

The Pastor's Page

From a homily at the canonization of Saint Maria Goretti
by Pope Pius XII

I have no fear, for you are with me

It is well known how this young girl had to face a bitter struggle with no way to defend herself. Without warning a vicious stranger burst upon her, bent on raping her and destroying her childlike purity. In that moment of crisis she could have spoken to her Redeemer in the words of that classic, *The Imitation of Christ*: "Though tested and plagued by a host of misfortunes, I have no fear so long as your grace is with me. It is my strength, stronger than any adversary; it helps me and gives me guidance." With splendid courage she surrendered herself to God and his grace and so gave her life to protect her virginity.

The life of this simple girl - I shall concern myself only with highlights - we can see as worthy of heaven. Even today people can look upon it with admiration and respect. Parents can learn from her story how to raise their God-given children in virtue, courage and holiness; they can learn to train them in the Catholic faith so that, when put to the test, God's grace will support them and they will come through undefeated, unscathed and untarnished.

From Maria's story carefree children and young people with their zest for life can learn not to be led astray by attractive pleasures which are not only ephemeral and empty but also sinful. Instead they can fix their sights on achieving Christian moral perfection, however difficult and hazardous that course may prove. With determination and God's help all of us can attain that goal by persistent effort and prayer.

Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death. This may be conceived as a slow steady martyrdom which Christ urged upon us when he said: The kingdom of heaven is set upon and laid waste by violent forces.

So let us all, with God's grace, strive to reach the goal that the example of the virgin martyr, Saint Maria Goretti, sets before us. Through her prayers to the Redeemer may all of us, each in his own way, joyfully try to follow the inspiring example of Maria Goretti who now enjoys eternal happiness in heaven.

Responsory

How beautiful you are, virgin of Christ;
- the Lord has given you the gift of perpetual virginity.

Nothing can rob you of your reward
or separate you from the love of the Son of God.
- The Lord has...

Prayer

Father,
source of innocence and lover of chastity,
you gave Saint Maria Goretti the privilege
of offering her life in witness to Christ.
As you gave her the crown of martyrdom,
let her prayers keep us faithful to your teaching.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Holy Family Festival 2011 ~ August 19th-20th Smoker Poker ~ Friday August 26th

Friday: Dinner & Live Auction at the Golden Valley Country Club

Saturday: Silent Auction ♦ Petting Zoo ♦ Pony Rides ♦ Mini-Manicures ♦ Face painting
♦ Paintball ♦ Train rides ♦ Basketball Shoot Out ♦ Inflatables ♦ Bingo ♦ Outdoor Food/Snacks
(walking tacos, veggies, hotdogs, ice cream, candy) ♦ Country Store ♦ Beer Garden ♦ Raffle
♦ Chicken Dinner ♦ Papa 'D' and the Knights Band ♦

Tickets are on sale **online** at www.hfcmn.org starting July 11th for the Chicken Dinner, Smoker Poker and Golden Valley Country Club dinner - tickets will be sold in the back of church on July 10th, July 24th and Aug 14th.

**Don't forget to pickup your Raffle tickets!
You'll find them in the back of the Church.**



FUNDRAISING

Holy Family Choir
Truckload Sale
After Masses Sat/Sun 7/23-7/24
Holy Family Church
Campaign ID: 35597

Holy Family Choir is excited to partner with Schwan's Home Service to help fund our Rome trip in 2013. Based out of Marshall, MN, Schwan's Home Service sells quality, branded frozen food through home delivery. **We are asking for your help.** During the truckload sale, please consider buying your frozen food items like chicken, steak, burgers, fruit, veggies, breakfast sandwiches, hot pockets, pizza, ice cream, or lemonade (and hundreds of other items) from the Schwan's truck the weekend of 7/23-7/24.

How do I reserve products to pick up at Holy Family Church?

