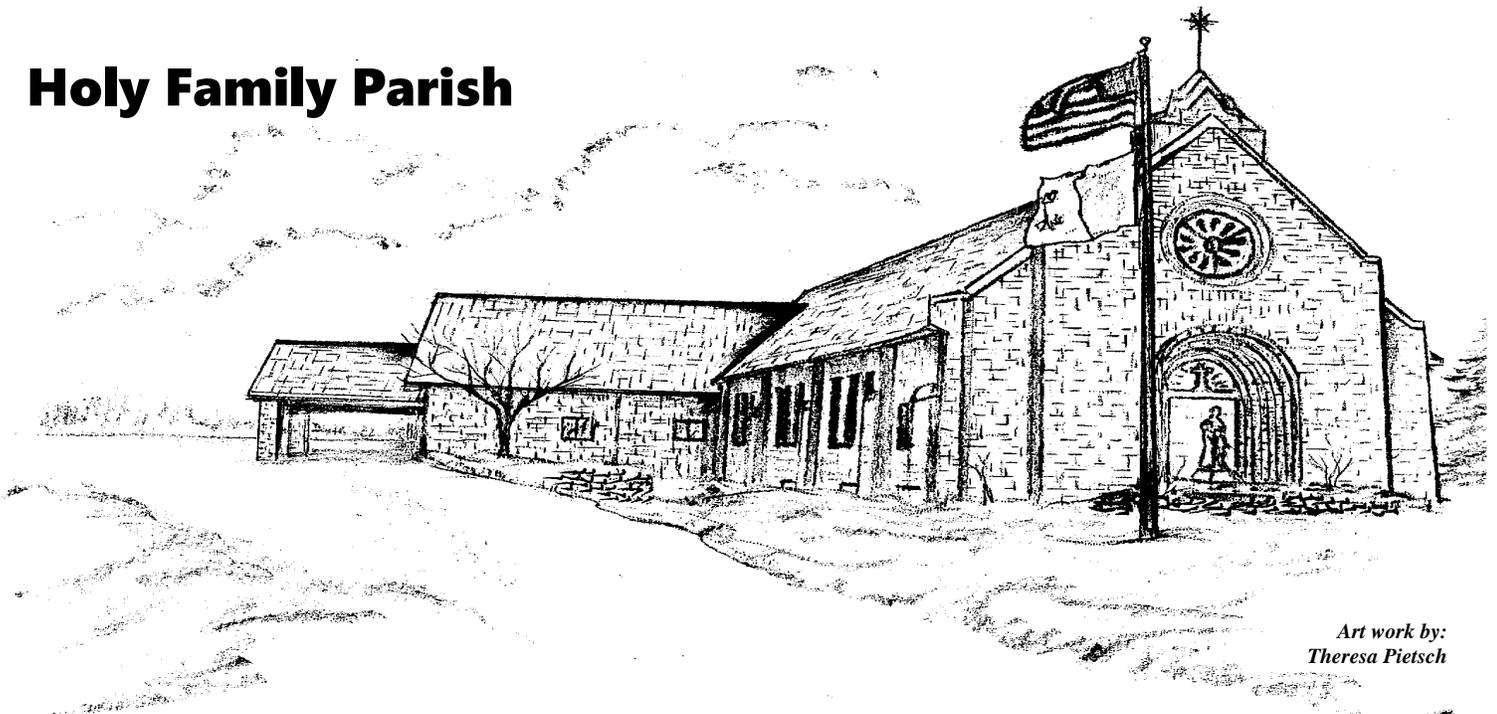


Holy Family Parish



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Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 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 May 4th thru May 9th

Monday.....Special Intention
Tuesday.....No Mass
Wednesday.....Amy Chenier Kositzke
Thursday.....John Fay
Friday.....For the people of our parish
Saturday.....Gascon/Schultz Families
Sunday.....Mary Ann Marcella

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Holy Family Church will have been opened for private prayer as of Friday, 1 May 2020, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, one of our patrons here. With this step we begin the long walk back to regular celebration of the Holy Eucharist in public and the other life-giving Sacraments.

Sadly, at this moment I am preparing to leave you for about ten days. Back in the autumn (It seems a lifetime ago.) I was scheduled for sinus surgery in Grand Rapids. To my great surprise, the surgery is moving forward and I will be heading to Grand Rapids on Sunday in preparation for surgery on Tuesday, May fifth. I will make my post-operative visit to the surgeon a week later, May twelfth, before returning home. Please keep me in your prayers, the doctor will be poking around in my head with sharp things very near my brain.

