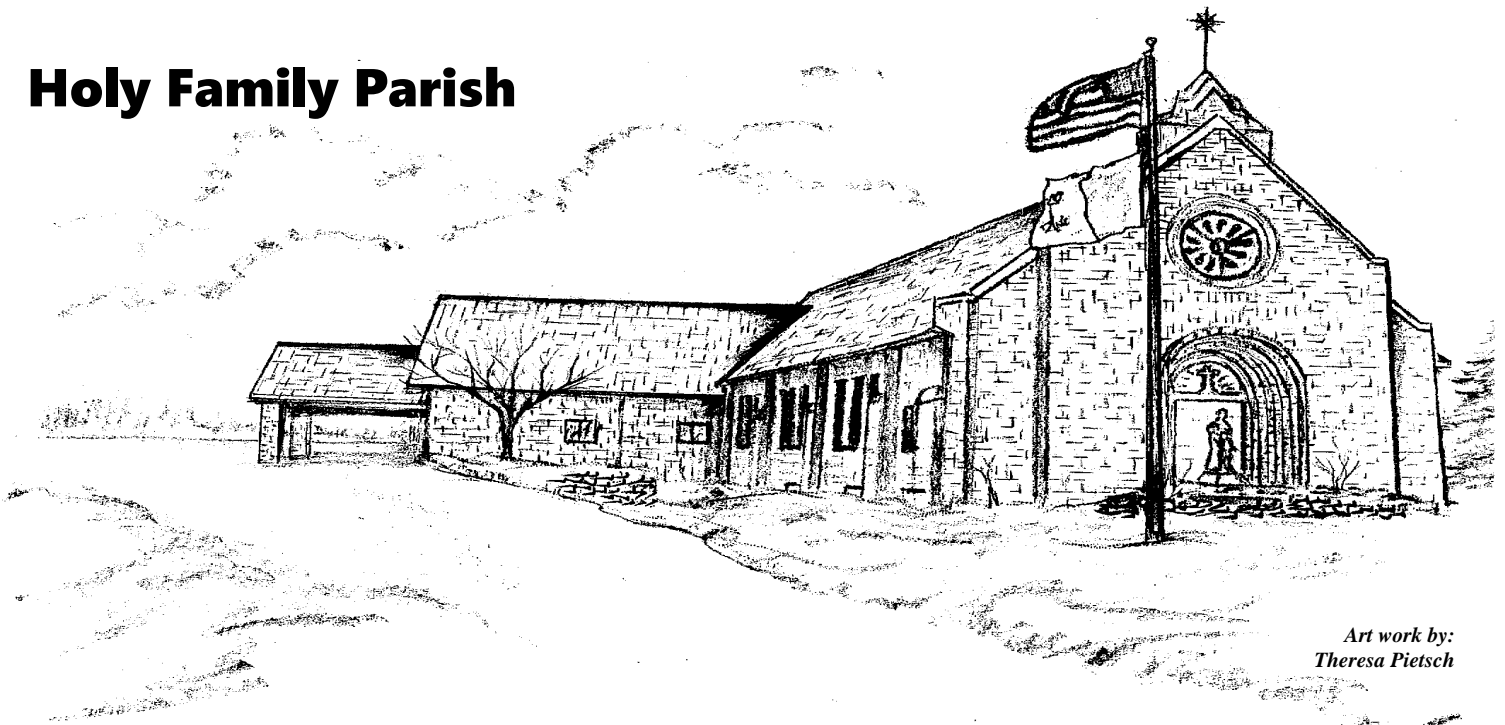


Holy Family Parish



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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 3:30 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 20th thru April 26th

Monday.....John Fay
Tuesday.....Lorraine Tarvas
Wednesday.....For the People of the Parish
Thursday.....John Fay
Friday.....Amy Chenier Kositzke
Saturday.....Jim Gascon
Sunday.....For the People of our Parish

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.

~from your pastor

Christos voskrese! Vo istinu voskrese!
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

As I was preparing to write this Easter article for the parish bulletin, it was my intention to share with you with a large portion of a 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 calls to mind that all translation is an exchange of words. Thinking over and praying about that brought me back to the change (exchange) of water into wine at the beginning of Christ’s public ministry, and then back to the article I find myself writing for this space instead of sharing “The Descent into Hell.”

There is an element of Easter joy that escapes us for the most part because we look to our feelings, always an unsure guide in spiritual matters. We labor under the misunderstanding that joy is something to be felt, uplifting us in ways perceptible to us. I find a portion of Monsignor Knox’s literary biography to be of help here:

. . . the Catholic concept of sacrament carries no such connotation (measurable consolations, a feeling that one has been touched by God). “We don’t expect to *feel* much as the result of the grace which, we know, we are getting. We are accustomed to the idea of supernatural transactions going on; affecting quite really the state of our souls; and yet nothing in the way of external feelings to show for it. We are content to go on in faith, knowing that we have received spiritual benefits without having the itch to take our spiritual temperatures all the time” Knox, *Hidden Stream*, pp. 202-3 as quoted in David Rooney, *The Wine of Certitude*, p. 268).

Taking my cue from the title passage of the biography just quoted, what we bring to Holy Week and Easter is the water of conviction, and the “unseen grace, the prerogative of God himself, . . . transform[s] it into the wine of certitude (David Rooney, *The Wine of Certitude*, p. 275). It is that water of conviction becoming the wine of certitude (the gift of God’s grace) that provides that deep and abiding joy that marks the celebration of Easter, completing our profound meditation on the gifts of the priesthood, the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Cross. The joy of Easter cannot be contained in one Sunday’s celebration. For a whole Octave—eight days—the Church celebrates with overflowing joy.

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'S READINGS

Monday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday
Acts 2:14,22-23 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

52 envelopes were returned for Sunday, April 12th

Adults.....	\$ 3,942.00
Loose.....	100.00
General Maintenance.....	170.00
Fuel.....	5.00
Flowers.....	55.00
Roof Fund.....	25.00
Seminary Fund.....	20.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	176.00
Total.....	\$4,493.00

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. 19th - God sends us trials not to impair us, but to improve us.

Apr. 20th - I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when not feeling it. I believe in God even when He is silent.

Apr. 21st - We may find God's priorities difficult - but they are true wisdom.

Apr. 22nd - Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not to envy, to follow but not to imitate, to praise but not to flatter, and to lead but not manipulate.

Apr. 23rd - Truth doesn't hurt unless it ought to.

Apr. 24th - If Christ is the way, why waste time traveling some other way.

Apr. 25th - Don't feel bad about growing old. Some people never get the chance.

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:
wnoradio.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.



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us –all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

For more information visit
www.thedivinemercy.org