



Church of the Holy Family

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

May 24, 2009

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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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 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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*God mounts his throne
amid shouts of joy;
the Lord
amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God,
sing praise;
sing praise to our king,
sing praise.*

*For king of all the earth
is God;
sing hymns of praise.*

God reigns over the nations,

*God sits upon
his holy throne.*

*The princes of the peoples
are gathered together
with the people
of the God of Abraham.*

Psalms 47

The Pastor's Page

Obama Scored Big at Notre Dame

At least the president is forthright about his principles.

By WILLIAM MCGURN, Wall Street Journal, May 19th, 2009

...the New York Times front page was dominated by a color photograph of a beaming president, resplendent in his blue-and-gold Notre Dame academic gown, reaching out to graduates eager to shake his hand or just touch his robe.

It was precisely the message President Obama wanted to send: How bad can he be on abortion if Notre Dame is willing to honor him?

We cannot blame the president for this one. During his campaign for president, Mr. Obama spoke honestly about the aggressive pro-choice agenda he intended to pursue - as he assured Planned Parenthood, he was "about playing offense," not defense - and his actions have been consistent with that pledge. If only our nation's premier Catholic university were as forthright in advancing its principles as Mr. Obama has been for his.

In a letter to Notre Dame's Class of 2009, the university's president, the Rev. John Jenkins, stated that the honors for Mr. Obama do not indicate any "ambiguity" about Notre Dame's commitment to Catholic teaching on the sanctity of human life. The reality is that it was this ambiguity that the White House was counting on; this ambiguity that was furthered by the adoring reaction to Mr. Obama's visit; and this ambiguity that disheartens those working for an America that respects the dignity of life inside the womb...

Probably Notre Dame is rich enough that it can safely thumb its institutional nose at the 70 or so bishops who publicly challenged the university for flouting their guidelines on such invitations. Nor can we expect much from Notre Dame's trustees. At a time when Americans all across this country have declared themselves "yea" or "nay" on the Obama invite, the reaction of Notre Dame's board is less the roar of the lion than the silence of the lambs.

Pro-lifers are used to this. They know their stand makes them unglamorous. They find themselves a stumbling block to Democratic progressives -- and unwelcome at the Republican country club. And they are especially desperate for the support of institutions willing to engage in the clear, thoughtful and unembarrassed way that even Mr. Obama says we should. With its billions in endowment and its prestigious name, Notre Dame ought to be in the lead here. But when asked for examples illuminating the university's unambiguous support for unborn life, Mr. Brown could provide only four: help for pregnant students who want to carry their babies to term, student volunteer work for pregnant women at local shelters, prayer mentions at campus Masses, and lectures such as a seminar on life issues.

These are all well and good, but they also highlight the poverty of Notre Dame's institutional witness. At Notre Dame today, there is no pro-life organization - in size, in funding, in prestige - that compares with the many centers, institutes and so forth dedicated to other important issues ranging from peace and justice to protecting the environment. Perhaps this explains why a number of pro-life professors tell me they must not be quoted by name, lest they face career retaliation.

The one institute that does put the culture of life at the heart of its work, moreover - the Center for Ethics and Culture - doesn't even merit a link under the "Faith and Service" section on the university's Web site. The point is this: When Notre Dame doesn't dress for the game, the field is left to those like Randall Terry who create a spectacle and declare their contempt for civil and respectful witness.

In the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian, there is a wonderful photograph of Father Ted Hesburgh - then Notre Dame president - linking hands with Martin Luther King Jr. at a 1964 civil-rights rally at Chicago's Soldier Field. Today, nearly four decades and 50 million abortions after *Roe v. Wade*, there is no photograph of similar prominence of any Notre Dame president taking a lead at any of the annual marches for life.

Father Jenkins is right: That's not ambiguity. That's a statement.

The Notre Dame Address

The closest he came to saying something "new" was his frank acknowledgement that while we should be working together to reduce abortions, at the root level, the pro-life and pro-choice positions are, in his words, "irreconcilable." True...

In any case, my issue was not with the speech itself, it was the appalling sight of the field house filled with faculty, students, and parents wildly cheering. Now of course they should be respectful of the President and applaud appropriately. But no applause or chanting was warranted when he took positions that flatly contradict Catholic teaching and the Gospel.

Notre Dame, after all, is the most prominent Catholic university in America. Its mission statement speaks of the "Catholic vision" in Notre Dame's scholarship, research and service. It speaks of "God's grace [prompting] human activity to assist the world in creating justice grounded in love."

As Pope John Paul II and others have made clear, an important part of "creating justice grounded in love" is working to end abortion. Catholics pray for this every Sunday. For Catholics, abortion is an "intrinsic evil" that "must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned . . ." The sanctity of life, in fact, in Catholic teaching, is part of the Gospel itself.

So while the President was being consistent, the wildly cheering crowd was not. Obama never claimed to belong to a church that calls abortion an "intrinsic evil." But they do.

Now the real problem this creates for all of us is that the average observer will conclude Christians were wildly cheering a pro-abortion President. So we pro-lifers must be the lunatic fringe. The whole church is weakened...

by Chuck Colson

Please prayerfully
consider a financial gift to help
bridge the gap

*Father Dufner and the
Holy Family Academy
School Board need your help*



Tuition Aid Bridge *Fund Drive*

- ✚ Tough economic times are stretching many Catholic families thin. As a Catholic community, this is the time we must really pull together and support one another and our commitment to Catholic education of our parish kids.
- ✚ The Tuition Aid Bridge Fund Drive is a short-term fundraising effort to cover the costs of tuition financial aid grants for this school year and anticipated needs for the 2009-10 school year.
- ✚ In total, we anticipate a \$80,000 shortfall—we need to ***bridge the gap***.

