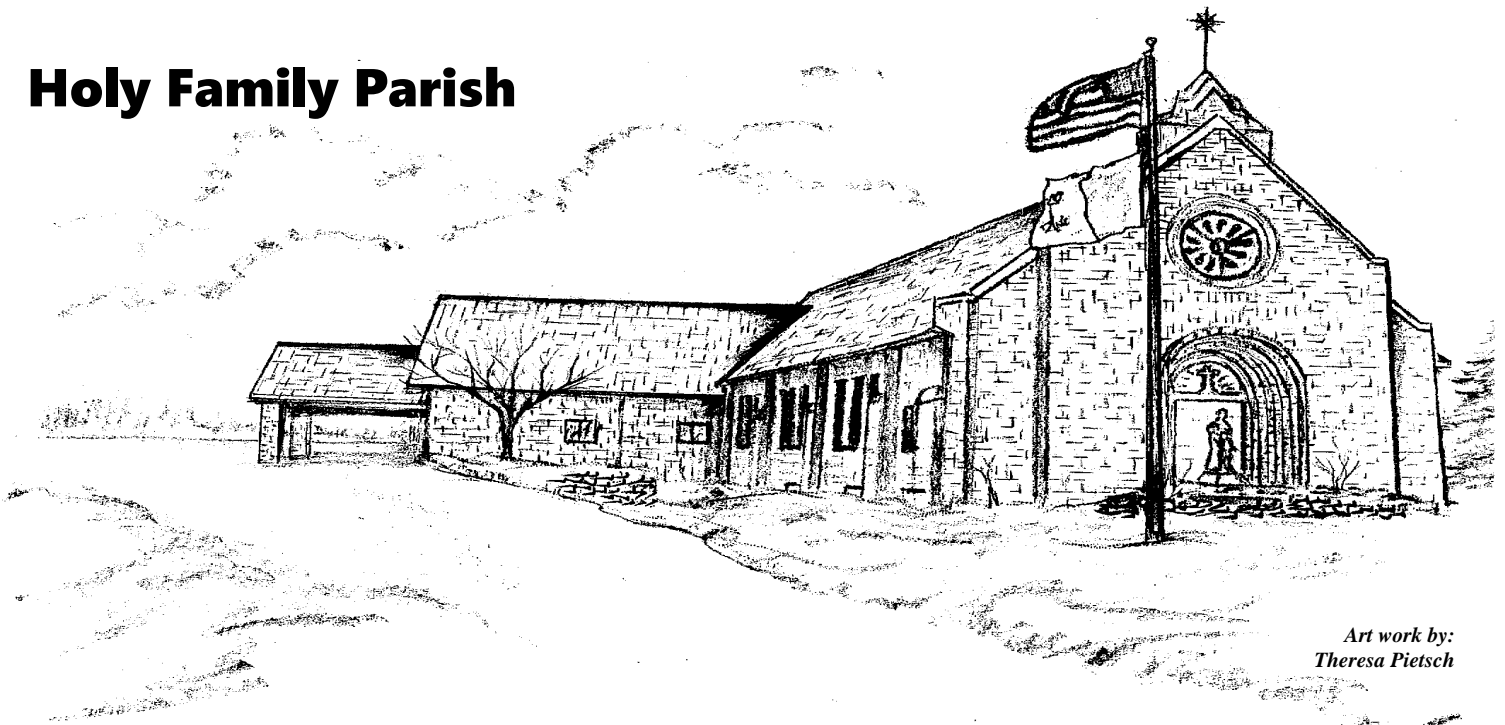


Holy Family Parish



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Third Sunday of Easter – April 26, 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 26th thru May 3rd

Monday.....Charlotte Niemi
Tuesday.....Tom Flagstadt
Wednesday.....John Fay
Thursday.....For the People of our parish
Friday.....For the Priests of our Diocese
Saturday.....Francis & Geneva Smith
Sunday.....Larry Beauchamp

~from your pastor

Here is a recent translation by John F. Deane of an Anglo-Saxon poem, "The Descent into Hell." As you know the harrowing of hell by Christ while he lay in the tomb before the resurrection is the pivotal Easter image of the Catholic Church in the East. Deane's poem-translation is found in a fine collection of Anglo-Saxon poetry in translation, *The Word Exchange*, edited by Greg Delanty and Michael Matto. The title of the book calls to mind that all translation is an exchange of words.

