

The Pastor's Page

Last Sunday the Star Tribune published a fine article entitled
Katherine Kersten: No religion, too? A recipe for trouble ...

In the article she stated, "Increasingly, Americans see religion as a private matter with little to contribute to public debate -- even on issues with moral dimensions, such as marriage and family, abortion and euthanasia.

In the crusade to banish faith from public life, judges order county courthouses to be stripped of plaques listing the Ten Commandments, and activists attack Christian hospitals that decline to perform abortions.

Our growing distaste for religion springs, in part, from our modern hatred of constraints on our behavior, and from our equating freedom with living exactly as we please. Judeo-Christianity presents an obstacle here.

It holds that there are universal moral truths -- accessible to reason -- that should shape our conduct, and that create obligations to others that require sacrifices we might prefer not to make.

In recent decades, the rise of psychology -- which is replacing religion as a vehicle for understanding what it means to be human -- has greatly facilitated our cherished project of throwing off moral constraints.

Almost 50 years ago, psychologist Philip Rieff spelled out the implications in his seminal book, "The Triumph of the Therapeutic."

Rieff wrote that... The Christian model of man... dominant for 1,500 years, has been increasingly replaced by "psychological man" as our society's primary character type.

The "soul" has been replaced by the "self."

Why does this matter? Traditional Christianity, Rieff observed, made great moral demands on believers. Its goal was salvation; consequently, it exhorted believers to "die to self," repent of sin, and cultivate virtue, self-discipline and humility.

Psychological man, however, rejects the idea of sin and the very possibility of truth. He aspires to nothing higher than "feeling good about himself," and sees nothing more at stake in life than what Rieff calls "a manipulable sense of well-being."

While Christian man strives for virtue, says Rieff, psychological man seeks only health, safety and material well-being. While Christian man works to control his impulses, psychological man rushes to release them.

As psychology edges out religion in American life, the language of good and evil is disappearing. As the "self" replaces the "soul," we no longer place priority on cultivating virtue, or see it as possible or even desirable.

The consequences for our personal lives are evident everywhere -- from our crumbling families to our voracious consumerism and our shallow and juvenile popular culture. Increasingly, we aspire to nothing nobler than a big-ticket "entertainment center" in the living room or a Lexus in the garage."

Welcoming the Roman Missal ~ Third Edition

Beginning this weekend and in the weeks ahead, Father Dufner will introduce you to the changes to the new translations of the Roman Missal through a brief catechetical teaching at the mass. A series of flyers will be distributed to the people to follow so that the faithful have an understanding and appreciation of what is being prayed. You are welcome to take these flyers with you for your personal use. See the Holy Family website for more information about the Roman Missal - Third Edition.

Fundamentals of Catholicism

A Course on the Catholic Faith taught by Father Thomas Dufner

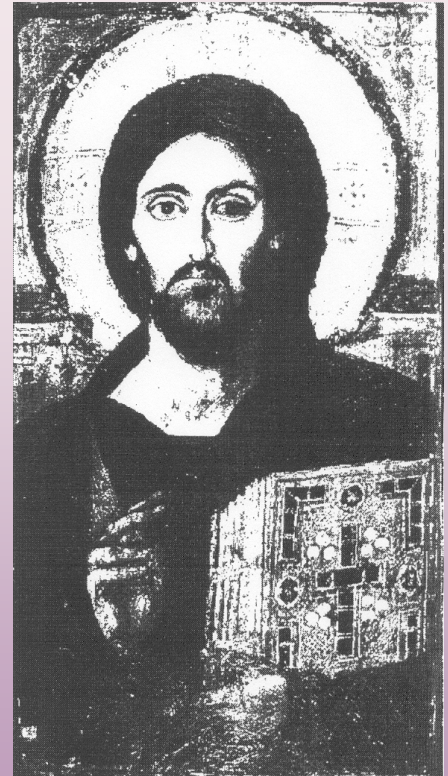
Holy Family Catholic Church

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 9 - Baptism Of The Lord

Donut/New Member Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 10

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

6:30 pm Carmel (Church/Moorman Hall)

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)

