



*"Where is the newborn King of the Jews?
We observed his star at its rising
and have come to pay him homage."*

May his name
be blessed forever;
as long as the sun
his name shall remain.
In him
shall all the tribes
of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall
proclaim his happiness.
Blessed be the Lord,
the God of Israel,
who alone
does wondrous deeds.
And blessed forever
be his glorious name;
may the whole earth
be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Psalm 72

Church of the Holy Family

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

January 2, 2011

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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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

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On behalf of Fr. Stromberg, Fr. Moorman and the Staff, I would like to wish each of you all the joys and blessings of Christmas and the New Year!

In this holy season we recall the great work of our salvation which began when God chose to directly intervene in the world's affairs by becoming man. As the Fathers of the Church noted, He who created us without our cooperation will not save us without our cooperation. And so, even in the beginnings of our salvation, God made himself dependant upon the free ascent of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He prepared her with enormous gifts of grace, the greatest of which is the Immaculate Conception, so that she would be free of original sin. And at the appointed hour, God sent the Angel Gabriel to "announce" the plan of salvation, and awaited from her the "yes" which He expected to hear. When Mary said, "let it be done to me according to your word," the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us!"

In the Christmas season, we want to recall that our salvation requires our free ascent as well. We have to be willing partners with God in the work of salvation. We need to act like images of God, be committed to the truth and walk in his ways. Sunday Mass should be given. That's where the struggle begins! That's where we get our marching orders. God who created us without our consent will not save us without our cooperation.

Rev. Thomas W. Dufner

Misha's Story

In 1994, two Americans were invited by the Russian Department of Education to teach morals and ethics (based on biblical principles). Among other places, they were invited to teach at an orphanage. About 100 boys and girls who had been abandoned, abused, and left in the care of a government-run program were in the orphanage. They relate the following story in their own words:

It was near Christmas time and we told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, the couple went to a stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word. Completing the story, we gave the children three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square, cut from yellow napkins I had brought with me.

No colored paper was available in the city. Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. Small squares of flannel (cut from a worn-out nightgown an American lady was throwing away as she left Russia) were used for the baby's blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from tan felt we had brought from the United States.

The orphans were busy assembling their manger as I walked among them to see if they needed any help. All went well until I got to one table where little Misha sat - he looked to be about 6 years old and had finished his project. As I looked at the little boy's manger, I was startled to see not one, but two babies in the manger! Quickly, I called for the translator to ask the lad why there were two babies in the manger. Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at his completed manger scene, the child began to repeat the story very seriously. For such a young boy, who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately - until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger.

Then Misha started to ad lib. He made up his own ending to the story as he said, "And when Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma and I have no papa, so I don't have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him I couldn't, because I didn't have a gift to give him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I kept him warm, that would be a good gift. So I asked Jesus, "If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?" And Jesus told me, "If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me." "So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with him - for always."

Misha knew that God was giving us the greatest gift of all. He was right to want to give a gift in return. But Jesus was born, died, and rose from the dead 2000 years ago. How do we touch him today? It is true that we touch Jesus in the Sacraments. Each Celebration of the Sacraments put us in touch with Jesus. He gives his divine grace to strengthen us. But how do we respond to grace? How do we serve him more? Theologians remind us that by becoming man God united himself in some way with each human person. Jesus reminds us, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you did for me."

Team Vianney and Theotokos

Be set apart for Jesus Christ! High school men and women are invited to an evening of prayer, challenging talks, and inspiring witness from priests, Religious, Catholic college students, and seminarians at the University of St. Thomas. The evening begins at 5:45 at St. John Vianney Seminary, followed by a Marian procession on campus. Team Vianney and Theotokos then meet separately for food and talks until rejoining for Mass in the St. Thomas Chapel at 7:15. Groups meet on the first Thursday of every month (This Thursday, January 6) For more information go to 10000vocations.org.

