



**O Radix Jesse:** "O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid." Isaiah had prophesied, "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." (11:1), and "On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious." (11:10). Remember also that Jesse was the father of King David, and Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be of the house and lineage of David and be born in David's city, Bethlehem (Micah 5:1).

**O Clavis David:** "O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of Heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom." Isaiah had prophesied, "I will place the Key of the House of David on His shoulder; when he opens, no one will shut, when he shuts, no one will open." (22:22), and "His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over His kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever." (9:6).

### Christmas Liturgy Schedule

#### ✠ Confessions

Sunday, December 18      8 - 9 am  
 Thursday, December 22      3 - 5 pm  
 Friday, December 23      10 - 11 am

#### ✠ Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24      4 & 9 pm

#### ✠ Christmas Day Masses

Sunday, December 25      9 & 11 am

#### ✠ Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, December 30      8:00 am

#### ✠ Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31      5:00 pm  
 Sunday, January 1      9 & 11 am

# Church of the Holy Family

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

## December 18, 2011

*Fourth 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 9:00AM

#### Parish Office

**952.929.0113**

#### Staff:

#### Extensions:

Rev. Thomas Dufner	Pastor	ext. 15
June Kattar	Baptism/Marriage Prep.	ext. 14
Sharon Pero	Pastoral/Parish RN/Liturgist	ext. 13
Claudia Capello	Assistant	ext. 17
Jean Prather	Elementary DRE/Special Events	ext. 12
Elizabeth Brown	Confirmation Coordinator	ext. 19
Alyssa Bormes	Youth Minister	ext. 21
Kathy Vansickle	Controller	ext. 16
Bobbi Hanson	Bookkeeper	ext. 11
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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

**Prayer Chain - Dona Marek, 9AM to 9PM**      952.926.3130

**STEP - Emergency Program**      952.925.4899



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# The Pastor's Page

*From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop  
(Sermo 185: PL 38, 997-999)*

*Truth has arisen from the earth, and justice looked down from heaven*

Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

You would have suffered eternal death, had he not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had he not taken on himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for this mercy. You would never have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have been lost if he had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had he not come.

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time.

He has become our justice, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written: Let him who glories glory in the Lord.

Truth, then, has arisen from the earth: Christ who said, I am the Truth, was born of a virgin. And justice looked down from heaven: because believing in this new-born child, man is justified not by himself but by God.

Truth has arisen from the earth: because the Word was made flesh. And justice looked down from heaven: because every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

Truth has arisen from the earth: flesh from Mary. And justice looked down from heaven: for man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

Justified by faith, let us be at peace with God: for justice and peace have embraced one another. through our Lord Jesus Christ: for Truth has arisen from the earth. Through whom we have access to that grace in which we stand, and our boast is in our hope of God's glory. He does not say: "of our glory," but of God's glory: for justice has not proceeded from us but has looked down from heaven. Therefore he who glories, let him glory, not in himself, but in the Lord.

For this reason, when our Lord was born of the Virgin, the message of the angelic voices was: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

For how could there be peace on earth unless Truth has arisen from the earth, that is, unless Christ, were born of our flesh? And he is our peace who made the two into one: that we might be men of good will, sweetly linked by the bond of unity.

Let us then rejoice in this grace, so that our glorying may bear witness to our good conscience by which we glory, not in ourselves, but in the Lord. That is why Scripture says: He is my glory, the one who lifts up my head. For what greater grace could God have made to dawn on us than to make his only Son become the son of man, so that a son of man might in his turn become the son of God?

Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace.

## Fundamentals of Catholicism Classes and RCIA Candidates

We are getting ready to offer the Fundamentals of Catholicism Classes again beginning **Tuesday January 10th 2012 at 7:00PM through Tuesday April 6th, 2012.** We will be revising the class this year and incorporating some of Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism Series! We invite all those adults interested in Baptism and those already baptized who are interested in becoming Catholic to call the parish office at 952.929.0113 and sign up for the course.

