

The Pastor's Page

Archbishop Charles Chaput

MADRID, SPAIN, August 23, 2011

(LifeSiteNews.com) – When it comes to finding information on vital issues like abortion, same-sex “marriage,” and faith, the mainstream media simply can’t be trusted, the incoming archbishop of Philadelphia told a group of youth in Spain last week.

“Being uninformed about the world and its problems and issues is a sin against our vocation as disciple,” Archbishop Charles Chaput told his audience during a special World Youth Day session in Madrid. And yet, he went on to note, the Christian believer is faced with a unique challenge in finding accurate sources of information on key issues.

“In the United States, our battles over abortion, family life, same-sex marriage, and other sensitive issues have led to ferocious public smears and legal threats not only of Catholics, but also against Mormons, evangelicals, and other religious believers,” he said.

“And with relatively few exceptions, the mass media tend to cover these disputed issues with a combination of ignorance, laziness, and bias against traditional Christian belief.”

The archbishop said that Christians “make a very serious mistake” if they turned to outlets like the New York Times, Newsweek, CNN and MSNBC, “for reliable news about religion.”

“These news media simply don’t provide trustworthy information about religious faith,” he said. “These are secular operations focused on making a profit ... They have very little sympathy for the Catholic faith, and quite a lot of aggressive skepticism toward any religious community that claims to preach and teach God’s truth.”

Reacting to the archbishop’s comments, L. Brent Bozell III, the president of the Media Research Center, told LifeSiteNews (LSN) that, “Archbishop Chaput is a breath of fresh air.”

“The secular media don’t believe in God, and even less in the Catholic Church,” Bozell said. “Thirty

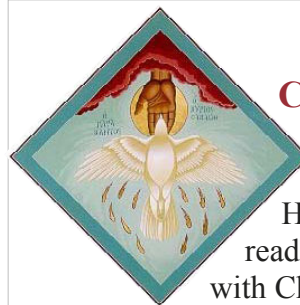
years ago Robert Lichter undertook a survey of the news media and the numbers were stunning: 50% didn’t believe in God, 86% seldom or never attended church or synagogue, 2% were practicing Catholics. That was thirty years ago. The numbers are unquestionably worse today.”

Archbishop Chaput also told his audience that banning religious communities from taking an active role in civic life imposes “a kind of unofficial state atheism,” and that “forcing religious faith out of a nation’s public square ... does not serve democracy.”

Religious freedom means being able to worship as one chooses and “includes the right of religious believers, leaders, and communities to take part vigorously in a nation’s public life,” said the archbishop. He reminded the young people that given the crucial battles over abortion, family life, and homosexual “marriage” in the United States, they need to prepare themselves to be “capable defenders” of their faith.

"A dead thing goes with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it."

--- G.K. Chesterton



REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION PREP 2011-12

High school age youth: Are you ready to deepen your relationship with Christ and take on the mission of the Church? The Sacrament of Confirmation gives us the graces to do just that! Confirmation preparation at Holy Family is a one-year program of preparation with Confirmation taking place in the Spring. Classes take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM beginning September 28. Visit our website for more information at www.hfcmn.org/youth-religious-education/confirmation-preparation or call 952.929.0113 x 19 with any questions (or email browns@usfamily.net).



Holy Family Academy is Celebrating Ten Years of Catholic Education

It is with great joy that we will welcome

Archbishop John Nienstedt

to Holy Family on September 28th
for the 8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
commemorating Holy Family Academy's
Ten Year Anniversary.

Thank you to all of the parishioners,
families and friends who have supported
Holy Family Academy during the past ten years.

Your prayers, encouragement and
financial support have sustained us and
helped us grow into one of the finest
Catholic schools in our Archdiocese.

Please be our guest at Mass on Wednesday,
September 28th and join us in offering prayers of
thanksgiving and praise to God for His many
blessings and our beautiful school.

HFC Wednesday Night Religious Education Classes

We look forward to welcoming the students of Holy Family for another grace filled year beginning Wednesday, September 28th 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.

The complete list of our curriculum, schedule for the year and registration forms can be found on our website: 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 x 12 or jean@hfcmn.org



✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, September 18 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

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

Monday, September 19

- 9:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 20

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)
- 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (Gathering Place)

Wednesday, September 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!

Thursday, September 22

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

Friday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Love, Naturally: The Billings Ovulation Method is a scientific, reliable method that celebrates your marriage, sexuality, and fertility. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered on **September 29th (or by appointment)** here at Holy Family. To register, or to get more information, call Lorena at 612.396.4019.

Are you adopted? Have you placed a child for adoption? Are you an adoptive family who have your child already or perhaps are just starting the process? Whatever your connection to adoption, we warmly invite you to the 7th Annual Archdiocesan Mass in Celebration of Adoption. The Mass will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 5:15PM at Our Lady of Grace in Edina (5017 Eden Ave ~ Edina). Parents, birth parents, grandparents, children, other family members and friends are welcome. The Mass is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family & Life. For more info or to volunteer, please call 651.291.4506.

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!** Come join us and reap the many benefits of exercise. \$5.00 per session.



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Jordan Schaefer and Angela Howick

Minneapolis Deanery Meeting - Monday, September 26 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 9AM-2:30PM. Speakers are Jeremy Stansbary, sharing his experiences at World Youth Day, and Agnes Dynes, speaking about the Appalachian Mission. Lunch paid by Altar & Rosary. Reservations call Terry 952.929.3155.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Januarius
- Tuesday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Taegön and Paul Chöng Hasang and Their Companions
- Wednesday:** St. Matthew
- Friday:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

A simple and convenient way to give...