Before day dawned, some women of true worth
dressed themselves to go; the men, drawn together,
believed, in dread, their Lord's body lay buried in the earth;

the women, wearied from weeping for their
Lord's death, would lament a while
and cry bitterly; His passing cruel; cold the weather

in His grave. Yet though they grieved, they would go, to find
brilliant men already at the tomb, bright and cheerful. And she came,
that Mary, mourning, at daybreak, who had desired

another worthy woman to set out with her; these brave
and sorrowing women sought out the worldwinning Son
of God, solitary in His grave, in that spot that was saved

by some just men of the Jews to hide Him. Alone, alone
He must stay, in death, in the sepulchre, through that drear
dark Easter night. They would know deep gladness, have grown

wiser, those worthy women, on turning home. For there
at dawn of day, a host of angels drew in joyfulness, round
that sacred citadel. The sepulchre was open, the deathstone bare,

the breath of life reborn in the body of the Lord. Now
Earth quaked, inhabitants of Hell were hoisted quickly
into joy, for the young Jewish warrior awoke, walked out . . .
. . . Now

Earth quaked, inhabitants of Hell were hoisted quickly
into joy, for the young Jewish warrior awoke, walked out

proudly from that place, a Prince in majesty, in victory,
and wisdom. Then John the Baptist spoke, puffed up with pride,
to Hell's inhabitants, of his kinsman's coming: "When he called me,

when he sent me on this long journey, the Savior had not lied
that he would seek me out, six months being over, He
the sweet savor of all peoples. That season's passed. So now in bright

certainty, I trust today the Lord Himself, will be
a visitor amongst us, victorious Son of God." And straight the Lord
of humankind came hastening on His way, in Heaven's mercy

intending to destroy that kingdom's walls, His sword
most powerful, a king plundering Hell's people. He gave
no thought to helmet-wearing warriors, not to a horde

of weapon-carriers to crush the city's gates, for they caved
in, the locks broke off, the bolts slipped from the citadel.
The king rode in, the keeper of all people, for he craved

to offer the hosts salvation. They hurried through the halls of Hell
who wished to stand forward first to see God's wondrous Son—
Adam and Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, fearless lords as well,

Moses and David, Isaiah, Zecharias, many long-gone
Patriarchs, a mighty host, a meeting-hall of prophets, a throng
Of holy women, a mighty multitude that His death had won

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

35 envelopes were returned for Sunday, April 19th

Adults.....	\$ 3,595.00
Loose.....	325.00
General Maintenance.....	53.00
Fuel.....	-0-
Boiler Donation.....	1,000.00
Mass Stipends.....	100.00
Flowers.....	5.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	<u>125.00</u>
Total.....	\$5,203.00

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.*

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. 26th - Believing Christ died, that's history. Believing Christ died for you, that's salvation.

Apr. 27th - It's bad to have an empty purse, but an empty head is a whole lot worse.

Apr. 28th - There are three answers to prayer: YES NO WAIT A WHILE.

Apr. 29th - Character is like the foundation to a house....it is below the surface.

Apr. 30th - One of the troubles in the world today is the fact we have allowed the Golden Rule to become a bit tarnished.

May 1st - In His hand are the steep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also. Psalm 95:4

May 2nd - Many people treat their religion as a spare tire - they never use it except in an emergency.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner News

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

Saint Vincent de Paul is still helping individuals and families with emergency food and financial needs. Even though the Service Center is closed, requests can be made by calling the following numbers: Pantry: 789-1434 ext. 3; M,W,F 10am – 2pm

Non Pantry assistance:
Monday: 241-5005 10am – 2pm
Wednesday: 241-4957 10am - 2pm
Friday: 241-4885 10am – 2pm

The warehouse is still accepting items. They are temporarily allowing people to leave donations at the back warehouse door, preferably during the days of the pantry hours above. They are in need of many household items.

