

The Pastor's Page

Abortion is Not the Real Problem

I've always held that the problem of abortion was much deeper than electing pro-life candidates and judges and changing laws around abortion, and I found support for my position in Boston Legal! Just the other night I turned on the TV at 9:50 to wait for the news and caught the end of a series called Boston Legal. The two lead attorneys, William Shattner of Star Trek fame, and James Spader, were smoking big cigars on the balcony of their law firm and reflecting on abortion. Both characters were pro-abortion minded, and Shattner asks Spader how many "procedures" he's been involved with. Spader answers two. When asked how he feels about it Spader says it hurts. Then he launches into an excuse of how crime rates were down in the 90's because of abortion and says he is still determined to remain pro-choice. Shattner asks why, and the telling answer comes back, "because of lifestyle choices I've made."

I couldn't have said it better myself. It's not about the baby. It's about a lifestyle that puts pleasure first even if it costs the baby his life. Call it what you will, the sexual revolution, the urge to fornicate. It is selfishness that leads to the death of a child. Yet it ultimately leads to the denial of God and of putting oneself in his position. It is a practical atheism where Christianity becomes so much window dressing until it is all swept away.

The Church has her work cut out for her. It is true, abortion must be publically opposed and ended. But the chief work of the Church is not stopping abortion, nor will it be stopped if we only speak about abortion. The work of the Church is proclaiming the Fatherhood of God and free gift of salvation from our Lord Jesus Christ. It is calling the whole world to what St. Paul calls the obedience of faith, and offering our bodies as a living sacrifice of praise. It requires the keeping of all the commandments out of love, and of course the harnessing of our sexual desires. Those are the battle lines. Now the fight begins!

Fr. Thomas Dufner

Welcoming the Roman Missal ~ Third Edition

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.

A Marriage Valentine Dinner Saturday, February 12, 2011

*Celebrating God's Design for Marriage - In conjunction with World Marriage Day...
As a parish response to Archbishop Nienstedt's Marriage Initiative...*

Fr. Dufner and the Together! (Marriage & Family) study groups of Holy Family Church invite you to join us for an evening of marriage blessings and celebration!

5:00 pm Mass & Marriage Blessing for all to attend

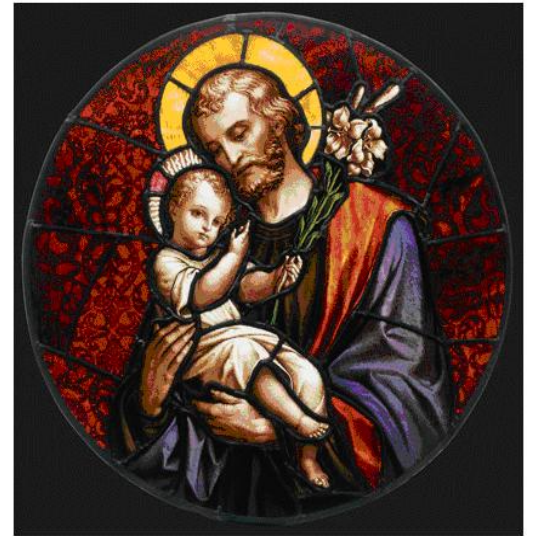
6:30 - 9:00 pm Marriage Valentine Dinner at Vescio's Cucina Italiano (St. Louis Park). Due to limited seating, prepaid dinner reservations of \$70/couple are required by February 4. Limit 40 couples. RSVP: Registration and payment can be made online by going to www.hfcmn.org and click on Marriage Valentine Dinner on the home page.

GO TO JOSEPH!

A Day of Prayer, Spiritual Formation and Friendship!

