



Church of the Holy Family

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

September 13, 2009

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 8:50AM

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Extensions:

*Gracious is the Lord
and just;
yes our God is merciful...
The cup of salvation
I will take up,
and I will call upon
the name of the Lord...
To you I will offer
sacrifice of
thanksgiving,
and I will call upon
the name of the Lord.
My vows to the Lord
I will pay
in the presence of all
his people,
In the courts of the
house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.*

Psalms 116

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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

Senator Edward Kennedy

As I've said before, we don't want to canonize Senator Kennedy, neither do we judge his soul as unworthy of eternal life. That we leave to God. He seems to have died with the benefit of the sacraments of the Church --- that's a very good thing. But leaving aside his personal life I heard no public contrition for many public acts against the common good.

Kathy Kersten wrote in the Star Tribune of the canonization of Sen. Kennedy as a political saint, "one of only two U.S. senators still sitting in 2009 who were present for the construction of the entire infrastructure of the modern welfare state."

"First elected in 1962, Kennedy was a lifelong advocate of the vision that animated Lyndon Johnson's Great Society and War on Poverty. These initiatives ushered in decades of welfare policy predicated on the belief that every social problem is best addressed by a massive, costly government program.

In fact, policies of this kind have been a disaster for the poor. Far from helping low-income people join the middle class, they created a permanent underclass, hobbled by crippling habits of dependence. By subsidizing self-destructive behavior and discouraging work and marriage, these policies contributed to soaring out-of-wedlock birth rates (5 percent in 1960, 39 percent today) and rampant crime and drug use, and helped to make fatherless families the norm in the inner city."

And we might add the out-of-wedlock birth rate in the black community nationwide is now 75%. Kennedy fought the welfare reforms that occurred in the late 1990's.

"By 1996, President Bill Clinton was promising to "end welfare as we know it," and many Democrats joined him. The resulting reforms emphasized work for recipients of aid to dependent children, and made government assistance temporary. Kennedy fought this new paradigm ferociously, and denounced it as "legislative child abuse."

Clinton-era reform succeeded so well that, within a few years, welfare rolls had fallen by 60 percent. If Kennedy's "consistent, passionate voice" had prevailed, many of America's poor would be substantially worse off than they are today."

Kennedy reversed his early pro-life position and became an ardent supporter of abortion on demand. His singular devotion to the cause of abortion put him in the lead in the attack on Judge Bork.

"In 1987, Kennedy inaugurated the age of attack politics that bedevils our political world today. That year, he led the charge to defeat Robert Bork - President Reagan's nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court and an eminent legal scholar.

Kennedy denounced Bork in poisonous language of jaw-dropping demagoguery: "Robert Bork's America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens' doors in midnight raids, schoolchildren could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists could be censored at the whim of the government, and the doors of the federal courts would be shut on the fingers of millions of citizens."

Again, leaving aside Kennedy's personal life, he took many positions against the common good. For heaven's sake, let's not canonize him. He needs our prayers.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

Carmel Prayer Group

Holy Family's Carmel Group will begin our new year on **Monday, September 14th**, starting at 6:30PM downstairs in Moorman Hall. We meet the 2nd Monday of the month from September through May. The evening consists of chanting Evening Prayer together in Church, Father Dufner leading us in our study time, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (mental prayer), chanting Night Prayer and then Social Time. Even if you have never come before, you are welcome to join us for an evening of prayer, study and friendship. This year our study book will be the spiritual classic: *Introduction to the Devout Life by Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*. We recommend the paperback version published by Vintage Spiritual Classics with the preface by Cardinal Archbishop Edward Egan, ISBN 0-375-72562-8. The book is available @ www.amazon.com. The price on Amazon is \$10.20 plus shipping. We will also have copies of the book for sale at our first Camel meeting in September.

If you obtain a copy of the book in preparation for our September meeting, please read the preface by Cardinal Egan and the Chronology of the Life of Saint Francis de Sales.

