



Church of the Holy Family

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

November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

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 8:50AM

Parish Office

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Registration in Parish:

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.

Perpetual Adoration - Jim Glover 763.533.0423

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*To You I lift up my soul,
 O Lord, my God...
 Your ways, O Lord,
 Make known to me;
 teach me Your paths,
 Guide me in Your truth
 and teach me,
 for You are God
 my Savior,
 and for You I wait
 all the day...
 Good and upright
 is the Lord;
 thus He shows
 sinners the way...
 All the paths of the Lord
 are kindness and constancy
 toward those who
 keep His covenant
 and His decrees.*

Psalm 25

The Pastor's Page

Pope Points to 3 Effects of Faith in Afterlife

Benedict XVI says that faith in the Resurrection should bring Christians to three fundamental attitudes.

"The first attitude [for Christians]," he said, "is the certainty that Jesus has risen, is with the Father, and because of that, is with us forever. [...] Because of this, we are secure and free of fear. This was an essential effect of Christian preaching. Fear of spirits and gods was spread throughout the entire ancient world. And today as well, missionaries find -- together with so many good elements in natural religions -- the fear of spirits and the ill-fated powers that threaten us. Christ is alive; he has overcome death and has overcome all these powers. With this certainty, with this freedom, with this joy, we live. This is the first element of our living directed to the future."

The second attitude for faith-filled Christians is the certainty that Christ "is with me," the Pontiff continued. "And that in Christ the future world has already begun -- this also gives the certainty of hope," he said. "The future is not a darkness in which no one gets one's bearings. It is not like that. Without Christ, also for the world today, the future is dark; there is fear of the future -- a lot of fear of the future. The Christian knows that the light of Christ is stronger and because of this, lives in a hope that is not vague, in a hope that gives certainty and courage to face the future."

But this certainty, Benedict XVI affirmed in noting the third attitude, in no way justifies an escape from responsibilities in the present life. "We don't live as if good and evil were the same, because God only can be merciful," he explained. "This would be a deceit. In truth, we live with a great responsibility. We have talents, we have to work so this world opens itself to Christ, so that it is renewed. But even working and knowing in our responsibility that God is a true judge, we are also sure that he is a good judge. We know his face -- the face of the risen Christ, of Christ crucified for us. Therefore we can be sure of his goodness and continue forward with great courage."

Praying for the end

The Pope concluded the audience address with a reflection on a prayer that Paul taught: "Maranà, thà, which literally means, 'Our Lord, come!'"

"Can we also pray like this?" the Holy Father asked. "It seems to me that for us today, in our lives, in our world, it is difficult to sincerely pray so that this world perishes, so that the New Jerusalem comes, so that the final judgment and Christ the judge come."

But, he contended, there is a way in which modern Christians can join with their first predecessors in saying "Come, Lord Jesus."

"Certainly, we don't want the end of the world to come now," the Bishop of Rome said. "But, on the other hand, we want this unjust world to end. We also want the world to be deeply changed, the civilization of love to begin, [we want] a world of justice and peace, without violence, without hunger, to arrive. We all want this -- and how can it happen without the presence of Christ? Without the presence of Christ, a just and renewed world will never really arrive." Therefore, the Pope added, "though in another way, totally and deeply, we too can and should say, with great urgency and in the circumstances of our time, Come, Lord! Come to your world, in the way that you know."

"Come where there is injustice and violence. Come to the refugee camps, in Darfur and in North Kivu, in so many places in the world. Come where drugs dominate. Come, too, among those rich people who have forgotten you and who live only for themselves. Come where you are not known."

"Come to your world and renew the world of today."

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

The **SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK** scheduled for Wednesday, **DECEMBER 2, 2009** at the **8:00AM Mass**, **HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**
Please watch the bulletin for upcoming information.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

On **Wednesday, December 16**, we have our Advent Penance Service. 9 priests are scheduled to hear Confessions starting at 7PM. (Religious Ed students begin at 6:40PM and everyone else can begin at 7PM.) Invite your family and friends to join us for this beautiful night of grace. Remember what Jesus told Saint Faustina: "*It is in the confessional that the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated.*"

ATTENTION:

METHODIST HOSPITAL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Mark your calendars and
plan to attend the*

**MEETING at METHODIST on
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009**

at 10:00AM in the Inlet Room.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Every year at the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass, the children of Holy Family present the Gospel of the birth of Jesus. Children, ages 4 and up, who would like to participate as an Angel, Shepherd, Magi, or Camel Leader, need to come to our rehearsal on **Saturday, December 19 at 10AM in Church**. If you are 7 years old or older and would like to play the special roles of Mother Mary, St. Joseph, Head Angel, Head Shepherd or the Bethlehem Star, you can register for those drawings by picking up a flyer on all church bulletin boards. Questions? Call Mrs. Prather at 952-929-0113 x12.

