fasting. The paschal fast predates the lenten fast and prepares those who observe it for the Feast of Feasts, Easter.

Good Friday can be described as a day of mixed emotions. The predominant theme of the liturgy is God's saving love as seen in the context of the Lord's suffering and death. Although there is a feeling of doom and sorrow on this day, we cannot commemorate the Lord's passion and death without making reference to the Easter mystery. The final prayer of the liturgy asks that the Lord bless all those "who have devoutly recalled the death" of his Son "in the hope of the resurrection."

The Good Friday Liturgy is the simplest and most quiet of the church year. This is the only day of the year when the celebration of the Mass is forbidden.

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is divided into three parts: The Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The liturgy begins in silence. The altar is bare, all the crosses are removed or covered and no bells are heard. The priest and other ministers enter in silence and lie prostrate or kneel in front of the altar.

The opening prayer is said or sung and the Liturgy of the Word begins. During this part of the liturgy we recall the suffering of the Lord's faithful servant, the Passion of Christ.

Following the homily, the Church prays for the needs of the whole world. Each intercession is introduced and the assembly is asked to kneel and pray in silence for these needs. The priest then sums up all of the silent prayers in the collect (prayer).

The actual high point of the liturgy comes with the veneration of the Cross, an action which can be traced to the veneration of the True Cross in Jerusalem. The cross is solemnly brought into the church and all are asked to "behold the wood of the cross on which hung the Savior of the world." Each one then comes forward to venerate the Cross.

With little ceremony the liturgy moves into the distribution of Holy Communion after which all depart in silence.

The observance of Good Friday reaches beyond the church building. This day should be a day of little outside activity, food or entertainment, such as television. The true meaning of this day should be observed within the family as each person prepares to celebrate THE FEAST OF VICTORY on the next day.



## THE SACRED TRIDUUM: Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday continues the somber tones of Good Friday. It is a day of fasting and mourning as we recall the time during which the body of Jesus reposed in the tomb. The paschal fast, which began on Holy Thursday, continues until the Easter Vigil. During this time the Church waits in quiet expectation for the resurrection.

As evening approaches the Church prepares to celebrate the greatest Liturgy of the year, the Great Vigil of Easter. Saint Augustine testifies to its importance in the early Church when he calls it "the mother of all vigils" (Sermo 219). The observance of the Easter Vigil is the only feast that can be traced to apostolic times.

From the early days of the Church, Christians have gathered on this night to wait the master's return (Luke 12:35ff). This is a night of listening, praying, and rejoicing. In many places as added dimension to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection is the initiation of catechumens or elect (those who have been preparing to enter the Church). It is at the Easter Vigil Liturgy that they are baptized, confirmed and receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. The celebration of this feast and of the sacraments of initiation are the symbol of the renewal of the Church in the spirit of the risen Lord.

The Easter Vigil Liturgy is the high point of the Liturgical Year and is the major celebration of Easter. Although it is the longest liturgy of the year, it can and should be the most beautiful. The vigil liturgy is rich in signs and symbols.

The vigil begins in the darkness symbolizing the darkness of the world without Christ our light. A fire is prepared and blessed, from which the Paschal or Easter Candle is lighted. In solemn procession the Paschal Candle is brought into the church. Three times the priest stops, holds the candle high in the air and sings, "Christ our Light." All respond, "Thanks be to God." From the Paschal Candle the assembly receives the Light of Christ for their own candles. Soon the darkened church is aglow with Easter light.

When the priest arrives at the front of the church, the Candle is placed in its stand and incensed. The Easter Proclamation, the Exultet, is then sung, solemnly announcing the Resurrection of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Word then begins with readings from the Old Testament. These Scriptures trace the works of God throughout human history, from creation to the prophetic promise of recreation. The readings, as many as seven, are interspersed with responses and prayers.

Following the final Old Testament reading, the Gloria is sung, all of the bells in the church are rung and the lights of the church are turned on. This signifies the beginning of the first Mass of Easter. The opening prayer is said or sung and the Epistle is read. The response to this reading also serves as the acclamation before the gospel and the return of the Alleluia.

After the homily the Easter water is blessed (if there are no baptisms). The baptized then renew their baptismal promises and are sprinkled with holy water to recall the cleansing of baptism.

The Church then celebrates the Eucharist, partaking in the feast of Easter joy. The liturgy ends with the traditional dismissal: "Go in the Peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Easter has only begun and will continue for the next fifty days. During this time the Church celebrates in a particular way the presence of the Risen Christ among his people.

**ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**