Confirmation

Confirmation at Holy Family is a one-year program of preparation for high school-age youth ready to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church and take on the responsibility for spreading and defending the Faith. Parents of interested teens must attend the mandatory Parent Meeting, Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00PM in Moorman Hall. Classes begin September 30 from 6:30-8:00PM in Moorman Hall. Confirmation takes place in April. Registration forms may be found at the church exits and may be returned at the parent meeting. Questions, please call Elizabeth Brown, 952.929.0113, ex. 19.

HFC WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Registration forms with detailed information for Wednesday Night Religious Education classes for grades 1 through Confirmation are now available on all Church bulletin boards or by downloading the form from our website: hfcmm.org



VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children.

All adult employees and volunteers in this archdiocese who have ongoing contact with children or young people need to attend a "VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults" session. Some examples of church and school volunteers who need to attend a VIRTUS session are: catechists, youth group, confirmation, vacation bible school, school activities and classroom volunteers.

VIRTUS Training
Church of the Holy Family
Moorman Hall
Tuesday, September 15th
6:30 pm

Registration:

Online: Please visit www.virtus.org. It is very important that you pre-register to make sure your attendance is counted. It also lets the archdiocese contact you if your session is canceled.

Phone: Please call **Bobbi Hanson at 952-929-0113 ext. 11**

If you are unable to attend the session at Holy Family you may choose from the many other training sessions at locations throughout the Archdiocese by going to www.virtus.org and clicking on Registration.

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✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, September 13 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut /New Member Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, September 14

9:00 am Mass

3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

6:30 pm Carmel (C/MH)

7:00 pm ACCL (GP)

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (GP)

6:30 pm VIRTUS (MH)

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls

11:45 am Exercise Class

7:00 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting (MH)

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm NFP (GP)

Friday, September 18

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Saturday, September 19

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 20 ~ Twenty-fifth 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 (YH)

THEOLOGY A LA CARTE: Sunday, September 20th - The first Theology A La Carte of the school year! Deacon Luis Rubi will speak on "The art of prayer - how to talk to God." The event will take place at the Youth House, 6-8PM. Pizza will be served, bring a friend! Questions - call Lynn Tomaszewski 612.396.6890



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies, mark your calendars for our **Fall Altar & Rosary Meeting which is Tuesday September 29** beginning at 6:30PM with the Rosary in Church. Tickets to reserve your space for dinner (free will offering) will be available after weekend Masses September 19 & 20 and September 26 & 27. If you could provide a donation for dessert for the dinner, please call Peggy Acker and she will give you details ~ 952.377.8066.

Save the Date!

The Children's Clothing Swap will be held October 2-3-4 in Moorman Hall. Time to set aside your unstained, undamaged kids' clothing, maternity, and baby items! Watch the bulletin for details.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

Archdiocesan Planning Process Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

What is the Archdiocesan Planning Process?

Make plans to attend a Regional Parishioner Meeting to find out more about the Archdiocesan Planning Process. Come prepared to share your hopes and concerns with others in attendance.

The closest Regional Parishioner Meetings are:

Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata - Tuesday, October 6th

7:00-9:00PM

St. Timothy in Blaine - Thursday, October 8th

7:00-9:00PM

Find a complete listing of Regional Parishioner Meetings and other information related to the Archdiocesan Planning Process on the archdiocesan planning webpage www.archspm.org/planningprocess

You may also share your thoughts via a feedback form on the webpage or our dedicated voicemail line at 651.291.4435. You may also speak with your pastor or send a letter to: Strategic Planning Task Force, 328 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes \$18,181.00

Plate \$ 1,437.44

Care Fund \$ 671.05

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Aug 14 Agnes Doyle †

Sept 15 Pat Corcoran †

Sept 16 Bob & Marianne Schoenecker

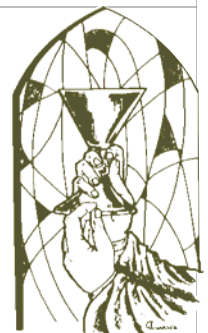
Sept 17 Rev. Edward S. Grzeskowiak †

Sept 18 Clara Doherty †

Sept 19 Diane Williamson

Sept 20 Nathan Bunge (9AM)