I have been reading a collection of essays by Father James Schall written between 1968 and 1977, the year I graduated from high school and the year I was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. The essays have a fresh timeliness despite being a decrepit as I am. With this return to an open church with the hope of fewer governmental restrictions, a meditation on one aspect of tyranny seems appropriate. Over the past two months we have willingly surrendered our civil and religious liberties. We are drawing near the time for determining whether this surrender of our liberties was justified.

Father Schall begins:

The praise of fallen men, then, is a worship of God. . . . For it is the highest thing we do when all else is done.

And I should like to begin by citing the famous nineteenth century Russian Orthodox writer, Nicholas Gogol, in his *Méditations sur la Divine Liturgie*, a dusty old book I found last year up in the library of the Jesuit Villa above Frascati. I do not want merely to recall that men of other ages and cultures praised the Lord in Office and Liturgy, but also I want to note how Gogol reminded us that worship of the Lord is what keeps us from hatred too, that worship does have a place even in our cities, our centers of learning, our very civilization.

The Divine Liturgy is the eternal recommencement of the sublime act of love accomplished for us . . .

That is why whoever wished to progress and to become better ought to attend as often as possible the divine liturgy and listen to it with attention: for it builds and fashions man imperceptibly. And if society is not yet corrupted completely, if among men we do not yet breathe a total, implacable hatred, the profound reason for it returns to the divine liturgy which recalls to man that holy and celestial love for his brother.

Jaques Maritain in a memorable chapter remarked that " . . . What makes man most unhappy is to be deprived, not of that which he had, but of that which he did not have, and did not really know." These remarks are from a reflection on love and friendship. And what we shall be deprived of is the inner life and love of most people who have ever lived. We ultimately share in the mystery of very few persons during our years among the human lot. And this is true (this is, in fact, Maritain's point) because the richness of creation is beyond what we can ever ourselves comprehend in one lifetime. That others know what we cannot and will not is the great blessing of the mystery of friendship. The claim to immediate friendship, the claim that all our thoughts and feelings and loves ought to be open to everyone else, is a subtle form of totalitarianism. This is why Aristotle once held, and all totalitarian rulers since have practiced, that there can be no real friendship allowed in a tyranny, nothing of a personal and private nature; that there be no secrets known to one that are not known to all.

The worship of the Father through the Son in the Spirit is the means by which we can be content that our neighbour can be left to himself in his own loves and happinesses, which shall not be ours. We must be content that God loves each person differently, that each friendship contains a mystery that cannot be public. But that is the negative side of it. The positive side, as it were, is that even the hope of fulfilment for any human friendship cannot be founded on the friendship itself but only in worship where each one is aware that the person who is our friend loves God first. In this is our peace and our humility.

If the Mass and the Sacraments are the stuff which forms and completes us to what extent do we embrace a tyranny which denies us not only the means of our salvation but also the means by which our society, so badly damaged, is rescued as well? We have much to pray about now that we can return the presence of the Blessed Sacrament to pray!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

43 envelopes were returned for Sunday, April 26th

Adults.....	\$ 3,230.00
Donations.....	200.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	40.00
Votive Lights.....	298.00
Flowers.....	24.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	105.00
Total.....	\$3,907.00

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

May 3rd - Cast out all negative thoughts about yourself today and focus on the gifts you do have.

May 4th - A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials.

May 5th - He that planteth a tree is the servant of God, He provideth a kindness for many generations, And faces that he hath not seen shall bless him.

May 6th - Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not only in the Bible, but in every leaf of springtime.

May 7th - Keeping house is like threading beads on a string with no knot at the end.

May 8th - A mother is the only person on earth who can divide her love among ten children and each child still have all her love.

May 9th - There is nothing human so dependable, so irresistible, so unselfish as true mother love.

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.

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.

May



The Month of Mary

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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April 26, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Jesus Christ.

Allow me to thank you for your patience and cooperation in these many days in which we have made sacrifices to safeguard the dignity of human life. Let us offer the pain we have experienced from the loss of the public celebration of Mass to the Lord for the salvation of those who have abandoned their faith. May this be the time that they return to the Lord!

