



Church of the Holy Family

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

December 21, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Parish Office

952.929.0113

Staff:

Rev. Thomas Dufner	Pastor	ext. 15
June Kattar	Baptism/Marriage Prep.	ext. 14
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Jean Prather	Coord. Elementary Religious Ed.	ext. 12
Elizabeth Brown	Confirmation Coord.	ext. 17
Kathy Vansickle	Controller	ext. 16
Bobbi Hanson	Bookkeeper	ext. 11
John Pero	Facilities Manager	ext. 20
Theresa Bakos	Secretary	ext. 10
Lynn Tomaszewski	Youth Minister	612.396.6890

Extensions:

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Confessions

Sunday, December 21 8-9AM
Monday, December 22 3-5PM
Tuesday, December 23 10-11AM

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24 4 & 9PM

Christmas Day Masses

Thursday, December 25 9 & 11AM

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 27 5:00PM
Sunday, December 28 9 & 11AM

Solemnity of Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31 5:00PM
Thursday, January 1 9 & 11AM

Web Address: www.hfcmn.org **Email Address:** staff@hfcmn.org

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 6 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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Ann Coone, Principal

School Office

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www.holyfamilyacademy.cc

The Pastor's Page

Merry Christmas!

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

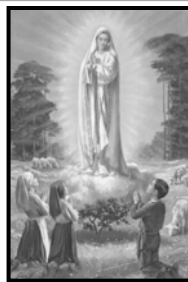
In this holy season we recall the great work of our salvation which began when God chose to directly intervene in the world's affairs by becoming man. As the Fathers of the Church noted, He who created us without our cooperation will not save us without our cooperation. And so, even in the beginnings 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!"

On this feast of Christmas, 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 a 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

CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF HOLY FAMILY!

All children are invited to participate in First Saturday devotions on January 3rd! (Of course, your family can join us too...) We will start out downstairs in the Gathering Place beginning at 4PM and then lead the Rosary in Church.



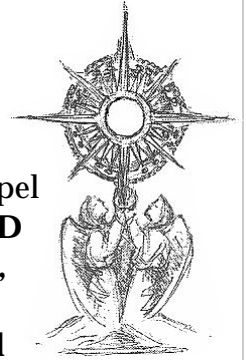
Carmel Prayer Group



Holy Family's Carmel Group will meet **Monday, January 12 starting at 6:30PM** downstairs in Moorman Hall. The evening consists of praying Evening Prayer together in Church, Father Dufner leading us in the study of *The Sanctifier*, a classic work on the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, praying Night Prayer and then Social Time. Even if you've never come before, come for an evening of prayer, study and friendship. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Adoration

During the celebration of Christmas the Adoration Chapel will be **CLOSED on Wednesday, December 24th at 4PM and will reopen on Friday, December 26th at 8:30AM.** However, the Church will be open for those who would like to make a visit.



Dear Parishioners,

Please consider participating in our annual *Holy Family Academy Adopt-a-Student Program*. This program is designed to help parish families with tuition during times of financial need and hardship. Over the last few years our **Adopt-a-Student Program** has truly made a difference in the lives of our school families. Your gift will enable a child to continue their growth in faith, wisdom, virtue, and knowledge while becoming a next generation Catholic leader. All gifts, regardless of size, are needed and will be greatly appreciated! To donate, please mail your tax-deductible contribution to:

**Holy Family Academy,
5925 West Lake Street
St. Louis Park, MN 55416.**

Thank you for considering this very worthy cause.

Your generosity will be remembered in the prayers of the students and families of Holy Family Academy.