Sept 20 For the Parish (11AM)



Pilgrimage to the

SHRINE of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

in La Crosse, Wisconsin ~ Tuesday, October 6, 2009

The motorcoach will depart Holy Family Church parking lot at 7:00AM (This is not a guided tour.) Spend time on your own to attend the 11:00AM Mass in the Shrine Church, enjoy lunch at the Culina Mariana Restaurant, visit the outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Votive Candle Chapel, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Devotional Area, St. Joseph the Workman Devotional Area, the Memorial to the Unborn, and pray the Rosary while walking the Meditation Trail. The motorcoach will depart for home at 2:30PM.

Call the Church Office to reserve your place for this special day. (Reservations are on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis.) The cost is \$25.00 which includes tip. Please pay at the Church Office – anytime **BEFORE** the trip. Make checks payable to “Holy Family Church.” Lunch is not included in the price. Thank you, Sharon



Calling all kids who love to sing!

For the past 15 years, Holy Family has been blessed with a Children's Choir, Kids Praise Too! Last spring, we were invited to sing in St Paul for the Archbishop! We rehearse in the choir loft on Wednesday evenings (5:15 - 6:15PM) and sing for the 9AM Sunday Mass at least once a month, in addition to the 4PM Christmas Eve Family Pageant Mass, and Palm Sunday Procession. If there are enough HFA kids interested, it is possible that there could be a 'study hall' set up to bridge the time gap from after school until rehearsal time (please let me know if you are interested in this! mbmklavier@mac.com) A great music supplement to any curriculum, the program is free and available to kids from grades 1 - 7. Regular attendance is required. Mark your calendars to join us at the first rehearsal - September 23rd! I am happy to entertain any questions - just email me.

Mary Beth Millner

HEALTH BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
8:30AM Gathering Place

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

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! Don't put it off . . . come join us and reap the many benefits of exercise. (The cost is \$5.00 per session) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS HEALTHY BENEFIT OFFERED RIGHT HERE AT HOLY FAMILY! Questions? Call Sharon 952.929.0113 Ext. 13
HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FLU . . .

1. Cover Your Cough! Cover your nose and mouth with your sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
2. Wash Your Hands! Clean your hands frequently and thoroughly – with soap and hot water or an alcohol-based hand rub solution.
3. Hand Hygiene! Clean your hands after shaking hands, before eating or preparing food, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
4. Prevent Dehydration! Drink plenty of fluids.
5. Limit your contact with others who may be ill.
6. If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA) will be at Holy Family on **Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009 ~ 9:00AM to 1:00PM in Moorman Hall** to administer flu vaccinations. If you wish to receive a flu vaccination, **please call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to pre-register and schedule your time.** Staffing adjustments will be made depending on the number of people registered, so it's important to pre-register **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** The charge for the flu vaccination is \$25.00. Seniors, if you wish to have Medicare billed for your vaccination, you must bring your Medicare Card (Medicare Part B), and any other insurance card you may have.

INSURANCES ACCEPTED by MVNA are:

Aetna	MCHA	Health Partners	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Medica	Unicare	Cigna	Medicare (Part B)
MHP	Humana	MN Health Care	Ucare

Pro-Life Corner

Last week's pro-life corner had pointed out historical parallels of abortion and euthanasia in the Western World, in particular the fact that both have been or are under pressure of being largely legalized. It is a question well worth to ponder why these two issues seem to be so closely related. Part of the answer appears to be that Western societies are by and large post-Christian. Basic Christian tenets such as God being the giver of life are being denied. The enormous upheavals of the 20th century with its two world wars and deadly ideologies, a blind faith in (wrongly understood) evolution as well as in man's technological capabilities can be seen as some important reasons for the direct attacks on human life we have been experiencing over the last several decades.

Please consider joining the ACCL pro-life group at Holy Family! We meet normally on the first Monday of the month. However, due to Labor Day we will meet on **September 14th at 7PM in the Gathering Place.** We'd love to have your input and it's a fun group!