Though the churches have been closed to this point, our parishes have been actively caring for people. I and my brother priests, deacons and sister religious pledge to continue to reach out with the love of Christ.

We are now embarking on our journey of reopening the churches. This is a gradual process, and I am grateful for your continued patience. COVID-19 will be with us for a while, and for some time we will be embracing a "new normal." Similarly, there are risks of contracting COVID-19 when you come to church as we begin opening again, so let us all do our part to help minimize those risks. Though we are not quite at the point where we will be celebrating public Masses, we are taking steps in that direction.

In this light, I issue the following directives for the first phase of reopening the churches, **effective May 1, 2020**, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Let us ask St. Joseph for his guidance and protection. May he guide and protect us as he guided and protected the Holy Family. These directives will be in effect until modified or rescinded.

- I hereby extend the suspension of the celebration of public Mass in the Diocese of Marquette, and I grant a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- Parish gatherings also remain suspended, except for outdoor devotions as noted below.
- The live broadcast of private Masses, such as through live streaming on the internet, is encouraged. For the live broadcast of private Masses, if more than one priest is living in a rectory, they may concelebrate. In addition, one deacon may be present to assist, and one lector and one cantor and/or musician properly distanced may be present to exercise these ministries when broadcasting.
- Churches will be open for private prayer and Eucharistic adoration at specified times. There should be no holy water in holy water fonts. Not all churches may have in place what is needed for their regular cleaning and sanitizing by May 1. Confirm with your parish when the church will be open, and what hours it will be open.
- When you come to pray in the church, please observe the following:
 - It is required to wear a face mask inside the church. See the attached resource from the CDC regarding face masks.
 - To reduce risk and the need for cleaning, it is recommended that you use the restroom at your home and not at the church, though the restrooms at the church will be open.
 - Practice good hygiene. If possible, bring hand sanitizer with you and your own cleansing wipes to wipe down the area where you sit before and after your time of prayer. If you do not have hand sanitizer, wash your hands before you come to the church and after you leave. Avoid touching your face until you have washed your hands.
 - Keep a safe social distance of at least 6 feet from other people and observe the directions for number of persons that can be present inside the church that is set by the parish. The maximum number that can be present praying in the church is one person at each end of a pew, skipping every other pew. At their

discretion, parishes may further limit that number by roping off a section of the church to enable better cleaning depending upon their capacity for regular cleaning.

- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or any other symptoms of illness that could be transmitted or could compromise your health.
 - Stay at home if you have been exposed to a case of COVID-19 or traveled to an area that requires a quarantine when you return until you have completed your 14-day quarantine. If you have had positive testing, stay at home until cleared by your doctor and test negative.
 - Persons age 65 and older and those at risk due to other health conditions should stay at home. According to the CDC, 8 out of 10 deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. are people age 65 and older. If possible, parishes may set aside certain times in which only people who are at greater risk and who do not have symptoms may come to pray in the church or for confessions. Check with your parish to see if such times are available.
 - It is recommended that children under age 7 remain at home.
- The Sacrament of Penance may be celebrated by establishing an outdoor station for confessions with a screen, provided that safe distances of 6 feet are maintained. The Sacrament of Penance may also be celebrated inside churches at confession stations with a screen set up in the church, provided that the same directions are followed as for private prayer in churches as indicated above. Confessionals should not be used because they do not provide adequate ventilation and safe distance.
 - First Communions, Confirmations, RCIA, Funerals and Baptisms and the Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated privately with just immediate family members (and sponsors or witnesses if applicable) provided that no more than 10 persons are present, including the celebrant, and provided that the same directions are followed as for private prayer in churches as indicated above. The celebration of these same sacraments may also be postponed until the public celebration of Mass is possible.
 - Priests may celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on an individual basis, according to the directives of the respective health care institutions. Outside of health care institutions, the priests are to follow the instructions that have been given to them to limit the spread of disease.
 - Outdoor prayer on church grounds is encouraged, such as adoration, benediction, rosary, May crowning, etc., provided that the people gathered for prayer remain in their cars, or that they keep a safe social distance of a minimum of 6 feet if they are outside.
 - If a priest is at greater risk due to age or underlying health conditions, it is advised that he refer the celebration of the above sacraments to another priest, except for the private celebration of Mass.

As we open the doors of our churches, let us remember most of all to open the doors of our hearts to the Lord.

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