



*Feast of the Holy Family
December 26
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
pray for us!*

For the Lord sets a father
in honor over his children;
a mother's authority
he confirms over her sons.
He who honors his father
atones for sins;

he stores up riches
who reveres his mother.
He who honors his father
is gladdened by children,
and when he prays he is heard.

He who reveres his father
will live a long life;
he obeys the Lord who brings comfort to
his mother...

My son, take care of your
father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail,
be considerate with him;

revile him not
in the fullness of your strength.
For kindness to a father
will not be forgotten,
it will serve as a sin offering -
it will take lasting root.

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Church of the Holy Family

5900 West Lake Street ✦ St. Louis Park, MN 55416

December 26, 2010

Feast of the Holy Family

Reverend Thomas W. Dufner, Pastor

Reverend James Stromberg, Weekend Associate

Mass Times:

Sunday Masses	9:00AM and 11:00AM
Saturday Mass	5:00PM
Weekday Masses	8:00AM (Rosary 7:35AM)

Confessions:

Saturday	3:30PM to 4:50PM
Sunday	8:00AM to 9:00AM

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Required for baptism and marriage. Adults 18 and over call the parish office 952.929.0113.

Marriages:

Registered parishioners must make application 3 months prior.

Baptisms:

First Sunday of the month. Must be registered parishioners.
Baptism class required. Please call 3 months in advance.

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The Pastor's Page

Babies? Why Do We Need Babies?

The spirit of the world and the Spirit of God are at enmity with one another. When the world wants to solve a problem it kills a baby. When God Wants to solve a problem He sends a baby.

As noted recently, Ted Turner is begging all the world governments to adopt a One Child Policy. He thinks people are the problem, not the solution. He thinks babies are simply mouths devouring the material goods he wants to enjoy for himself. He even suggested that the poor of the world SELL their right to have a baby to someone with more money! (Gasp!)

What does Christmas have to do with solving all the problems and sorrows of the world? Plenty! Let's look at how God has acted in the past.

When the Israelites were being tormented by the Philistines, God sent remedies, not in the form of wealth to buy off their enemies, not in the form a new weapon system to destroy them. He raised up men and women to lead them and rescue them.

At the time of the Judges in Israel, the deepest needs of his people were also reflected in the needs of Menoah and his wife who were elderly and childless. Their deepest longing for a child was heard, and God raised up for them a son, Samson, who overcame the Philistines.

Remember also Zechariah and Elizabeth, a righteous couple, whose hearts ached for being childless. Their deepest longing also corresponded to God's plan for the salvation of his people. He sent the Angel Gabriel to Zechariah while he was offering incense in the temple to tell him that his prayer was heard. Zechariah did believe at first, but when the child was born and Zechariah's tongue loosed, he prophesied, "You my child shall be called a prophet of the Most High for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way." God gave them a child, John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of the Lord.

And to a world wrapped in darkness and sin that desperately needed salvation, God didn't send a book. God loved the world so much He gave His only Son, Who came in the form of a baby.

When God wants to solve a problem He sends a baby. He sends us a new life, an eternal gift, that comes equipped with a mind to think and a heart to love and vocation to fulfill that enriches the whole world.

It is always the Culture of Death that sees life as the problem. Too many babies. Too many old people. The world says, "We know how to handle this. We'll present it as a positive, responsible, even a generous decision. Prevent the conception, empty the womb, and dispose of the elderly." Death is always the answer.

At a time when the world faces, not overpopulation, but incredible de-population, when a faithless and hopeless Europe is ready to be over come by birthrates declining to only one child per family; when China is enforcing its one child policy by forced abortion, when a world without hope is on the verge of despair, we Christians about to celebrate a birth. The birth of the Son of God. God loved the world so much he gave His only Son. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Thomas Dufner

Youth Ministry - January Events

LIFELINE

Saturday, Jan 8th - with Fr. Fred Gaglia and later that evening, dynamic breakouts for High School Men & Women!

- "An Adventure To Live" For High School Men Only
- "AUTHENTIC Femininity" For High School Women Only

The group will leave Holy Family at 4 pm, go grab a bite to eat, attend the Lifeline Mass and return to Holy Family around 10PM. Contact Amy Lashinski to sign up at 612.384.2151 or alashinski@hcfmn.org

High School Senior Dinner

Friday, Jan 14th - Parents and their High School senior are invited to a Senior Dinner in Moorman Hall at 6:30PM. Featured speaker Fr. Mike Schmitz will be speaking about the Theology of the Body directed to the graduating seniors. Free admission (good will offering will be accepted). RSVP requested by Wed, Jan 12th by calling Sharon Spinharney @ 952.941.9138.

Theology of the Body Retreat

9-12th grade

Saturday, Jan 15th 8AM -1:30PM - Fr. Mike Schmitz will be giving two talks along with separate girls and boys talks, there will be Mass, Adoration and Confession as well throughout the day. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch! For more information and to download a registration form, visit www.hcfmn.org. Questions? Contact Lynn Tomaszewski or Elizabeth Brown at 952.929.0113

YOUTH ADORATION w/ Fr. Dufner

Friday, Jan 21st - We will meet at the Adoration Chapel 8-9PM, then head over to the Rectory for treats and games 9-10PM!