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Holy Family relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit www.hfcmn.org and click on Online Giving in the Upper Right corner. If you would like to give electronically but do not have a computer available to sign up please contact Bobbi Hanson at 952.929.0113 ext.11 and she can get you set up. Thank you!

Holy Family Weekly Offering September 10/11

Regular Envelopes	\$15,271.03
Plate	\$ 1,661.02
Online Giving	\$ 1,063.25
CARE Fund	\$ 794.28

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

- Sept 19 Meghan Kilkelly
- Sept 20 LCDR Michael & Mrs. Jill Killkelly†
- Sept 21 Bernard Welter †
- Sept 22 Father Moorman †
- Sept 23 Doug Parkin †
- Sept 24 Richard Kappes †
- Sept 25 Dick Custer † (9AM)
- Sept 25 For the Parish (11AM)



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for the FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA)

will be here at Holy Family on

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 ~ from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

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.**

Insurance companies accepted by MVNA are:

Aetna, America's PPO, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Health Partners, Humana, Labor Care, Medica, MN Health Care (MA), MCHA – Medica, Medicare, MHP, Select Care, UCare, Unicare, United Health Care.

Remember to bring a picture ID, Medicare Card, and insurance card.

The charge for the flu vaccination is \$27.00

FIRST CONFESSION/COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of all second grade children of Holy Family receiving First Confession and First Holy Communion on **Tuesday, October 4th, beginning at 7PM downstairs in Moorman Hall.** The Holy Family First Confession curriculum book will be available for homeschoolers that evening (HFA and HFC Wednesday students will get their books at school.) All details of the program will be discussed. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Prather at 952.929.0113 x12 or jean @hfcmmn.org

THEOLOGY A LA CARTE: Sunday, Sept 18th – Welcome to the first Theology A La Carte of the school year! Our new Youth Minister Miss Bormes will be our speaker – it will be a great evening and a chance to meet and get to know Miss Bormes. We will start with pizza dinner at 6PM, 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)

2011 Bible Study With Ben Barron! "Don't Act like a Fool!!!!" -A crash course in Virtue and Morality The 5 part study will cover things like the passions, acting virtuously, sin, why Saints are super virtuous and the focus will be to understand the effects of the fall (i.e. out of control passions), to do a good examination of conscience on how we act...which goes beyond just mortal sin. WED, SEPT 28th, OCT 5th, OCT 12th, OCT 19th AND OCT 26th 6:30-8:00PM at the Youth House Contact Miss Bormes to sign up: missbormes@gmail.com

Annual Clothing Swap!

The annual Children's Clothing Swap will take place from 8AM to 2PM on Sunday, October 2 in Moorman Hall. Starting 8AM Sunday, bring in your family's clean, unstained, undamaged clothing for babies, kids, teens, maternity and nursing. HFHE volunteers will help sort and display it. Look it all over and take home something for your kids, your grandkids, your friends' kids, or your favorite charity. It's all FREE, and only on one day, so come early and stay late. Questions? Call Erin at 612.239.2213.



**You are invited to join us for a time of prayer,
study and friendship...**

**And this year we will be learning from
the 33rd Doctor of the Church!**

Holy Family's Carmelite Group meets once a month, the 2nd Monday of the month, from October through May beginning at 6:30pm downstairs in Moorman Hall.

Our time together consists of:

- ✓ Chanting *Evening Prayer* (the Psalms)
- ✓ Father Dufner leading us in our study time
- ✓ Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (mental prayer)
- ✓ Chanting *Night Prayer*
- ✓ Social Time

Since we are not an official secular Carmelite community, you are free to join us and experience Carmelite spirituality as your vocation and schedule allows. This year we will be studying an excellent (and very understandable) book by Father Vernon Johnson entitled: **"Spiritual Childhood - The Spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux"** Read with an open heart, this book will help you grow in holiness if you follow "the Little Way" of St. Therese as presented by Father Johnson. It is published by Ignatius Press, retails for \$13.95, and can be ordered online. A limited number of copies will be available for sale at our first Carmelite meeting on October 10th. Questions? Jean Prather at 952.929.0113 x12.

Champions for Life Awards Luncheon - Please join us for the 4th Annual Champions for Life Awards Luncheon on Thurs., Oct. 6th to honor this year's Archdiocesan champions who "love, respect and promote life." (Gospel of Life #52). Archbishop Nienstedt will present these special awards. The luncheon will be from 11:30AM - 1:30PM at The Heritage Room, St. Peter's, Mendota. \$30 per person or \$240 for a table of 8. Your attendance will give a great witness to life and will further support these champions in our midst! Please RVSP to Sharon at 651.291.4506 by September 26th!

Pro-Life Corner

MADISON, WI, September 7, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) – The leaders of Wisconsin's five Roman Catholic dioceses have written the Obama administration saying that they "strongly oppose" the federal preventive services mandate that will require insurance companies to cover contraception, including "emergency contraception" such as Ella that can cause abortions. In their Sept 2 letter to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, the Wisconsin bishops said they regret that the regulations undermine "our teaching that human fertility is not a disease." The bishops also pointed out that in its current form, the rule's effect is to "so constrain religious activity as to diminish the religious liberty of Catholics in Wisconsin and the United States." They stress that the mandated full coverage of sterilization, contraception, and related counseling services contains only a very narrow conscience exemption that will not apply to Catholic universities, hospitals, and charitable organizations that serve the general public.