



## The Pastor's Page

### *Islam*

As I read *Islamic Imperialism : A History*, by Efraim Karsh I am reminded of how glad I am to be Catholic! The book begins with a quotation from the farewell address of the Prophet Muhammad dated March 632AD; "I was ordered to fight all men until they say `There is no God but Allah.'"

The author is a Professor and Head of Mediterranean Studies at King's College, University of London, and gives insight into Islam and in its historical development and current situation. From the "revelations" Muhammad received in Mecca in 614AD to his death in 632AD he developed a religion in which all of humanity was to embrace Islam or live under its domination. He became a political and military leader and his successors immediately spread the religion by the sword.

The imperialism is easily demonstrated by the fact that conquered lands did not become Muslim often for hundreds of years, nor were they invited to, since tax and tribute could only be exacted from non-Muslims. Only after several hundred years did North Africa succumb to Islamic religion and often to avoid taxes. Notably, a great many Spanish and Portugese remained loyal to the Catholic Church despite occupation by the Muslim Moors, and after many centuries finally drove them out of the Iberian Peninsula. This courageous fight prepared Spain and Portugal to lead the Counter Reformation in the 1500s and bring the Catholic Faith to the New World.

If the bloodshed for the expansion of Islam weren't enough, the history details the intrigues and assassinations that permeated the leadership of Islam as various clans fought for control of the territory and wealth that was being brought in. The constant warfare for expansion was matched only by the internecine fighting for domination within Islam.

As I said, I'm more glad than ever to be Catholic. Our own strength lays not so much in force of arms, though that may be necessary, but in our Catholic Faith. We believe in the Blessed Trinity: therefore we believe in the Fatherhood of God which makes us children of God. Islam rejects the Blessed Trinity and believes that Allah is master and we are slaves. We believe in the Divine Sonship of Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and Man. Islam believes Jesus was only an exalted human being, a belief held by the Arian Heresy in the early Church and the Semi-Arians of today. We believe in the Divinity of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, the Soul of the Church and the "most welcome guest" in the soul of each Christian. In Islam there is no belief in the Holy Spirit at all.

Our faith and the culture to which it gives birth has been equal to the task of standing up to Islamic expansion over the centuries. It's time again to dig down into our faith, to live it, and to defend it in any way necessary.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Ben Barron will be leading a Bible Study on the Gospel of John and the Eucharist for students 9-12th grade on the following dates: Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.

It will take place at the Youth House 6:30-8:00PM. Cost is \$20 per student. Please contact Lynn Tomaszewski to sign up 952.929.0113 x 21 or ctomaszewski@hotmail.com

### **Archdiocesan Planning Process Update**

Decisions regarding the status of this parish under the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis's strategic plan will be announced at weekend Masses here on October 16th and 17th, 2010. For most parishes there will be no structural change, although all parishes and schools will be called into greater collaboration with others. Informational materials regarding the structural changes involving certain parishes as well as strategic initiatives affecting all parishes and schools will be available after Masses on the weekend of October 16th and 17th.

As you may know, the strategic planning process was launched in February 2009. In the months that followed, thousands of people participated in the process. Pastors, parish and Catholic school leaders and staff, parishioners and Catholic school families shared their input at meetings and through a voicemail hotline, an online comment form, and letters.

Upcoming changes under the strategic plan are necessary to ensure the health of our Archdiocese for us now and for generations to come. While it is true that the changes are triggered by economic and demographic factors, the main goal of the planning process is to foster a revitalized and sustainable local Church - our Archdiocese.

You can find out more about the archdiocesan planning process by visiting <http://planning.archspm.org/>

## HFC Wednesday Night Religious Education Classes

We look forward to welcoming the students of Holy Family for another grace filled year beginning Wednesday, September 29th from 6:30pm-8pm, for grades 1 through 8.

Our evening begins with large group Gathering Time where we anchor ourselves in prayer with a meditative decade of the Rosary followed by a short talk from Mrs. Prather in elementary grades or Mr. Brandel in junior high. This helps prepare us to go into class open to what Our Lord wants us to learn during class time from 7-8pm. Once a month we have Eucharistic Adoration Gathering Time. This is when we cross over to Church, come into the sanctuary and kneel before Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, to love and adore Him!

Our HFC Wednesday year also includes Advent and Lent Confession Nights, Ash Wednesday Mass, Lent Stations of the Cross with Benediction and our Ice Cream Social.

We are blessed to have the finest group of catechists, including an opportunity for the junior high 7th and 8th grade students to be taught by two seminarians this year, one of them being our own Chris Miller.

The complete list of our curriculum, schedule for the year and registration forms can be found on our website: [hfcmn.org](http://hfcmn.org) or look for the envelopes on all Church bulletin boards with registrations and schedule.

