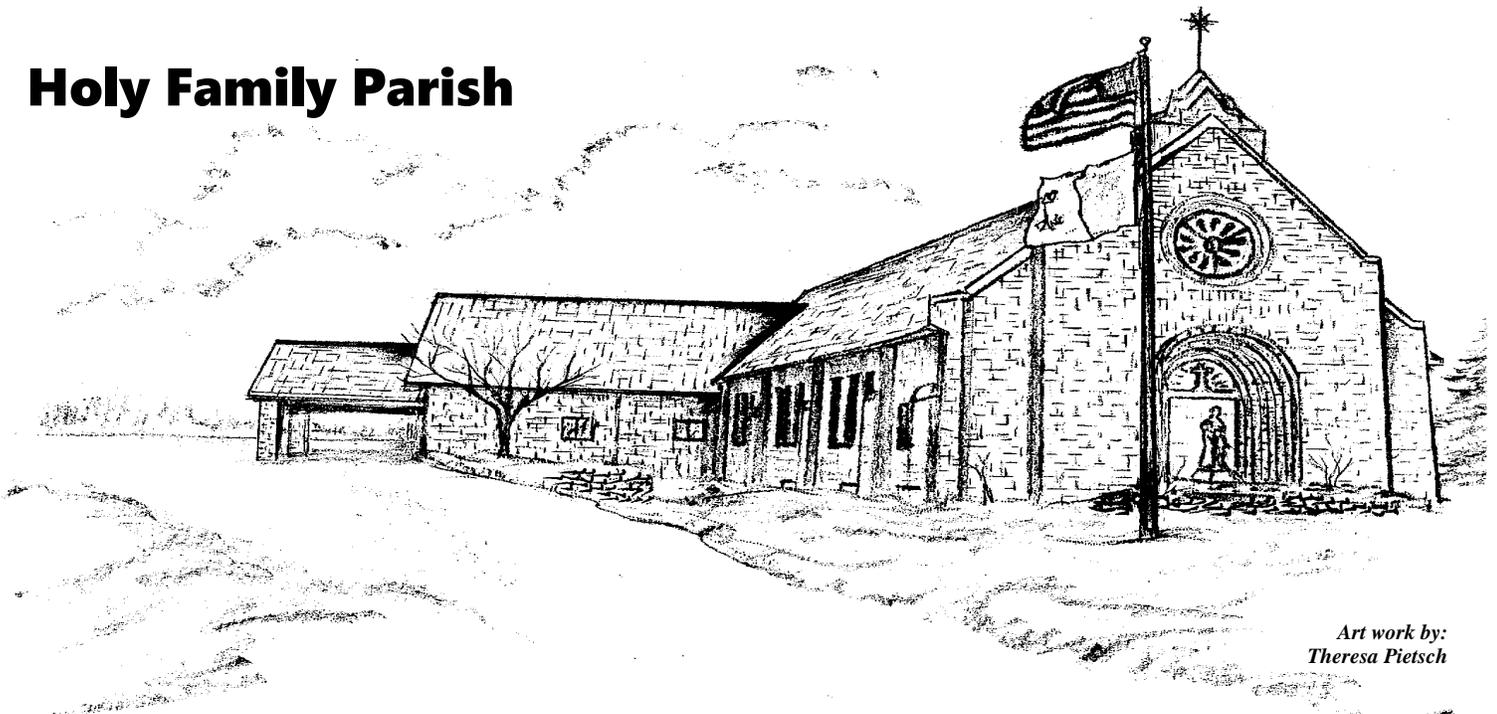


# Holy Family Parish



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 17, 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 18<sup>th</sup> thru May 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday.....For the People of our Parish  
Tuesday.....David LaMarche  
Wednesday.....Shirley Geurts  
Thursday.....No Mass  
Friday.....Tom & Dorothy Srock  
Saturday.....Henry Hughes  
Sunday.....Lorraine Tarvas

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

With the irony possible in Divine Providence, the day that Bishop Doerfler begins to permit public Masses, May 19, is the first day I will be in Grand Rapids. After driving there on Monday, May 18, I have a Covid-19 test that day in preparation for sinus surgery on May 21. After a post-operative examination on May 28 I'll drive back to the parish on Friday, May 29, and offer public Mass on Saturday and Sunday (Pentecost) for the first time since early Lent. Then pack up and be gone by the end of June. This all seems far too much excitement for a heart that beats only once or twice a week. Please keep me in your prayers, the doctor will be poking around in my head with sharp things very near my brain.

Before I say anything about the resuming the public celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, I want it to be clear that **YOU ARE ALL DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS!** No one, NO ONE, is yet required to attend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning!