### Mass for Life

January 22, 2012 will mark the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic decision to legalize abortion. This year the Office of Marriage Family and Life will be Celebrating a Mass for Life instead of an Ecumenical Prayer Service as the date falls on a Sunday. Archbishop Nienstedt will be the celebrant for this special Noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. *YES, this does count as your Sunday obligation so come as a family to attend together.* The MCCL Rally at the state capitol will follow the Mass. Last year this inspiring event was attended by approximately 3,000 people. Over 50 million unborn babies have been aborted since 1973. Please join others in this opportunity to pray for these children of God as well as the men and women who suffer because of the decision they made to terminate a pregnancy. Contact the Marriage Family and Life office at 651.291.4506 or wilsons@archspm.org with questions.

Will

**Parish Offices Closed**

**Monday, December 26**

**through**

**Friday, December 30.**

**We will re-open on**

**Monday, January 2 at 8:30am.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** 😊

**NOW HEAR THIS!**  
**Coffee and Rolls on**  
**Wednesday,**  
**December 28, 2011 is**  
**canceled and will resume on**  
**January 4, 2012.**



*Please remember to notify the  
Parish Office of any changes to  
your address or phone number.  
Thank you!*

# *Holy Family Academy Christmas Concert*

**Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church**

*Mark your calendars for a beautiful evening of music, joy, and anticipation as our schoolchildren present you with our annual Christmas concert.*

*The Sanctuary will be lit with the sparkle of tiny lights,  
school children will stand before you on an elevated stage,  
and young voices will fill the air with the songs of Christmas.*

*The event is free but a free-will collection will occur after the concert.*

*Share the excitement as we wait together,  
longing to celebrate that special morning when God came to us as a tiny child.*



## ✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

*Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Food Drive Sunday*

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

*Monday, December 19*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)

*Tuesday, December 20*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)

10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (Gathering Place)

7:00 pm HFA Christmas Concert (Church)

*Wednesday, December 21*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)

11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)

5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!

6:30 pm NO HFC (School)

6:30 pm NO Confirmation (Moorman Hall)

*Thursday, December 22*

8:00 am Mass

3-5 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Choir

*Friday, December 23*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

10-11 am Confessions

*Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve*

4:00 pm Mass

9:00 pm Mass

*Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day*

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

*Monday, December 26 - Parish Offices Closed*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Branch III

3:00 pm Widow and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)

*Tuesday, December 27 - Parish Offices Closed*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)

*Wednesday, December 28 - Holy Innocents*

*Parish Offices Closed*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am NO Coffee & Rolls

5:15 pm NO Kids Praise Too!

6:30 pm NO HFC (School)

6:30 pm NO Confirmation (Moorman Hall)

*Thursday, December 29 - Parish Offices Closed*

8:00 am Mass

*Friday, December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family*

*Parish Offices Closed*

8:00 am Mass

*Saturday, December 31 - New Years Eve!*

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)

5:00 pm Mass

*Sunday, January 1, 2012 - Mary Mother of God*

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

**Banns I**

*Eric Crosby and Marcela Aciola*

**Banns II**

*Kory Schmidt and Andrea Weingartz*

### Holy Family Men's Winter Getaway

The annual trip, also known as the Eli Broomtree weekend will be held this year during Jan 13-16 at Boyd's Lodge on in Crosslake, MN. This is not a retreat so much as it is a weekend of fellowship and "stress reduction". Every year a group of a dozen or more HFCC men take a much deserved break and head North to some remote and seasonably affordable cabins to recharge our batteries for the year to come. We say a rosary together followed by Saturday evening mass, and generally speaking, we are free to spend our time in whatever way we find enjoyable. See the accommodations on the Boyd Lodge website at [boydodge.com](http://boydodge.com). Please reserve your spot by Sunday December 28th. The entire weekend, including gas, lodging and food is about \$150. For more information contact Tom Bertoldi at 952.233.5511 or [bert.mn@mchsi.com](mailto:bert.mn@mchsi.com).

I want to Thank the anonymous person who so kindly left a gift of candy in the sacristy for me on the Feast of Saint Nicholas.