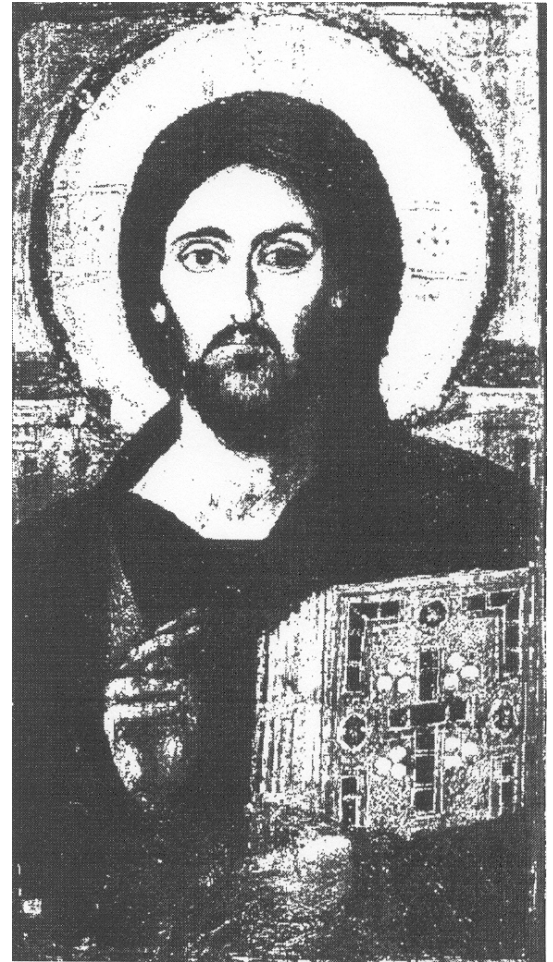
Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address or phone number. Thank you!

Fundamentals of Catholicism

A Course on the Catholic Faith

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

Jan.	13	God: Supreme Being and Blessed Trinity
Jan.	20	Creation and Original Sin
Jan.	27	Jesus Christ: God and Man
Feb.	3	The Church
Feb.	10	Mary
Feb.	17	Divine Revelation
Feb.	24	Grace and the Divine Life
Mar.	3	Sacraments
Mar.	10	Sacraments
Mar.	17	General Principles of Morality
Mar.	24	Commandments
Mar.	31	Easter Vigil: Baptism/Reception into Full Communion

References to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

N. B. Paragraph number are referenced first, then the page number in parentheses.

God: Supreme Being and Trinity:	26-49 (13-18); 199-278 (54-73); 683-747 (179-196).
Creation and Original Sin:	279-421 (73-105); 988-1065 (258-276); 1691-1748 (421-433).
Jesus Christ: God and Man:	422-483 (106-121); 512-682 (129-178).
Grace and the Divine Life	1987-2029 (481-490).
Church:	748-959 (179-250).
Mary:	484-511 (122-128); 964-975 (251-254).
Divine Revelation:	50-141 (19-38).
Sacraments:	1113-1134 (289-293) 1210-1666 (311-415) 1846-1876 (452-458)
Grace and the Divine Life:	1803-1845 (443-452) 1949-2029 (473-490)
General Principles of Morality	1749-1802 (433-442) 1877-1986 (459-481)
The Mass:	1066-1112 (277-277) 1135-1209 (294-310)

Suggested Readings:

The Bible: Any Catholic Edition.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997)

Hardon, John A., S.J. **The Catholic Catechism** (New York: Doubleday, 1975)

Leo J. Trese **The Faith Explained** (Princeton: Scepter, 2000)

Internet Sites of Interest:

newadvent.org

catholicexchange.com

vatican.va

✧ Weekly Calendar of Events ✧

Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Food Drive Sunday

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party (Youth House)

Monday, December 22

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 8:30 am Branch III
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
- 3-5:00 pm Confessions
- 7:00 pm ACCL (Moorman Hall)
- 7:00 pm Breast Cancer Support Group

Tuesday, December 23

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10- 12:00 pm Confessions

Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

- 4:00 pm Mass
- 9:00 pm Mass

Thursday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

Parish Office Closed

- 8:00 am NO Mass
- 8:30 am NO Coffee & Rolls
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass

Friday, December 26

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

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

Donut/New Member

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

Monday, December 29

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

Tuesday, December 30

- 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

Parish Office Closed

- 8:00 am NO Mass
- 8:30 am NO Coffee & Rolls
- 5:00 pm Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2009 ~ Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day

Parish Office Closed

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass



Baptisms

*Gavin James Jester
Anastasia Elizabeth Jaimes
Alejandro Ivan Garces
Giannina Magali Garces
Antonio Edison Garces*



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Merry Christmas and God's Blessings in the New Year! Thanks for all the support and help throughout 2008. You are a great group to work with!!