- Go Online
 - Go to www.schwansfundraising.com and click on Place an Order Online. Use the **campaign ID 35597** to fill out the online order form.
- By Phone
 - Call 888 - SCHWANS to place an order. Make sure to have the **campaign ID 35597** product codes ready.
- Paper Forms
 - Submit a paper form **located in the back of the church** through 7/20/11

How can people who do not live in the area or who happen to be out of town the day of the event support the fundraiser?

They can visit www.schwans.com or call 888 - SCHWANS to order Schwan's™ Gift Cards, even on the day of the event, which are mailed directly to the purchaser, unless specified otherwise. Gift Cards can be used for payment at the door when your local Route Sales Representative delivers food to your home.

If you can't pick up your order that weekend, please pre-arrange with Kathy Vansickle to pay for and store your order in the church freezer for a limited time.

How can I find out what items are available?

Pick up a catalog of products, which is available in the back of the church, or visit www.schwans.com for a complete listing of products as well as nutritional information. Please note, do not place an online order on [schwans.com](http://www.schwans.com) unless it is for a gift card. Online orders must be placed at www.schwansfundraising.com

What is the advantage of reserving products?

Please reserve your product. The customer service manager can have your order ready for you at the event - limit waiting in line. This will also help ensure that the Schwan's Home Service representative will have the items you reserve.

What if I don't pre-order?

Stop by the weekend of the sale to order product off the truck.

What kinds of products are offered?

Schwan's Home Service carries over 350 items ranging from entrees, appetizers, frozen fruits and vegetables, desserts and ice cream treats. There is certainly something to fit every eating occasion, flavor profile and nutritional need.

Thank you in advance for your support!

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut/New Member

8:00 am Confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 11

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
 7:30 pm Opus Dei (Church/Moorman Hall)

Tuesday, July 12

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)
 7:30 pm Opus Dei (Church/Moorman Hall)

Wednesday, July 13

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)
 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)

Thursday, July 14

8:00 am Mass
 12:30 pm St. Monica's Bridge

Friday, July 15

Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, July 16

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
 2:30 pm Baptism Class (Gathering Place)
 3:30 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 17 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Summer Dress for Mass

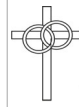
What is appropriate for Mass during summer?

Appropriate dress should reflect three things:

- **Our RESPECT for Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist;**
- **Our RESPECT for God's house; and**
- **Our RESPECT for our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.**

With this in mind, a **guideline for men, women, youth and children would be no shorts or short skirts and no low cut tops or tight attire. When in doubt, it is always best to choose in the favor of modesty.**

Natural Family Planning Classes - The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes for engaged and married couples on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* here at Holy Family in the School Library. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00PM. Visit our website at www.twincities.ccli.org for registration or for more information call 612.721.3791.



Banns III

Kurt Weber and Bridget Klobe

Banns II

Mark Hansen and Rebecca Longtin

ATTENTION ALL BLOOD DONORS...

Your help is needed!

Our Blood Drive is one week away and we need a total of **86** donors to meet our goal. Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to schedule your appointment.

Natural Family Planning Classes: The Billings Ovulation Method-Plan your family the natural way. Learn about this complete way of life honoring your marriage, sexuality and fertility. It is loving-naturally-the way God designed it! A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered here at **Holy Family on July 21st. To register, call Lorena Dillon at 612.396.4019.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Benedict
Wednesday: St. Henry
Thursday: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Friday: St. Bonaventure
Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Family Weekly Offering July 2/3

Regular Envelopes	\$16,692.43
Plate	\$ 1,873.53
Care Fund	\$ 574.15
Online Giving	\$ 955.25

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic funds transfer from your account.