Questions? Call or email Mrs. Jean Prather, Director of Elementary Religious Education at 952-929-0113 x12 or [jean@hfcmn.org](mailto:jean@hfcmn.org)



## There's Still Time to Join Your Friends at the... Gourmet Backyard BBQ

A Fall Festival Group Event to Raise Money for Holy Family Church  
Hosted by Patrick & Sarah Mealey, Norm & Ann Coone, John & Janet Murphy,  
Loren & Stacey Klassen, David & Laura Hemler, and Steve & Jody Pellegrine

**Date:** Saturday, October 2, 2010  
**Time:** 5:30 pm to ??  
**Where:** Mealey's in Bloomington  
**Cost:** \$60 per person (it all goes to the church as a tax-deductible donation!)

To make your donation and  
secure your reservation:

Call Kathy Vansickle at 952-929-0113

It's an evening of fun, fellowship, and great food with fellow Holy Family folks! Enjoy a truly gourmet dinner from the grill, including beef tenderloin, grilled salmon, marinated grilled veggies, gourmet sides and desserts, fine wines and much more!

## Married Couples Date Night with speaker Father Andrew Cozzens!

A Fall Festival Group Event to  
Raise Money for Holy Family Church

**Hosted by:** Jack & Judy Cozzens  
**Date:** Friday, October 15th, 2010\*\*  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Where:** Moorman Hall  
**Cost:** \$50/couple, includes dinner, a marriage building talk by Father Andrew Cozzens, Adoration and Confession.

RSVP to Lynn Tomaszewski at 952.929.0113

\*\*Child care is available, please let us know if you will need child care when you RSVP



## ✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

**Sunday, September 19 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection for the Cathedral Restoration**

### **Food Drive Sunday**

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 6:30 pm Theology A La Carte (YH)

### **Monday, September 20**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Parish Council (GP)
- 8:00 pm Finance Committee (GP)

### **Tuesday, September 21**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (GP)

### **Wednesday, September 22**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls
- 9:30 am Quilting
- 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)
- 7:00 pm HFC Teachers Mtg. (MH)

### **Thursday, September 23**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Choir

### **Friday, September 24**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

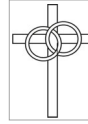
### **Saturday, September 25**

- 6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
- 10:00 am Rosaries For Life
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Mass

### **Sunday, September 26 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Donut/New Member ~ HFA Bake Sale**

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 3:30 pm Father & Son Movie Night (MH)



### **Banns III**

*Keith Moran and Rachel Footh*

### **Theology A La Carte ~ Sunday, Sept 19th**

The first Theology A La Carte of the school year! Alyssa Bormes will be our speaker, and her talk is "The road to hope." Pizza dinner will be served! Join us 6-8PM at the Youth House! Questions? Call Lynn Tomaszewski @ 952.929.0113 x 21

### **Minneapolis Deanery Meeting**

Please join us on Monday, September 27th from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at St. Raphael in Crystal.

Our speaker will be Phyllis Plum, speaking on "Morality and the Media." Our afternoon speaker will be International Mission Appeals. Lunch will be paid for by the Altar & Rosary Society. For reservations call Terry Berthiaume at 952.929.3155.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

St. Joseph's Parish in Hopkins is blessed to have **Father Jim Livingston** return on **October 23rd** for another all-day retreat. Mark your calendars! This is always a very special day full of many blessings. More details to come...

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Eccl 11:9 -12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and Their Companions
- Tuesday:** St. Matthew
- Thursday:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Holy Family Weekly Offering**

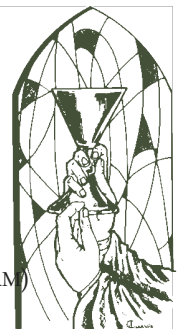
#### **Weekend Masses - September 11/12**

Regular Envelopes	\$15,308.00
Plate	\$ 1,887.11
Cathedral Restoration	\$ 453.41

**Thank You For Your Generosity!**

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

- Sept 20 Jean Rausch †
- Sept 21 Grandparents and Grandchildren
- Sept 22 Gene Szymanski †
- Sept 23 Douglas Parkin †
- Sept 24 Clara Doherty †
- Sept 25 Tom Loftus †
- Sept 26 Sister John Paul Marie Spinharney(9AM)
- Sept 26 For the Parish (11AM)



### **Knights of Columbus**

The K of C will be holding it's Soccer Challenge on Saturday, September 25 at Louisiana Oaks Park in St. Louis Park from 8:30-10AM. It's open to boys and girls age 10-14. Contact Tom Wooden at 952.925.5136 for more details.

All Holy Family Home Educator (HFHE) families are invited to our annual **Homeschool Potluck Picnic** on Sunday, September 19 from 4 to 8PM at Oak Hill Park in St. Louis Park.