Coming Soon...

SUGAR PLUM DAYS!

Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6

Noon to 6:30pm Saturday and 9am to 1pm Sunday

It's Time For Baking!! Join us for our ***"Community Baking Night"***

Tuesday December 1, beginning at 5:30pm in Moorman Hall Kitchen

Bring unbaked cookie dough and join us for some fun & fellowship while we bake.

We need lots of **home baked goodies** for our Bake Sale!

Sugar Plum Days has something for everyone...

Christmas Cookies for sale "by the pound," Chili and Hot Dogs, Apostle Books with new items for sale, Raffle tickets for Grocery and Cheer Baskets, Bake Sale and Nuts and Wreaths to purchase, Grab Bag, Dollar Store and "Boutique," And new this year on Saturday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, "Photos with Santa" as well as a special Seasonal "Sing Along" - courtesy of our Choir. Cinnamon Rolls and a visit from St. Nick on Sunday.

Everyone is Welcome ~ Bring a friend!

***Call Mary Glover with any questions 763.533.0423 * Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society ***

Our Lady of Guadalupe/Holy Innocents

Rosary at Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic - Mass and Italian Dinner (RSVP!)

Saturday, December 12, 2009

3:30pm ROSARY: Join Father Thomas Dufner, pastor of Holy Family, in praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3821 West Broadway Avenue, Robbinsdale, next to the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic. Look for the life-size crucifix. Park on West Broadway Avenue or on the side streets around the clinic.

5pm MASS: At Holy Family including:

- † **Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe** - "Patroness of the Unborn and of the Americas"
- † **A Candlelight Memorial** in memory of the 48+ million babies aborted since 1973
- † "Presentation of Roses" to Our Lady by the children of Holy Family
- † **The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard**
- † Music by the **Holy Family Adult Choir**



6pm DINNER: *Olive Garden* Italian Dinner will be served in Moorman Hall. **FREE WILL OFFERING! BUT YOU NEED TO RSVP TO THERESA AT 952-929-0113 AND TELL HOW MANY FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE COMING!**

More than ever we need YOU to come add your heart and voice to the great PRAYER FOR LIFE for our country!

"...Here I will show and offer all my love, my compassion, my help and protection to the people. I am your merciful Mother, the Mother of all who love me. Here I will hear their weeping and their sorrows...their necessities and misfortunes. Listen and let it penetrate your heart. Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life?

Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"

-Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, December 1531

** Thank you! to Holy Family's ACCL - A Community Caring For Life. Make sure to talk with a member of ACCL to find out how you can become more involved, in a big way or a small way, in ACCL.*

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, November 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, November 30

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (GP)

3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

7:30 pm Opus Dei (C/MH)

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am Mass

5:30 pm A & R Community Baking Night (Kitchen)

7:30 pm Opus Dei (C/MH)

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls

9:30 am Quilting

11:45 am Exercise Class (MH)

5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!

6:30 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm HFC

Thursday, December 3

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm NFP (GP)

7:00 pm VACO (MH)

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, December 4

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (GP)

Saturday, December 5

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)

10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)

12:00 pm *Sugar Plum Days!*

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

9:00 am *Sugar Plum Days!*

11:00 am Mass

REMINDER: FOOD COLLECTION for the NEEDY and S.T.E.P.

Every First and Third weekend of the month, you are Invited to bring non-perishable food items to share with the needy and S.T.E.P. You may drop off your items at any of the Church doors.

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 952.929.0113 Ext. 13

Census (Membership) Update.....

★ Please call Bobbi Hanson at 952-929-0113 ext. 11 or email at bobbi@hfcmn.org to verify your contact information.



Altar and Rosary News

Sugar Plum Reminders...

☞ Donations of cookies or baked goods can be brought to Moorman Hall clearly labeled either Friday Dec. 4th or throughout the weekend of Dec. 5 & 6.

☞ We would also welcome "Treasures" for our Boutique. "Community Baking Night" is Tues. Dec. 1st beginning at 5:30PM.

☞ Bring unbaked cookie dough and join us for some fun & fellowship while we bake.

☞ Cash donations toward "Take Out Baskets" always appreciated through Nov. 30th.

☞ Raffle Tickets on sale through this month at Sugar Plum Days.

☞ New attractions at Sugar Plum this year-Photos with Santa 3-4:30PM and a "Sing-along with the Choir also Sat. afternoon. Questions, call Mary 763.533.0423.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 -10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Andrew

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!!!