Fundamentals of Catholicism

A Course on the Catholic Faith taught by Father Thomas Dufner

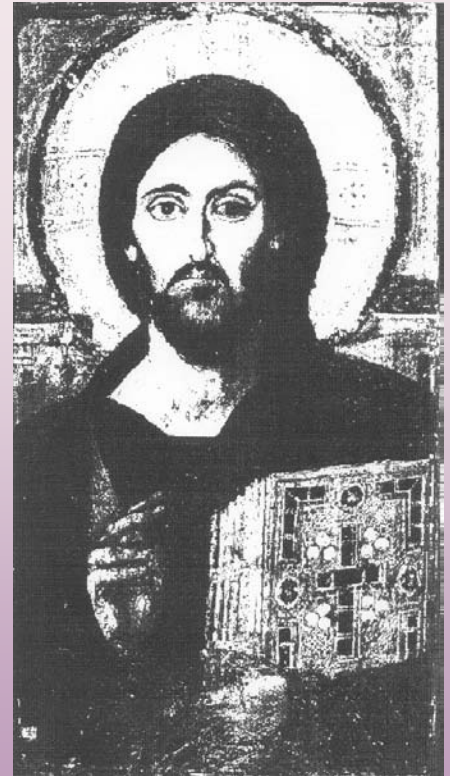
Holy Family Catholic Church

5900 W. Lake Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

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, January 2 - Epiphany of Our Lord

Food Drive Sunday

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

Monday, January 3

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Excercise Class (Gathering Place)
 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
 6:00 pm KC's (Gathering Place)
 7:30 pm Opus Dei (Church/MH)

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 am Mass
 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (Gathering Place)
 7:30 pm Opus Dei (Church/MH)

Wednesday, January 5

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 Confirmation (Moorman Hall)
 6:30 pm HFC (School)

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Choir
 7:00 pm NFP (Gathering Place)

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8

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

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

Donut/New Member

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

Banns I

Norman Binger and Katherine Enfield

Banns III

*Michael Leighton and Amy Lashinski
 Brent Larson and Deanna Riley*

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

Holy Family's Carmel Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month from September through May beginning at 6:30PM downstairs in Moorman Hall.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 10. Since we are not an official secular Carmelite community, you are free to join us, any month. Questions? Jean at 952.929.0113 x12 or email: jean@hfcmn.org



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wednesday: St. John Neumann
Thursday: Blessed André Bessette
Friday: St. Raymond of Peñafort; First Friday

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.

Wills and Bequests

Have you remembered Holy Family for 10% of your estate?

When you do, our legal corporate title is:

"Church of the Holy Family of St. Louis Park, Minn."



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 our 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.

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Weekend Masses - December 18/19

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| Regular Envelopes: | \$19,574.03 |
| Plate: | \$ 1,559.82 |
| Care Fund: | \$ 649.39 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Jan | 3 | Rev. Msgn. James Namie † |
| Jan | 4 | Doug Olson † |
| Jan | 5 | Norm Rung † |
| Jan | 6 | Irv Efron † |
| Jan | 7 | Alter & Rosary Society |
| Jan | 8 | Agnes Doyle † |
| Jan | 9 | Jack Irwin † (9AM) |
| Jan | 9 | For the Parish (11AM) |



CPR / FIRST AID CLASS

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 ~ 6:00PM to 10PM in KATTAR HALL!

This innovative and exciting class will be taught by **Dan Schwabe** from CPR Etc. EMERGENCY TRAINING COMPANY.

Dan is an experienced **911 Responder** who has trained State Troopers, Police Officers, Fire Fighters and EMT'S. Watch the bulletin for the details and registration information.

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 4PM, 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 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)

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/

On MONDAY, January 10, 2011

we will take down the Christmas decorations.

Can you help?

We'll begin at 9:00AM and continue until we're finished.

If you have questions, call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13

Otherwise, just show up on

Monday, January 10th

**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

The recent election made it clear – now it's time to pass some pro-life laws. Even though opinions may differ across the abortion spectrum, one thing is clear: Americans don't want their tax dollars used to pay for abortions. A December 2009 Quinnipiac survey found that 72% of Americans opposed funding abortions through any federally run health plan. The American people overwhelmingly elected pro-life legislators from all over the country. Of the eighty-seven new GOP members in the House, eighty of them are pro-life. Many self-proclaimed pro-life Democrats lost their seats to pro-life Republicans, in part because of their votes for abortion funding through Obamacare. A notable exception is Representative Dan Lipinski from Illinois who stepped out of the Stupak coalition, kept his integrity, and voted against Obamacare specifically because of the included abortion funding. He was reelected. (www.prolife.org)