### **MESSAGES from your HOLY FAMILY HEALTH BOARD**

The Holy Family Exercise Program is conducted by a Certified Fitness Instructor, and is held every Wednesday at 11:45AM in Moorman Hall. EVERYONE is welcome! Don't put it off . . . come join us and reap the many benefits of exercise. (The cost is \$5.00 per session) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS HEALTHY BENEFIT OFFERED RIGHT HERE AT HOLY FAMILY! Questions? Call Sharon 952.929.0113Ext. 13

## CONFIRMATION 2010-2011!!

Are you ready to take your Faith to a new level? Are you ready to become an Apostle for Christ, responsible for and strengthened to bring your Catholic Faith to those around you? Then you need to get Confirmed!

Youth entering grades 9-12 are welcome to begin preparation for the great Sacrament of Confirmation here at Holy Family. **Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM beginning Sept. 29 in Moorman Hall.** Registration forms can be found in all the Church entrances. *For forms and more information, see our website: [www.hfcmn.org](http://www.hfcmn.org) and click on Youth-Religious education.* Questions, please call Elizabeth Brown, 952.929.0113, ex. 19 or email [browns@usfamily.net](mailto:browns@usfamily.net).



## It's Marathon Time at HFA!

Our annual Marathon fundraiser is Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider pledging one (or more!) of our students as they walk in our only fundraiser of the year. You can sign up with a student, fill out a pledge form in the pew, or go to [www.hfamn.org](http://www.hfamn.org) and click on Donate to pledge on-line. We are also holding a **BAKE SALE** the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. Help us reach our goal of \$32,000 which is needed for the general operating budget of the school. All funds raised over our goal will go toward new playground equipment and a non-regulation size basketball court in our parking lot.

***Thank you for your support!***

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for the FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA) will be at Holy Family on **Wednesday, October 13, 2010 ~ 9:00AM to 1:00PM in Moorman Hall** to administer flu vaccinations. If you wish to receive a flu vaccination, **please call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to schedule your time.** Staffing adjustments will be made depending on the number registered, so it's important to register **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** MVNA accepts most major insurance companies. Seniors, if you wish to have Medicare billed for your vaccination, you must bring your Medicare Card (Medicare Part B) and any other insurance card you may have. The charge for the flu vaccination is \$26.00.

## Children of Mary

**WE MEET THE First Saturday OF THE MONTH  
October 2010 through May 2011!**



For children in Kindergarten through grade 6. PK children are welcome with a parent. Teen helpers are welcome too.

♥ 4 - 4:25PM - Lesson on the lives of Jesus and Mary based on the mysteries of the Rosary & music time in Moorman Hall!

♥ 4:25 - 4:45PM - Children's Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church!

Children of Mary is a response to Our Lady of Fatima's request for The Reparation of Five First Saturdays for all members of your family. She requested we go to the Sacrament of Confession, receive Our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion and pray five decades of the Rosary with the specific intention of repairing the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart. At Holy Family, the Sacrament of Confession will be available starting at 3:30PM. We will be learning about the lives of Jesus and Mary during our lesson time and praying a meditative decade of the Rosary during our Adoration time together in Church. Mass begins at 5PM with the opportunity to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. Registration forms are available on our website: [www.hfcmn.org](http://www.hfcmn.org) or on Church bulletin boards. Questions? Mrs. Jean Prather at 952.929.0113 x12 or [jean@hfcmn.org](mailto:jean@hfcmn.org)

## FATHER & SON MOVIE NIGHT

Fathers and Sons are invited to a movie evening on Sunday, September 26th at 3:30PM in Moorman Hall. This month we will be showing "Seven Alone." Pizza will be served.

The intent of these movie nights is to find virtue on the battlefield and in the workplace and to provide dads with the opportunity to discuss these with their sons. The Holy Name Society has previewed this movie and prepared discussion questions about morality and true manliness. A short discussion break will occur during the movie.

## Father Frank Pavone at St. Raphael in Crystal

**Mark Your Calendar! On Saturday, September 25,** one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world, Father Frank Pavone, is coming to the Church of St. Raphael. Father Pavone is the National Director of Priests for Life. He will be speaking at St. Raphael's on Saturday, September 25th at 7:30PM. There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A free will offering will be taken. Father Pavone will be available after Benediction to sign copies of his books which will be available for purchase. Questions: Jim 763.300.6277. Directions: [ww.straphaelcrystal.org](http://www.straphaelcrystal.org)

## Pro-Life Corner

Father Frank Pavone, Director of Priests for Life, will be joining Father Dufner at Rosaries for Life next to the Robbinsdale Clinic (3819 West Broadway - a few blocks down from Sacred Heart. You'll see the big cross in the driveway.) on Saturday, September 25 at 10:00am.

***Please join us!***

## ATTENTION – NOTE THIS...

**ALL CHOIR MEMBERS...and NEW MEMBERS, TOO!**

Choir rehearsals have begun and are on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM in the choir loft. New members are most welcome.

**Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 for more information.**



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