Saturday, March 19, 2011
Solemnity of Saint Joseph
8am-2pm

Holy Family Catholic Church
5900 West Lake Street
St. Louis Park
952-929-0113
www.hfcmn.org



Let anyone who cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, take this glorious Saint as his master and he will not go astray. -Saint Teresa of Avila

Schedule of the Day:

8am MASS - Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary. The main celebrant and homilist is: **The Most Reverend Lee Piche'** - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis
MORNING PRAYER - Immediately following Mass
9:15am - BREAKFAST - Coffee and Rolls
9:45am - TALK - "Teach Us How to Pray" by Father Jim Livingston, OCDS - Chaplain at North Memorial Hospital and Spiritual Assistant to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Secular Carmelite Community
10:30am - PRAYER - 1/2 hour of quiet prayer time (mental prayer) before the Blessed Sacrament
11am - BREAK
11:15am - TALK - "The Meaning of Vocation" by Sister Gloria Therese, OCD - Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart, Los Angeles, California
12pm - LUNCH - Catered by Piazza's Ristorante -Mostaccioli, bread and salad - delicious!
12:45pm - DAYTIME PRAYER immediately followed by:
TALK - "I Am a Daughter/Son of the Church" by Father Thomas Dufner - Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church and Spiritual Assistant to Holy Family Carmelite Prayer Group
1:20pm - BENEDICTION
1:30pm - DESSERT SOCIAL

Relics of Carmelite Saints will be on display for veneration



Cost of the day is \$15 per person. No charge for religious and seminarians.

Register online at www.hfcmn.org or detach this form and mail with your check to:

Holy Family Catholic Church, 5900 West Lake Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

*Attention: "St. Joseph Day" **REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 15!***

Name:

Address:

Phone and Email:

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, January 23- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut/New Member Sunday

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

Monday, January 24

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Branch III
8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
6:30 pm Parish Council (Gathering Place)

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)
7:00 pm Fundamentals of Catholicism (Moorman Hall)

Wednesday, January 26

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 1st Confessions
6:30 pm Confirmation (Moorman Hall)
6:30 pm HFC (School)

Thursday, January 27

8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Choir

Friday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 29

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
8:30 am Mother's Day of Renewal
10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week!

HFHE Clothing Swap

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

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Benjamin Barron and Lauren Galgano

Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat with Bishop Piche

Saturday, February 5th, 2011 from 9:00am until 2:30pm
 St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony

Bishop Piche will speak at this year's annual retreat for Newly Married Couples (0-7 years). Registration forms may be found online at www.archspm.org or by calling the Family Life Office at 651-291-4488. \$35 per couple; \$40 after Feb. 1st - includes lunch.

Join Holy Family Academy in taking a S.T.E.P. in the right direction!

For the entire month of January, Holy Family Academy will be collecting food and other items to replenish the shelves of the St. Louis Park Emergency Program (S.T.E.P.) S.T.E.P. serves the people of the local community by offering help with basic needs. Our goal is to collect 5000 items by the end of the month and **we are asking our Parish family to join in this effort!** The following items are most in need at this time, however all non-perishable items will be welcomed: **cereal, canned fruit, jams & jellies, hearty soups & stews, baking staples (flour, sugar, oils, etc.), cake mixes, sloppy Joe type mixes, toilet paper, baby formula & large size diapers.** Please leave all donations at the regular collection boxes that are at each entrance of the Church. We will take care of the rest!

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: St. Francis de Sales

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;

Wednesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Thursday: St. Angela Merici

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Weekend Masses - January 15/16

Regular Envelopes	\$ 16,529.03
Plate	\$ 1,252.77
CARE Fund	\$ 708.99

Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan 24 Mary Ann Timian †
 Jan 25 Msgr. John Sankovitz †
 Jan 26 Marlene Phimister †
 Jan 27 Winfred & Herman Dutke †
 Jan 28 Marie Gooding
 Jan 29 Kali Mann †
 Jan 30 Donna Salhus † (9:00AM)
 Jan 30 For the Parish (11:00AM)



Altar & Rosary News

Come share your thoughts about Sugar Plum Days at a "wrap up meeting" on Tues. Feb. 1 in Moorman Hall after the 8am mass. Everyone is welcome and invited. If you are unable to attend please give your suggestions to Mary Glover or Mary Hagen. Thank you.