THEOLOGY A LA CARTE:

Sunday, Jan 30th - Tony Biese will be our speaker and the topic is "Abraham: doing God's will on one's own terms: lesson in the life of faith and obedience to God". We will start with pizza dinner at 6 pm, listen to our speaker, then there will be time for games and social time before we wrap up at 8PM. It's all happening at the Youth House (White house on the north side of the church parking lot)

Fundamentals of Catholicism

A Course on the Catholic Faith taught by Father Thomas Dufner

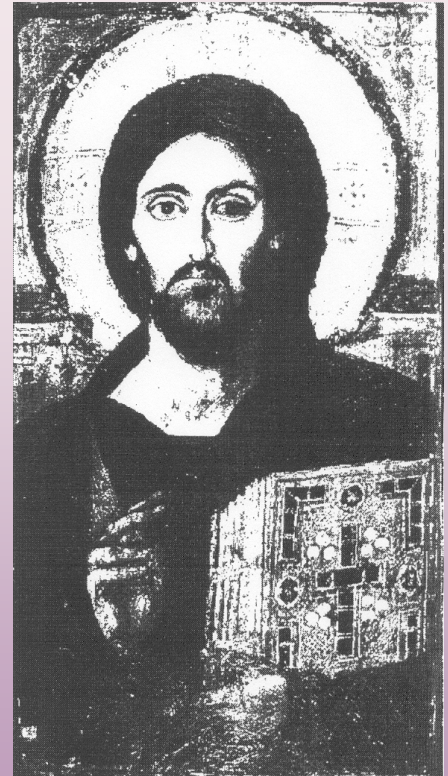
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Sign up for classes 952-929-0113 No Charge for Classes.

Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Nights
January 11 through April 12, 2011

- God: Supreme Being and Blessed Trinity
- Creation and Original Sin
- Jesus Christ: God and Man
- The Church
- Mary
- Divine Revelation
- Grace and the Divine Life
- Sacraments
- General Principles of Morality
- Commandments
- Easter Vigil: Baptism / Reception into Full Communion



You can register for class by calling Theresa at the parish office - 952.929.0113



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT

W/ FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Saturday, January 15th - 8am-1:30pm

For High School students – 9th-12th grade in Moorman Hall

8:00-8:30am – Mass

8:30-9:15am – Registration and light breakfast

9:15-10:00am – Talk I

10:00-10:20am – Small Group

10:30-11:00am – Girl's Talk/Boy's Adoration

11:00-11:30am – Boy's Talk/Girl's Adoration

11:30-11:45 – Small Group

11:45-12:45pm – Lunch/Confession

12:45-1:30pm – Talk II

Cost: \$15 Register by Wed., Jan. 12 - Questions? Contact Lynn Tomaszewski or Elizabeth Brown 952-929-0113

Mail registrations to: Holy Family Church, 5900 W Lake St, St. Louis Park, MN 55416 or hand in to the church office. Checks can be made out to Holy Family Church, or pay online at www.hfcmn.org **Register by Wed. Jan 12th!**

Name: _____

Grade: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, December 26 ~ Feast of the Holy Family

Donut/New Member Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, December 27 - Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Excercise Class (Gathering Place)

8:30 am Branch III

3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

Tuesday, December 28 - Holy Innocents

8:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Vigil (Church)

6:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Dinner - for those who have RSVP'd

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)

11:45 am Excercise Class (Moorman Hall)

5:15 pm KPT

6:30 pm No Confirmation

6:30 pm No HFC

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am NO Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

5:00 pm Mass

Saturday, January 1 - Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

3:30 pm NO Confessions

5:00 pm NO Mass

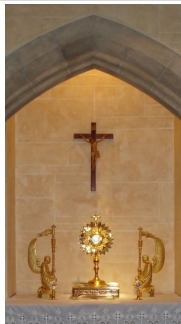
Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of Our Lord

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



Adoration Chapel Update

Thank you to all who responded to the invitation by Fr. Victor Warkulwiz on November 20th & 21st to join the growing list of scheduled adorers in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We have attempted to contact all who have responded. However, if we accidentally missed anyone, or if you did not fill out a sheet and would like to be contacted, please either pick up a sign-up sheet in the brochure rack in the back of the Church and return it to the Church office or call Jim Glover 763.533.0423. Also, please note that the Chapel will be closed both Christmas and New Years weekends from Friday at 3PM until Sunday Noon.

Banns II

Michael Leighton and Amy Lashinski

Brent Larson and Deanna Riley

Banns III

Paul Cullen and Claire Bullard

The family of Marlene Phismister would like to thank the entire Holy Family Community for their prayers and support during her illness and at the time of her death. Thank you Father Dufner, Father Moorman, the Choir and especially Pat and all the ladies who served the lunch.

God bless you all, Eugene Phimister and family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. John

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket

Friday: St. Sylvester I

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep Holy Family in mind. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses. Please be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the year ahead. For your convenience, we offer online giving. To donate, visit the Holy Family's website at www.hfcmn.org, locate the link to **ONLINE GIVING** and follow the instructions.