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."*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128 or Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. John of Kanty
Wednesday: The Vigil of Christmas
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Friday: St. Stephen
Saturday: St. John

Holy Family Weekly Offering ~ December 13/14

Regular Envelopes	\$16,072.66
Plate	\$ 2,713.51
Care Fund	\$ 631.42
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,779.80

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec 22	Rev. Leo R. Huber †
Dec 23	Judie Sanders †
Dec 24	For the Children (4PM)
Dec 24	For the Parish (9PM)
Dec 25	Poor Souls in Purgatory (9AM)
Dec 25	For the Parish (11AM)
Dec 26	Dr. Kathryn Eggleston
Dec 27	Louis Johnson †
Dec 28	For the Parish (9AM)
Dec 28	The De Ore Family (11AM)





CHRISTMAS DECORATING
YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

On **Tuesday, December 23rd**,
we will **finish the remaining decorating.**

Please mark your calendars for **December 23rd** and plan to help.
(Adults only, please, due to the nature of the work)
We'll meet in Moorman Hall after Mass and begin decorating at
9:00. Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 if you have questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 21st (TODAY!)—6-8PM @ Youth House. *Come celebrate the birthday of Jesus!* This will be a true birthday party with games and cake! You need to bring three things, yourselves, a gift to donate for Toy's for Tots and a white elephant gift. Call Jay & Lynn Tomaszewski with questions 612.396.6890.

YOUTH ADORATION w/ FR. DUFNER

Friday, January 9th—We meet at 8PM at the Adoration chapel for one hour of prayer with Jesus, then at 9PM we head over to the Rectory for one hour of fun until 10PM!

LIFELINE

Saturday, January 10th— "**Duc In Altum!**" (Launch into the Deep!) Mark your calendar now and plan to launch into the deep with great music, a vibrant Mass and "going deeper" breakouts for teens and parents alike. Whether you are new to Lifeline or a "regular", plan to have your faith awakened, strengthened and renewed as a young apostle of Jesus Christ. Breakouts Include:

- *You Got to Believe: Igniting Your Faith Life
- *Dignity, Destiny, Decisions (Ladies Only)
- *P&W 101: Going Deeper in Worship
- *For parents and adults ONLY: Keeping Your Kids Catholic

Leave Holy Family at 4PM and return around 10PM. Call Jim & Sue Holly to sign up, 763.541.9842.

THEOLOGY A LA CARTE

Sunday, January 18th—The topic is —"What is my vocation?" our speaker is Fr. Scott Carl from the St. Paul Seminary! We start at 6PM with food and fun, listen to the speakers, and end with some Q&A and wrap up at 8PM. It's all happening at the Youth House.

GIRL'S NIGHT!

Sunday, January 25th—Want a fun night with the girls?! Then come to the Youth House, 6:30-8:30PM! We will have some dinner, listen to our speaker Rose Barrett talk about doing God's will, and end the night with some fun games! Come enjoy some food, fun and bonding with other Catholic young women!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, attend a weekend and learn how to turn your good relationship into a great marriage! February 6th-8th at Kings House in Buffalo. For more info all 612.840.7630 or visit our web site at www.wwmesection8.org/.

POINSETTIAS! POINSETTIAS!

You are invited to help defray the cost of decorating the Sanctuary this Christmas by donating a beautiful Poinsettia plant. The cost per plant is \$8.00 For your convenience, there is an envelope in your church envelope packet labeled "**Christmas Flower Offering.**"

Just drop it in the Sunday collection basket any weekend.

The Pro-Life Giving Tree to benefit expectant mothers will be in the entrance to church again this year. Please take an ornament off the tree and return it with your unwrapped gift. Gifts will be distributed to the Robbinsdale Women's Center and Southside Life-Care Center. Sponsored by the ACCL.



FOOD COLLECTION DATES !
for the Needy and S.T.E.P.

January 3/4, 2009
January 17/18, 2009

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

HOSPITAL AND
HOMEBOUND VISITATION:

Please notify the parish office when;
** a parishioner is hospitalized.
**a homebound parishioner desires Holy Communion.