Please find Bishop Doerfler's guidelines for the celebration of public Mass with health measures in place on the bulletin insert. If you are over sixty-five years old, please consider taking advantage of the dispensation provided by Bishop Doerfler and remain in your homes on Saturday and Sunday at Mass time. I suspect that there will be far fewer people at daily Mass, and so a safer environment, should your longing to encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist draw you to the church. In exercising your free will, be safe and do not forget the safety of others. **If you feel unwell in any way—please stay home!**

Following the guidelines of Bishop John, our church can accommodate forty-four people for a Sunday Mass. We can accommodate more if the family units occupying a pew are more than two. We have made a list and assigned each of you to one of the three Masses for the weekend. I ask that all of you call (1) to find out to which Mass you have been assigned (We have tried to assign each of you to the Mass you most regularly attend.) and (2) to let us know if you plan to attend Mass on the weekend of 30-31 May. If your general health is compromised in any way, please seriously consider remaining at home, taking advantage of Bishop Doerfler's generous dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Distribution of communion will take on some new features in our ongoing attempt to keep us all safe. It will also take more time. I will distribute communion myself. I ask that you approach for communion using the side aisles rather than the main aisle and that you help yourself to hand sanitizer if you wish as you pass the dispenser. Please allow six feet between communicants as you approach. Please take turns left side, right side, left side, right side and so on. Please return to your pew using the main aisle. I will pause to purify my hands using a high potency sanitizer after every few communicants. I will sanitize my hands after each person or household who receives communion on the tongue. You may receive either in the hand or on the tongue. Now, more than ever, it is important that, if you choose to receive communion in the hand, that you place one hand on top of the other and hold them out, slightly cupped, to reverently receive the host. By no means should grab at the host!

Bishop John has asked that, when attending Mass, all should wear a face mask while in the church except while receiving Holy Communion. We priests are instructed to wear a mask only while distributing communion, principally so that the words of the Mass can be understood. The readers may remove their masks while proclaiming the lessons and leading the psalm. When you enter the church you should be wearing a face mask and should immediately sanitize your hands at the stations provided. The church will have been sanitized before your arrival including a sanitizing preparation between the two Sunday Masses.

If you choose to wear gloves, be sure to remove them if and when you receive Holy Communion in the hand. Remove them as well before you attempt to light a votive candle. Someone was badly burned at one of our parishes attempting the lighting of a votive candle while wearing gloves. In addition the burning glove material fell into several votive candles creating a conflagration that endangered the church. Please exercise extreme caution in the matter of lighting votive candles.

I will be hearing confessions, behind the screen only, and I ask that the penitent sanitize the screen and arm rest with a sanitizing wipe after receiving the absolution (There will be a carton of wipes on a stand in the confessional.).

I want to thank you for all your countless kindnesses to me during these all too few years that I have served as your pastor. I began my service as a pastor for a parish in a rural farm community in Ewen and have concluded my years as your pastor here in the farm community in Flat Rock. With this plague raging through the world there won't be much of an opportunity for farewells. We will, however, now be able to share the Holy Eucharist again which connects us to Christ and makes us whole. In compliance with the "plague time" guidelines, I will not be able to greet you after Mass, but after all, what are those greetings but a pale extension of "The Lord be with You." and your response "And with your Spirit."

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### **Monday**

Acts 16:11-15  
Jn 15:26-16:4a

### **Wednesday**

Acts 17:15,22-18:1  
Jn 16:12-15

### **Friday**

Acts 18:9-18  
Jn 16:20-23

### **Tuesday**

Acts 16:22-34  
Jn 16:5-11

### **Thursday**

Acts 18:1-8  
Jn 16:16-20

### **Saturday**

Acts 18:23-28  
Jn 16:23b-28

### **Sunday**

Acts 1:1-11    Eph 1:17-23    Mt 28:16-20

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

30 envelopes were returned for Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$2,315.00
Donations.....	-0-
General Maintenance.....	110.00
Fuel.....	75.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	70.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,570.00</b>

*Thanks very much to those of you who have sent us your contributions. You are a lifeline for the survival of the parish.*



Our Parish sympathies and prayers are extended to the family of **Darlene Smith**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>** - Seven days without prayer makes one weak!

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Live as if Christ died yesterday, arose this morning, and is coming back tomorrow.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** - When you "bury the hatchet" don't leave the handle sticking out.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - The real character of a man may be measured by what he does when no one is looking.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** - Worry does not empty the day of its trouble, but only of its strength.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Saints are sinners who keep on trying.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** - If a parent takes one step into the world, his children will take two.

Congratulations to who all graduated this year, whether it be from Kindergarten, Highschool or College.

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft, upon your fields.  
And until we meet again.  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

We, your family here at Holy Family Church, wish you God's blessings wherever life takes you.



**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](http://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](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/)

**St. Joseph & St. Patricks Parish, Escanaba** are livestreaming at <http://www.stjosephstpatrick.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/](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.

# 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.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH 2020 SENIORS



### Larry LaPalm

Larry is the son of Allen & Heather LaPalm. Larry is graduating from Escanaba High School. He plans to attend Bay College for two years and then transfer to continue his education at Michigan Technological University. He plans to major in Forestry.

### Kyle Krutina

Kyle is the son of Brent and Kris Krutina. He attended Holy Name Catholic School thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. During this high school years he was in football and hockey. His freshman year of hockey he was offensive player of the year. His senior year of hockey he was assistant captain and made #74 on a list of 100 Michigan hockey players to watch. He loves to hunt and fish. He will be attending Bay College in the fall.