6:00 pm Squires (Gathering Place)

7:00 pm Fundamentals of Catholicism (Moorman Hall)

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)

11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)

5:15 pm KPT

6:30 pm Confirmation (Moorman Hall)

6:30 pm HFC (School)

Thursday, January 13

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, January 14

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

6:00 pm High School Senior Dinner (Moorman Hall)

Saturday, January 15

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)

10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 16th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



Altar & Rosary Society

The Deanery meeting is Jan. 17th from 9:00am-2:30pm at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Brooklyn Center. Mary Ball will speak about the Holy Family Adoption Agency and Harriet Taus will tell her story on conversion and service. Lunch is paid by the Holy Family Altar & Rosary Society. Call Terry Berthiaume reservations at 952-929-3155.

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



Banns II

Norman Binger and Katherine Enfield

The family of Kali Mann would like to thank Fr. Dufner, Fr. Moorman, Fr. Stromberg, Deacon Rubi, the Choir, Sharon Pero, Pat and Mary Menke and the entire Holy Family Community for your prayers, support and the many kind gestures offered to us during this difficult time. Our hearts are being held together by the love that's been shown to us.

God Bless You All,
Peg, Roger, Eric, Corrin and Leo Mann

I would like to thank everyone at Holy Family for their gifts, cards, goodies and especially the promise of prayers. May the blessings of the Christ Child be with you not only during this Christmas season, but throughout the year. Fr. Moorman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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."

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Collections for:

December 24, 25, 26

Envelopes: \$ 40,247.00

Plate \$ 6,527.74

CARE Fund \$ 3,076.61

December 31, January 1 & 2

Envelopes: \$29,572.00

Plate: \$ 2,018.20

CARE Fund: \$ 813.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Jan 10 Irv Efron †
- Jan 11 Laverne Boulanger †
- Jan 12 Doug Olson †
- Jan 13 Msgr. John Sankovitz †
- Jan 14 Kay Harris †
- Jan 15 Marlene Phimister †
- Jan 16 Jack Irwin † (9AM)
- Jan 16 For the Parish (11 AM)





CPR CLASS

Tuesday February 1, 2011

6:00PM to 9:45PM in Kattar Hall

This innovative and exiting class will be taught by **Dan Shewabe** from **CPR ETC. EMERGENCY TRAINING COMPANY.**

Dan is an experienced 911 Responder who has trained State Troopers, Police Officers, Fire Fighters and EMT's.

The cost of the class is \$45.00 and includes the instruction book and certification card.

This class is open to everyone, however, **registration is required!**

Youth Ministry - January Events

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.hfcmn.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 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/

Time to make room in your closets!

The HFHE Children's Clothing Swap will be held the weekend of January 29-30 in Moorman Hall! Start gathering up your clean, undamaged, gently-used clothing: baby, kids, maternity and nursingwear. and keep watching the bulletin for more details.

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 any questions call Claudia at 952-929-0113 ext. 17. Otherwise, just show up! Coffee & rolls will be provided.



Pro-Life Corner

LifeSiteNews.com - It is often said that the hardest journey to faith is when one approaches it, not from the outside, from atheism or lapsed faith, but from within with just enough Christian teaching mixed with error so as to be inoculated against authentic faith. So what does one who has traversed this arduous journey look like? In the case of Patrick Coffin, he is now a radio show host on Catholic Answer's Live., which airs on EWTN, and has authored a book explaining his path to authentic faith. That journey was, he says, primarily about surmounting the stumbling block of *Humanae Vitae*, which is seen by orthodox Catholics, and even many non-Catholics, as a cornerstone of the Culture of Life. His new book *'Sex Au Naturel: What it is and Why it's good for your Marriage'* has received rave reviews from philosopher Peter Kreeft, Sydney Cardinal George Pell, Kimberly Hahn, Fr. Frank Pavone, among others.

Attention Pro- Lifers:

A van is going to leave the Holy Family Church parking lot at 10:15 am on Jan 22 for the Pro-Life rally at the Capitol. Return is expected around 1:00 pm. To secure your spot please call Kathy at 763-546-0921.