Thank you for generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

July	11	John Florin
July	12	Joan Blackman
July	13	Bud Brey †
July	14	Ann Karels
July	15	John Capello
July	16	Jeff & Ann Mitchell & family
July	17	HFA PTO (9:00AM)
July	17	For the Parish (11:00AM)



Invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Yes, I am willing to spend one hour once a week with Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Name: _____
(Please print legibly)

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please check which time you would prefer:

_____ Morning (6am-Noon)	_____ Evening (6pm-Midnight)
_____ Afternoon (12 Noon-6pm)	_____ Night (Midnight-6am)
_____ Specific hour	_____ Committed Substitute



NFP Awareness Night

The USCCB each year dedicates the 3rd week of July as *National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week* (July 24-30, 2011). The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life is offering an NFP awareness night: *“Satisfying the Human Appetite in a Natural Way: A Discussion Relating to the Human Hunger in Body, Mind and Spirit”* in conjunction with this national event week to promote the understanding of NFP. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, nationally known, sought after speaker of the movement *“Grace Before Meals”*. Fr. Leo Patalinghug will be offering two presentations: **Natural Family Planning: The Human desires According to God’s Plan** and one of his **Famous Cooking Demonstrations!** Come learn more about planning families the natural way, strengthening your marriage with tangible ways to share your thoughts, emotions and needs with your spouse. Join us for this interactive evening of fun and learning about the life-giving love of marriage.

WHAT: Natural Family Planning Awareness Night **TOPIC:** Satisfying the Human Appetite in a Natural Way **WHO:** Engaged and Married Couples **WHEN:** Tuesday, July 26, 2011 **WHERE:** St. Peter Church, 1405 Hwy 13, Mendota Heights

TIME: 7:00-9:00PM **COST:** \$25.00/couple, coffee and dessert provided.
To learn more or for a registration flyer please visit www.archspm.org/family or call 651.291.4489.

Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers

The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, is offering its annual Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers on Saturday, July 23. This day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have relinquished a child to adoption. This day also offers an opportunity for healing, sharing and for learning about resources available for birth mothers.

Date/Times: July 23, ~ 9:30AM to 2:45PM **Location:** Our Lady of Grace,
Cost: \$15.00, to cover lunch and expenses. Scholarships available. **Registration:**
651.291.4488 or online at www.archspm.org

Calling for nominations for the Champions for Life Awards!

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is looking for nominations for our Annual *Champions for Life Awards*. Do you know someone who is a **Champion for Life**? Do you know someone who works tirelessly in helping the poor or elderly; or someone who has devoted their time working with people with disabilities; or maybe you know someone who has helped women and families through a difficult pregnancy; or someone who prays tirelessly for Respect Life issues? Who do you know that loves, respects, and promotes life? Whether it is in grand gestures or small actions do you know a **Champion for Life**? **The categories are: Adult - Individual Youth/Young Adult - Individual or group, Couple or Family, Church, School or Catholic Affiliated Group.** You may print a nomination form at www.archspm.org - Events or E-mail: wilsons@archspm.org or call 651.291.4506. Deadline is August 15.

ATTENTION:

METHODIST HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a meeting in Moorman Hall on **Tuesday, July 12th** at **8:30AM (after Mass)**
Call Sharon, 952.929.0113
Ext. 13 if you have questions.

Pro-Life Corner

San José, Costa Rica, 06/16/2011/
CatholicNewsAgency

The Costa Rican government has shelved a measure that would have legalized in vitro fertilization in the country. While the decision to shelve it is not definitive, any lawmaker who wants to re-open debate would have to present a new bill and begin the process from scratch. The bishops of Costa Rica expressed their opposition to the bill on numerous occasions. In October of 2010 Archbishop Hugo Barrantes called on the government to reject in vitro fertilization as a technique that involves the destruction of human life. He said that while parents who cannot have children experience great suffering, “a child must always be seen as a gift.” Consequently, he continued the child “must not be turned into a means to satisfy a need or a desire, but rather, their dignity as a person demands they be treated as an end.” Archbishop Barrantes also made an urgent appeal to respect human life from the moment of conception and to safeguard the country’s constitution, which states that “human life is inviolable.”