Florence Novak

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Sunday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-

25 [18-25] **Midnight:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10;

Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Wednesday:** St. Peter Canisius

**Friday:** St. John of Kanty

**Saturday:** The Vigil of Christmas

### *Holy Family Weekly Offering for December 10/11*

Regular Envelopes	\$15,168.17
Plate	\$ 2,183.66
Online Giving	\$ 3,100.25

*Thank you for generosity!*

### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Dec	19	Robert Meyer †
Dec	20	Sherlane Biskowski †
Dec	21	Elsie Stach †
Dec	22	In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph
Dec	23	Desmond Pitman †
Dec	24	For Children (4PM)
Dec	24	Kali Mann † (9PM)
Dec	25	Poor Souls In Purgatory (9AM)
Dec	25	For the Parish (11AM)





## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** (after coffee & rolls) to finish the decorating the Church, place the Nativity Set, arrange the Blessed Mother's corner, put up the small trees, hang the wreaths, arrange the poinsettias, and take care of the "last minute details." (Adults only, please, due to the nature of the work) **Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext.13** if you have questions or need clarification.

### Youth Ministry

**Today - Dec 18th - Theology a la Carte** - Mr. John DeJak speaking on "Meeting the Communion of Saints through the O Antiphons." Pizza dinner will be served. 6-8pm in Moorman Hall.

**Dec 19th - Steubenville North Deposit due** - \$50. The retreat will take place July 27-29, 2012. We have 24 spots for youth. The retreat is for youth who, at the time of the retreat, will be entering 9th grade to those who have just graduated high school.

**Jan 7 - Lifeline Mass at NET Center** - please sign up with Miss Bormes at [missbormes@gmail.com](mailto:missbormes@gmail.com) - we will leave Holy Family at 4pm and return around 10pm.

You can sign up for any youth event at [missbormes@gmail.com](mailto:missbormes@gmail.com) or 952-929-0113 x21

### 2012 Mother's Day of Renewal

Saturday ~ January 28th  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
5900 West Lake Street  
St. Louis Park, MN

*Featuring: Stephanie Maricich*

**Schedule:** 8:30am: Confessions and Rosary  
9:00am: Mass with Father Livingston  
9:45am: Registration/Continental Breakfast  
10:00am: Talk begins  
12:00pm: Lunch break  
12:30pm: Talks continue  
3:00pm: Closing



Register by January 14<sup>th</sup> for the discounted rate of \$25. After Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> cost is \$30. Lunch included.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and payment (checks: Mother's Day of Renewal) to: Tina Robbins, 9301 Xylon Cir. S. Bloomington, 55438. For more info: [trobbs5@comcast.net](mailto:trobbs5@comcast.net)

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion

If you are struggling with an abortion experience, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on January 6-8, 2012 in the Twin Cities area. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact Nancy at [rwr-nancy@usfamily.net](mailto:rwr-nancy@usfamily.net) or 763.250.9313. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Additional information can also be found on the Rachel's Vineyard website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).



**...IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!**

Holy Family is hosting an

**"Emergency Blood Drive"**  
**Thursday, January 5, 2012**  
**from 12:30PM to 7:30PM in**  
**Moorman Hall.**

Since our blood drives have been no less than "fantastic" the Memorial Blood Center is turning to us for special help. Please mark your calendars and take time during this **Christmas Season** to give a very

**"Special Gift."**

**Did You Know? Each week, 2,700** volunteer donors are needed to help supply blood to patients in our area hospitals. Your **single donation** can save as many as three people's lives.

Blood is needed for cancer and surgery patients, burn victims, accident victims, premature infants... the list is endless.

**We need a total of**  
**65 REGISTERED DONORS**

**to meet our goal.**  
**Please call Sharon at**  
**952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to schedule**  
**your appointment.**



### Pro-Life Corner

The Minnesota affiliate of Planned Parenthood is slated to open a \$16 million new abortion business and headquarters near University Avenue in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood later this month. Paul Stark of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life has more on the Christmas present the state capital of Minnesota is getting from the nation's leading pro-abortion organization. "The new headquarters of Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota is scheduled to open this month," Stark said, noting that it is a "\$16 million, three-story, 46,000-square-foot facility" that will be "the largest abortion center in the state and the third largest in the nation." "Planned Parenthood will perform both surgical and non-surgical (RU486) abortions there," he said. Probably more than a third of all abortions in Minnesota - some 4,000 per year - will take place in this building." [LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com) | 12/8/11.