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Weekend Masses - December 11/12

Regular Envelopes: \$19,555.03

Plate: \$ 649.34

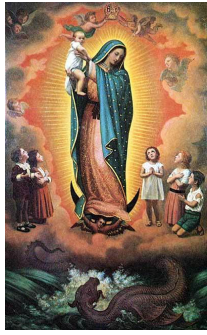
Minnetonka Life Care: \$ 664.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec	27	Matthew Robbins and Family
Dec	28	Father Richard Larkin †
Dec	29	Henry Sieve †
Dec	30	Reverend Melvin J. Blais †
Dec	31	Poor Souls in Purgatory (5:00PM)
Jan	1	For Vocations (9:00AM)
Jan	1	For the Parish (11:00AM)
Jan	2	In Thanksgiving for our Holy Priests
Jan	2	For the Parish (11:00AM)





RESCHEDULED!
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Vigil for All Nascent Human Life
Tuesday, December 28
Feast of the Holy Innocents

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has requested that the faithful come together and pray "for all nascent human life."

5pm: Vigil - The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Church and members of ACCL, A Community Caring for Life, will lead us in the Rosary. We will also pray Evening Prayer I. *Come and experience this beautiful prayer of the Church!*

6pm: Mass - Father Thomas Dufner is the main celebrant.

7pm: Dinner - There will be a catered Italian dinner provided by *Piazza's Ristorante* in Moorman Hall. Mostaccioli, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Cost is a free will offering. **It is necessary to RSVP to Theresa in the Church office by December 27th!** **RSVP to: 952-929-0113 or email: (put "RSVP" in subject)**

ANNUAL SINGLE PARENT MORNING RETREAT

The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life is hosting it's annual Single Parent Morning Retreat at Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in St. Paul:

Saturday, February 5 from 9:00AM – 12 noon ♦ **Optional Mass at 8:00AM** ♦

This event is meant to provide Christian support and renewal for single parents. Fr. Michael Becker, Rector of *Saint John Vianney College Seminary* will speak on "Hope: The Anchor of the Soul." The founder of *The Vineyard*, Jane Leyden Cavanaugh will present how applying the rule of "yes and..." to our lives helps us create the life to which God is calling us, using scripture as a guide. Cost is \$10/family. Free childcare. For more info or a registration form, call 651.291.4489.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Modern Natural Family Planning is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! If you are looking to enhance your married life, a series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on:

Thursday, January 6th and 20th at Holy Family, St. Louis Park

To register or for more information, please call the Billings Ovulation Method at 612.396.4019. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call 651-291-4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family/

MESSAGES from your HOLY FAMILYHEALTH 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 952.929.0113 Ext. 13

Tips for STAYING HEALTHY this COLD and FLU SEASON

- The **BEST** way to break the chain of infection - **HANDWASHING!**
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose.
- Avoid close, prolonged exposure to people with colds.
- If you think you have the flu, stay home from work or school and avoid elderly or frail relatives and friends.
- Eat well and get enough rest.
- Avoid getting "run down" which can lower your immunity to illness.
- Cough and/or sneeze into your sleeve.
- If you use a facial tissue for coughs and sneezes, dispose of it **immediately and appropriately.**
- **WASH your HANDS FREQUENTLY!**

KID'S SHOES NEEDED!



The orphans at Our Lady of the Angels Orphanage in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, often are forced to go without shoes because of their poverty.

Columbian Squires - Pope Pius XII Circle #895, of our parish, is asking for your donations of new or gently used children's shoes to send down to these children for Christmas.

Two large boxes marked "Shoe Donations" are in the back of the church. We also have a box in the office of Holy Family Academy. **Your donations would be greatly appreciated by these poor children.** Questions? Contact Matthew Karels, Bursar, at a.karels@yahoo.com or call 952.938.6550.

Pro-Life Corner

WASHINGTON DC (Catholic Online) - December 10 marked the end of the 'Return the DVD campaign', which asked Catholics in the the Diocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to return DVDs sent to them by Archbishop Nienstedt. The effort was a failure. Those who promote homosexual equivalency and oppose true marriage were unable to get Catholics to send their DVDs back to the Diocese. In fact, less than 1% of the DVDs were returned to the Archbishop's diocesan office. CNN had reported that the Catholic Church and other churches are "at the epicenter of an emotional (and) political debate-one that has divided Catholics statewide." This claim is unsupported by any evidence. In fact, the response to the return the DVD effort shows that Catholics and other Christians are in favor of marriage and the family - and (added by author) that one should not watch CNN or any of the other manipulated media outlets.

Tree of Life

In the back of church is a "Tree of Life" decorated with ornaments indicating items needed by parents who have chosen life for their babies. Please help yourself to an ornament. **Place your unwrapped gifts at the "Tree of Life" by December 31.** An ACCL (A Community Caring for Life) committee member will bring the gifts to the Robbinsdale Women's Center or Southside LifeCare Center. Thank you for your generosity

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