In order to track your contributions and list them on your annual statement you must use your envelope OR put your envelope number in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$16,956.00
Plate	\$ 2,080.50
Saint Paul Seminary	\$ 813.10

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov 30	Parents of John & Susan Love †
Dec 1	HFA Teachers
Dec 2	Beverly Jane Hreha †
Dec 3	Rosa Piazza †
Dec 4	Altar & Rosary Society
Dec 5	Vocations
Dec 6	For the Parish (9AM)
Dec 6	Andrew Litwin (11AM)





Target provides our school with the opportunity to earn a percentage of all sales made on Target Cards that have Holy Family Academy listed as their beneficiary. To date, we have earned over \$12,500! By simply shopping with your Target Card, a percentage of your purchases are donated back to our school. If you're not already taking part, please consider doing so - grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors can help, too. Visit Target's web page for more information.



POINSETTIAS! POINSETTIAS!

You Are invited to help defray the cost of decorating the Sanctuary this Christmas by donating a beautiful Poinsettia plant. The cost per plant is \$10. For your convenience, there is an envelope in your church envelope packet labeled "Christmas Flower Offering." Just drop it in the Sunday collection basket any week-end. Thank You! Sharon

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFELINE - Saturday, Dec 5th - Steve Angrisano: In Concert! Steve's unique blend of laughter, song, story and often hilarious audience interaction have made him a popular choice for many parishes. There is an unmistakable awareness that Steve is not just a performer. What he shares, both in story and song, is a witness of the love and life of Jesus. ****Limited number of tickets available!!** Leave Holy Family at 4PM and return around 10PM. Call Jim & Sue Holly to sign up, 763.541.9842.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - Sunday, Dec 6th - We will meet at the Golden Living nursing home in St. Louis Park and visit with the seniors and sing Christmas carols 1:30-2:30PM. Call Lee & Jennifer Flesher @ 952.546.3943

YOUTH ADORATION w/ FR. DUFNER - Friday, Dec 11th - We meet at 8PM at the Adoration chapel for one hour of prayer with Jesus, then at 9PM we head over to the Rectory for one hour of fun until 10PM!

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday Dec 20th - 6-8PM @ Youth House. Come celebrate the birthday of Jesus! This will be a true birthday party with games and cake! You need to bring three things, yourselves, a gift to donate for Toy's for Tots and a white elephant gift. Call Jay & Lynn Tomaszewski with questions 612.396.6890.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING!

It will soon be time to decorate the Church for Christmas. As last year, the decorating will be done in **two steps**. On **Thursday, Dec. 17**, we will put the **lights** on the large trees in the sanctuary, hang all **wreaths**, and put up the **banners**. On **Wednesday, Dec. 23**, we will finish the **remaining decorating**. . . **after Coffee & Rolls**. Please mark your calendars for **Dec. 17th and/or Dec. 23rd** and plan to help decorate. (Adults only, please, due to the nature of the work) Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 if you have questions.

MESSAGES from your HOLY FAMILY HEALTH BOARD

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FLU . . .

1. **Cover Your Cough!** Cover your nose and mouth with your sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
2. **Wash Your Hands!** Clean your hands frequently and thoroughly - with soap and hot water or an alcohol-based hand rub solution.
3. **Hand Hygiene!** Clean your hands after shaking hands, before eating or preparing food, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
4. **Prevent Dehydration!** Drink plenty of fluids.
5. Limit your contact with others who may be ill.
6. If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

S.T.E.P. GIVING TREE

Just 11 more days for the collection of toys, games and gift cards - December 9th is our deadline! Thank you for your generosity! Gloria Cruze 952.926.3198

Adoration News

Open hours are posted on the bulletin board outside the Chapel. Please help if you can. Call Jim Glover 763.533.0423 to see if any of these hours would work for you.

VACO

**Thursday, December 3 @7pm
in Moorman Hall!**



Pro-Life Corner

True or not, the following anecdote makes a point: A professor for medicine asked his students what they would suggest to a pregnant woman, who is often ill and whose husband is an alcoholic and likely suffers from syphilis. The students decided to recommend an abortion. "Congratulations", said the professor, "you would have killed Beethoven".

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.

In Mercy and Justice

Because all human beings are created according to God's image, they possess a basic human dignity which calls for the utmost reverence... On the societal level this calls for responsibility by society to provide adequate health care which is a basic human right...

Health care is so important for full human dignity and so necessary for the proper development of life that it is a fundamental right of every human being. from Health and Health Care (© 1981, USCC)

Support health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death. Get the long-standing teachings of the Church and the latest updates on health care reform -visit www.usccb.org/healthcare.