



Church of the Holy Family

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

December 28, 2008

Holy Family

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:

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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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Ann Coone, Principal

School Office

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Liturgy of the Hours, A letter to Diognetus

God showed his love through his Son

No man has ever seen God or known him, but God has revealed himself to us through faith, by which alone it is possible to see him. God, the Lord and maker of all things, who created the world and set it in order, not only loved man but was also patient with him. So he has always been, and is, and will be: kind, good, free from anger, truthful; indeed, he and he alone is good.

He devised a plan, a great and wonderful plan, and shared it only with his Son. As long as he preserved this secrecy and kept his own wise counsel he seemed to be neglecting us, to have no concern for us. But when through his beloved Son he revealed and made public what he had prepared from the very beginning, he gave us all at once gifts such as we could never have dreamt of, even sight and knowledge of himself.

When God had made all his plans in consultation with his Son, he waited until a later time, allowing us to follow our own whim, to be swept along by unruly passions, to be led astray by pleasure and desire. Not that he was pleased by our sins: he only tolerated them. Not that he approved of that time of sin: he was planning this era of holiness. When we had been shown to be undeserving of life, his goodness was to make us worthy of it. When we had made it clear that we could not enter God's kingdom by our own power, we were to be enabled to do so by the power of God.

When our wickedness had reached its culmination, it became clear that retribution was at hand in the shape of suffering and death. The time came then for God to make known his kindness and power (how immeasurable is God's generosity and love!). He did not show hatred for us or reject us or take vengeance; instead, he was patient with us, bore with us, and in compassion took our sins upon himself; he gave his own Son as the price of our redemption, the holy one to redeem the wicked, the sinless one to redeem sinners, the just one to redeem the unjust, the incorruptible one to redeem the corruptible, the immortal one to redeem mortals. For what else could have covered our sins but his sinlessness? Where else could we, wicked and sinful as we were, have found the means of holiness except in the Son of God alone?

How wonderful a transformation, how mysterious a design, how inconceivable a blessing! The wickedness of the many is covered up in the holy One, and the holiness of One sanctifies many sinners. No man has ever seen God or known him, but God has revealed himself to us through faith, by which alone it is possible to see him. God, the Lord and maker of all things, who created the world and set it in order, not only loved man but was also patient with him. So he has always been, and is, and will be: kind, good, free from anger, truthful; indeed, he and he alone is good.

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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!

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.

Fundamentals of Catholicism

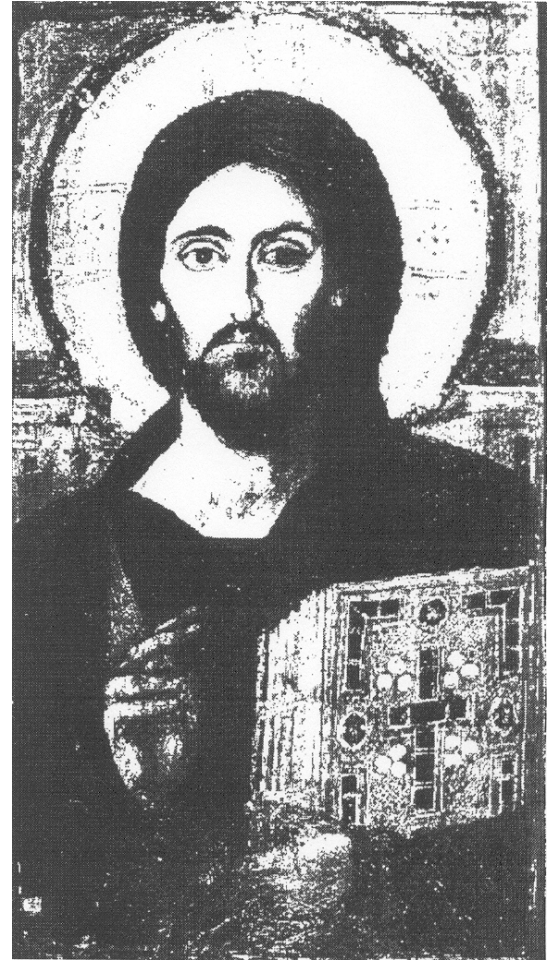
A Course on the Catholic Faith
Taught by Father Thomas Dufner

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

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 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
 11:45 am NO Exercise Class
 5:00 pm Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2009 ~ *The Solemnity of Mary*

New Year's Day ~ Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Friday, January 2