YES! I will help Holy Family bridge the gap!

Please accept my **tax-deductible** financial contribution to the Tuition Aid Bridge Fund.

Enclosed in my check for \$_____.

Name _____

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✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, May 24 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am No Branch III
 9:00 am Mass
 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls
 9:30 am Quilting
 11:45 am Exercise Class

Thursday, May 28

8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Choir
 7:00 pm Vaco (GP)

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

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

Sunday, May 31 ~ Pentecost

Donut/New Member

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



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Thanks to all who helped and/or attended our Spring Altar and Rosary Meeting this past Tuesday evening. Special thanks to those who served so graciously and to the staff for their help and input. Please watch for more information and an invitation to participate in our Rosary prayer initiative in upcoming weeks.

NOTICE: The BRANCH III MINISTRY

Will NOT meet in May due
to the Memorial Day Holiday.
The regular schedule will resume June 24, 2009

ADORATION NEWS

We are currently planning a special "invitation weekend" to encourage those not presently committed to a weekly hour of Adoration. The weekend of June 13/14 (Corpus Christi) you will be provided with an opportunity to choose an hour to come and be refreshed in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Sign up sheets will be available in Church. Please prayerfully consider what He is asking of you and discern what hour would be best for you. Questions: Please call Jim @ 763.533.0423.



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Brandon Paske and Angie Magnuson

ATTENTION: ALL BLOOD DONORS!

Our Holy Family Blood Drive
is scheduled for

Monday, July 20, 12:30PM to 6:30PM

Mark your calendars, save the date, and watch the bulletin for upcoming details.

Evangelization CD's

Be sure to check out our Evangelization CD section in the pamphlet racks at the back of church. Each CD is only \$3.00! Just put your payment in the envelop provided and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the church office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
 St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!!!

In order to track your contributions and list them on your annual statement you must use your envelope OR put your envelope number in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Holy Family Weekly Offering

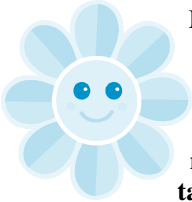
Regular Envelopes	\$15,477.05
Plate	\$ 1,138.94
Care Fund	\$ 75.00

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 25 Angel Sanchez † (father of Cumanda Ortiz)
 May 26 Bud Brey †
 May 27 The Kathy Cashin Family
 May 28 Ann Zwack †
 May 29 Ann Zwack †
 May 30 Julia Thiobald †
 May 31 Father James Livingston (9AM)
 May 31 For the Parish (11AM)





Mark your calendar- the annual Holy Family Academy Linder's Fundraiser, sponsored by the PTO is fast approaching! Shop the weekend of May 22-25, (this weekend!) at any Linder's Garden Center or Flower Marts for your gardening needs, including gift cards, and HFA will receive 15% of your pre-tax dollar total! All you need to do is bring in the invitation and Linder's will do the rest. Invitations are available at the back of the church in an envelope marked "Linder's Flower Fundraiser". Please remember to present the "invite" at the time of sale for HFA to receive the contribution.

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

The Vaco (Latin for unemployed, very Catholic) Job Group will meet every other **Thursday @ 7:00PM.**

NEEDED: people already employed; willing to stand up and be counted on behalf of the unemployed. **NEEDED:** people unemployed wanting to be connected. **NEEDED:** people just willing to be prayer warriors for the unemployed.

We'll meet in the Gathering Place to begin with prayer and for connecting. If you can only pray, great! Come! If you need connection! Great! Come! If you are a CEO or know many CEO's and hiring managers, great! Come! The next session is Thursday, May 28 @ 7:00PM. In the works are some presentations from the HR Director from Macy's (LinkedIn! - Resumes - Interviewing). This job group will be traditionally Catholic based with lots of support from **Jesus, Mary, Joseph and all of the Saints!** **Future dates are: June 4 & 17; July 8 & 23.**

MEMORIAL DAY MASS and FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY
All VETERANS, as well as BOY and GIRL SCOUTS, are invited to join us at the **9:00AM Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2009**

VETERANS: You will enter in procession with Father from the back of Church and take places in the front reserved pews for Mass. Please meet in the back of Church at 8:40AM Questions? Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13

*In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses row by row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks so bravely singing,
Fly scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead.*

*Short days ago we lived, felt dawn,
Saw sunset glow,
loved and were loved,*

*And now we lie in Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hand we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
Though poppies grow in
Flanders Fields.*

Col. John McCrae

Holy Family Catholic Church presents:
Catholic Vacation Bible School 2009!

"Jesus, I Trust in You!"

The Divine Mercy C.V.B.S.

June 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 ☼ 8:45am-12noon

Closing Program: Friday, June 19, starting at 12-noon in Church

Daily Mass is offered in Church each weekday at 8am

This CVBS is for children ages 4 years old through the completion of 6th grade (4 years old by 1/1/09)

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

Phone: 952-929-0113 x12 ☼ Fax: 952-915-1474

TO REGISTER: Drop off at Church or mail form (one per child) along with \$25.00 per child registration fee to:

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

**If you are able to add a little extra CVBS tuition that will go towards those experiencing financial difficulty during this time, it would be very much appreciated!*

Large group Gathering Times, Lessons & Stories, Music, "Jesus I trust in You!" T-shirts, Snacks,

♥ **Children's Eucharistic Adoration! Registration forms can be printed out at www.hfcmn.org**

Don't miss Catholic Vacation Bible School 2009!!!