On behalf of all the **Squires of Pope Pius Circle #895**, we would like to thank all those who graciously donated to our Shoe Drive for the orphans of Our lady of the Angels Orphanage in Auga Pietro, Mexico. Because of your generosity, it was a huge success and we were able to donate 440 PAIRS OF SHOES! I would also like to thank Matthew

Karels, our Bursar, who was the chairman of this project, for his outstanding efforts! Thanks one and all.



Esto Dignus/Be Worthy,
 Nick Prather - Chief Squire



Informational Open House
Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family Academy, 5925 West Lake Street

Over the past nine years, Holy Family Academy has been abundantly blessed with outstanding families, skilled and faith-filled teachers, the support of our parish and community, and rapidly growing enrollment. If you are wondering if Holy Family Academy is the school for your PK-8 child, or if you just want to learn more about us, come to our Open House on Jan. 27 to discover what sets us apart. The Open House includes:

- An Informational session beginning at 7:00 p.m.,
- Student-led tours and refreshments,
- Opportunities to visit with teachers about curriculum and classroom environments,
- Child care available with reservations. RSVP Mrs. Stewart at cstewart@hfamn.org

New family registration begins February 1
For more information, visit us at www.hfamn.org

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Open to All Boys and Girls Ages 10-14

Come to either of the following locations at the times and dates noted:

Monday, January 24, Hopkins Activity Center, 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday, January 25, 43 Hoops, 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesday, January 26, Hopkins Activity Center 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday, January 27, Hopkins Activity Center, 3:30-4:30pm

Each winner receives a K of C basketball and the chance to compete in the district competition on Saturday, February 12 from noon-2pm at the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield. Call Tom Wooden at 612-708-0883 with any questions.

Youth Ministry

THEOLOGY A LA CARTE
Sunday, January 30th

Tony Biese will be our speaker and the topic is "Abraham: Doing God's will on one's own terms. A 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.)



CPR CLASS
Tuesday February 1, 2011
6:00PM to 9:45PM
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.

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!** Please call the Church Office at 952.929.0113 to reserve your place.

**Valentine's Dinner for
Single Seniors**
Save the date! The Valentine's Dinner for Single Seniors (55+) will be on Saturday, February 19th in Moorman Hall. More information to come.

Mother's Day of Renewal
Saturday, January 29 at Holy Family
Rosary at 8:30 and Mass at 9:00
Speaker is Catholic mother and author
Mary Ann Budnick.
For more information contact
Tina Robbins at
trobbs5@comcast.net or 952-941-6110

**Got hand-me-downs?
Know a Growing Kid?**
Come to the HFHE Clothing Swap!
This year it will be CLOTHING ONLY.
Drop off clean, undamaged kids' clothes, maternity and nursingwear, in Moorman Hall from 3-6:15 pm on Sat., January 29. During drop-off or before and after masses on Sunday January 30, pick up something for your kids, grandkids, friends' kids - FREE! Leftovers will go to charity. Questions?
Call Erin Arlinghaus 612-239-2213.

Pro-Life Corner

After a pro-life legal group filed a complaint against Vanderbilt University for a policy requiring incoming nursing students to assist in abortions, the college has caved and modified the policy. Vanderbilt officials modified its nurse residency application so that it no longer requires applicants to pledge that they will participate in abortions. The university made the announcement one day after the Alliance Defense Fund filed a complaint with the Department of Health and Human services. Vanderbilt receives more than \$300 million in federal tax dollars each year, and federal law prohibits grant recipients from forcing students or health care workers to participate in abortions contrary to their religious beliefs or moral convictions. ADF attorneys filed the complaints on behalf of two nursing students who wished to apply to Vanderbilt's nurse residency program but have been unable to do so because the nurses residency application required them to promise to participate in abortions. See more under Lifenews.com, 12Jan2011