### Emily Marenger

Emily is the daughter of Eugene & Pam Marenger. Emily will be attending Michigan Tech in the fall studying Medical laboratory science.

### Ethan Silverstone

Ethan is the son of Jamie & Nichole Silverstone. My senior year I was the quarterback for Escanaba Highschool and had 19 total touchdowns in 8 regular season games . I was elected for the 1st team offense for our conference . I also was a part of hockey and was the captain of this year's team. I had 19 goals and 31 assist and made 2nd team all conference and 2nd team all state . I was a part of National Honor society and Escanaba's Mo buddy program . Biggest highlight of this year was being the coach of the first ever unified basketball team at Escanaba High school . We practiced 2 days a week for 5 months and the improvement was incredible . I will be attending Bay college to get through my general studies.



### Nathan Michael Judson

Nathan is the son of Mike & Angela Judson. After graduation I am planning on staying in the U.P. I will be starting at Bay College than hoping to getting into an electrical apprenticeship program.



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May 8, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Jesus Christ.

Let us go to the altar of God! The absence of the public celebration of Mass has weighed heavily on our hearts. With joy we are embarking on the second phase of reopening by resuming the public celebration of Mass, the summit and source of our life.

Resuming the public celebration of Mass does not mean a return to normal. As we strive to extend the love of Christ to one another, we still need to observe social distancing precautions. Participating in the public celebration of Mass entails a risk of contracting COVID-19. Let us all do our part to reduce that risk as much as we can.

Social distance does not mean that we distance our hearts from one another. Our hearts can still touch. When we assemble, remember those around you and greet each other warmly. Let us be united in Christ and in heart as one People of God.

In this light, I rescind the directives that I issued on April 27, 2020 and issue the following directives for the second phase of reopening, effective Tuesday, May 19, 2020. These directives will be in effect until modified or rescinded.

- Given the limited capacity of the churches and the recommendation that those with greater risk stay home, I grant a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- We will offer the public celebration of Mass and the other sacraments beginning on May 19, 2020. I ask your patience because some of the parishes in the diocese will not have everything in place to begin offering public Masses by that date. Moreover, a priest may refrain from the public celebration of the sacraments if he is at greater risk. Check with your local parish to learn when public Masses will resume there.
- Church capacity will be limited. People are to sit in every other pew and sit at least six feet apart from each other in the pews. Those who live in the same household may sit closer together. Depending on the size of the church and the number of parishioners, it is possible that not all parishioners will be able to attend Mass every Saturday evening/Sunday. Thus, keep in contact with your local parish for their provisions.
- Weather permitting, Mass and the other sacraments may be celebrated outdoors on church grounds to allow more people to participate.
- If possible, other means to increase capacity may be used, such as a closed-circuit large television in the parish hall where chairs can be set up at least 6 feet distance from each other on all sides.

- The live broadcast of Masses, such as through live streaming on the internet, is encouraged, to provide a means of participation for those who cannot attend.
- When you come to church for the celebration of the sacraments or to pray privately, please observe the following:
  - Please wear a face mask inside the church out of concern for each other. See the attached resource from the CDC regarding face masks. Because priests are far enough away from the assembly when they are in the sanctuary, they do not need to wear a mask there. However, they will wear a mask when distributing Communion.
  - 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 when you arrive and when you leave. 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 the number of persons that can be present inside the church that is set by the parish.
  - 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.
  - It is recommended that persons age 65 and older and those at risk due to other health conditions 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 are encouraged to set aside certain Masses and designated times for private prayer for people who are at greater risk and who do not have symptoms.
  - It is recommended that pre-school age children remain at home.
- Procedure for the distribution of Holy Communion.
  - Communion will be distributed under the form of the Sacred Body only.
  - You are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand as a temporary measure during the pandemic and as an act of charity toward the minister of Communion and the lay faithful in the Communion line.
  - Follow the directions given at the parish for coming forward to receive Communion and observe the safe distance of at least six feet from other people in line. If possible, parishes should have hand sanitizer available in the aisle for the people to sanitize their hands before receiving Communion.

- The congregational sign of peace is to be omitted.
- The omission of singing may be considered to shorten the time of the Mass to reduce potential exposure. However, singing is not prohibited. If there is singing, choirs should be omitted, and the music led by a musician and cantor.
- Hymnals, Bibles, prayer cards, etc. should be removed from the pews. Disposable worship aids may be printed if copyright permission is obtained. The people are encouraged to take any worship aids home. If they are left in the pews they are to be discarded after the Mass and not reused.
- Holy Water is to be removed from Holy Water fonts. Parishes may make other safe provisions for the distribution of Holy Water, such as making it available in individual, sanitized bottles. A large Holy Water dispenser should not be used. People may also bring water in their own containers to be blessed at designated times.
- 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. In general, confessionals should not be used because they do not provide adequate ventilation and safe distance.
- Baptisms, Confirmations, the Sacrament of Matrimony and Funeral Masses are celebrated with the same limitations on attendance, social distancing, etc., as indicated above.
- 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.
- Parish gatherings such as funeral lunches, coffee and donuts, etc. remain suspended.

As we resume the public celebration of the sacraments, let us remember most of all to open 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