Also, anyone wishing to make monetary donations may do so by mailing a check to:

SVdP Service Center, 115 N. 8th Street, Escanaba.
Saint Vincent de Paul is always thankful for everyone's generosity.

Here are a few resources to help you:

Masses

Livestreaming of WNOA's radio broadcast of 10:30 a.m. (Eastern) Sunday Mass at St. Peter Cathedral:
wnoaradio.com

Livestreaming and on demand Vatican Masses:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyl9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/>

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 . On demand streaming of Masses is available through EWTN at video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/

Livestreaming of Masses and other content is available through Relevant Radio at relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/

St. Joseph & St. Patricks Parish, Escanaba are livestreaming at <http://www.stjosephpatrick.com>

St. John the Evangelist, Ishpeming
<http://www.ishpemingcatholic.com>

All Saints Parish, Gladstone
<http://www.allsaintsgladstone.org>

Daily Mass readings

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Mass Readings: 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 for a livestream from the EWTN Eucharistic Adoration Chapel to join in those praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We will strive to imitate the Holy Family: by being a loving, welcoming, and forgiving community – fully alive in the Spirit of God; by teaching our children the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our parish; by celebrating the Liturgy as a joyful remembrance of our Lord's Sacrifice for us; by being a family of prayer; by respecting all life, and by having our arms open always to embrace the sick and needy.



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.

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23 April 2020

Saint George and Saint Adalbert

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

“The folly of allowing ourselves to delay what we know cannot finally be escaped, is one of the greatest weaknesses, which, in spite of the instruction of moralists, and the remonstrances of reason, prevail to a greater or lesser degree in every mind.”

—Samuel Johnson, #134, *The Rambler*, Saturday, 19 June 1751.

I have not seen most of you for more than a month now and I find this a very odd way to serve as you pastor. I have not neglected to offer Mass every day and I certainly continue to pray for you, but the personal interaction of the sacramental life of the Church is sadly lacking. I cannot believe this fasting from the sacraments is good for you and I pray that this quarantine and “stay at home order” is lifted soon. I have roughly two months more as your pastor and I am hopeful that I will see you again before I shuffle with my cane out of the sanctuary and out of the church for the last time.

Once again, I thank you sincerely for your extraordinary generosity during this world-wide health crisis that impacts so profoundly our parish life. My friends among the priests tell me of their difficulties, a pastor in Detroit with only 50% of regular income, another pastor in Delta County with income reduced to 80%, and here at Holy Family in Flat Rock, our income is actually 23% above the average for 2020 before the suspension of public Mass and other sacraments. Your kind generosity really is humbling!

I trust that you will warmly welcome Father Sebastian as your pastor, as you so warmly welcomed me. He a fine priest who has served the diocese well as a missionary for 23 years.

With continued prayer and gratitude, I remain with you,

In Christ,



Father Francis Dobrzanski,
Pastor.

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April 16, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Parish,

Father Francis Dobrzanski has faithfully served your parish since 2017. I am grateful for his dedicated ministry and wish him well as he prepares for his retirement. I invite you to join me in thanking him for his ministry at your parish and wish him well in his retirement.

To provide for your pastoral care, I have appointed Father Sebastian Kavumkal, as your new Pastor, effective July 1, 2020.

Father Sebastian is happy to serve as your Pastor and will bring his own unique talents and zeal for ministry. I have heard many compliments regarding his ministry in the diocese where he has served since July, 1997, most recently in Sault Ste. Marie, at Holy Name of Mary Parish, and Sacred Heart Mission, Sugar Island. Father Sebastian is a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle. I am grateful to his Director General for allowing him to come to the Diocese of Marquette and serve for so many years. I am sure you will extend a warm welcome and make him feel a part of your parish family.

With prayers that your heart be filled with the *Joy of the Gospel*, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL
Bishop of Marquette