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

Saturday, January 3

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
 10:00 am Divine Mercy (Church)
 3:30 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm First Saturday Devotions (GP)
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 4 ~ *Epiphany*

Food Drive

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

Monday, January 5

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
 7:00 pm Opus Dei (Church & Moorman Hall)

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Goodtimers 500 Club (Gathering Place)
 7:30 pm Opus Dei (Church & Moorman Hall)

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls
 9:00 am Quilting
 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)
 5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!
 6:30 pm Confirmation (Moorman Hall)
 6:30 pm HFC (School)



Funerals

Molly Tadich

Dear Holy Family Community,

Thank you for all of your help, and prayers when Dan fainted in Church. We were blessed with your generosity. This truly is a community that reflects Christ!

The Dan & Pat Gawarecki Family

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 call 612.840.7630 or visit our web site at www.wwmesection8.org/.

FOOD COLLECTION DATES !

for the Needy and S.T.E.P.

January 3/4, 2009

January 17/18, 2009

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Thomas Becket

Wednesday: St. Sylvester I

Thursday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God;

Friday: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Holy Family Weekly Offering ~ December 20/21

Regular Envelopes	\$16,954.33
Plate	\$ 1,357.93
Care Fund	\$ 609.67

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec	29	Rosa	Piazza †
Dec	30	The Edward & Jean	Prather Family
Dec	31	Bud	Brey †
Jan	1	Victims of Abortion	(9AM)
Jan	1	For the Parish	(11AM)
Jan	2	Altar & Rosary Society	
Jan	3	For Vocations	
Jan	4	Clara Doherty	(9AM)
Jan	4	For the Parish	(11AM)



A Christmas Season Reflection

As Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education at Holy Family, the sufferings I see in some of the children I meet can overwhelm me at times. Some carry the hurt of divorce. I've met children who carry the burden of drug addiction or alcoholism in their families. I've met children exposed to internet pornography as young as second grade. There are children with illnesses including mental illness at such tender ages. I often pondered, "Is there something I can do that would really make a difference in the lives of these children?"

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Mt 11:28

At the end of the 2000 school year, I seriously asked myself that question. "Is there something that I can do that would really make a difference in the lives of these children?" I was specifically thinking of the public school children that came to the parish religious education classes on Wednesday evenings that I coordinated. I went to Father Dufner and expressed my concerns. What more can be done that we are not already doing in the short amount of time we have them?

When dealing with personal challenges, trials, and sufferings, I knew the answer. I knew where to go. I knew Who to go to. I turn to our Lord in prayer, making a daily visit to our Adoration Chapel, asking Him to help me, heal me and guide me. Jesus would never leave me orphaned. He is always available for me to come to Him and bring Him my burdens so He can console me and help me. But how could that truth be bridged over to children? How do you make that truth a reality in their lives? And not just in the lives of a few children but in the lives of many children?

***Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*** Mk 10:14

In the Fall, I took the Wednesday night religious Ed children into the sanctuary and together we knelt in front of the altar. Father exposed the Blessed Sacrament for us and that was the first large group time of Children's Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Family. I greeted Our Lord truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I thanked Him for always being here for us. I stood up and pointed to the little white Host in the monstrance and told the children, "This is really and truly Jesus. Isn't He so smart and wonderful to think of such a tremendous way of always being with us?" We prayed our decade of the Rosary together for our families and then I said to them, "Boys and girls, now I want you to think of anything that you are worried about. Anything that is important to you. You tell Jesus about it right now. He is so interested. He will hear you and help you if you ask Him." And He did hear. And He did help them. Since that night, we have implemented Children's Adoration into our public school program every month, every year.

***I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.*** Mt 11:25

For the past 8 years, it has been an amazing experience for me to pray with children before the Most Blessed Sacrament. And it doesn't matter if it's the public school children, the children making their First Communion, children coming to special retreats, children from our beautiful parish school or the overwhelming group of children gathered for Catholic Vacation Bible School. We sing for Him, bow and adore Him, thank Him, offer our prayers of petition and bring Him all our cares and worries.

Last Friday I had the great honor of leading the newest formed group of children. They are the toddlers and preschoolers of Holy Family. Yes, you read that correctly. I've been thinking about them all weekend. They really get it. I think my favorite part of our time together was the very end. Spontaneously they all started waving their little hands and calling out, "Goodbye Jesus! Goodbye! We love You!!!" It was moment I'll never forget. I wonder what Jesus was thinking?

Once, after Adoration for our country, a pain pierced my soul and I began to pray in this way: "Most merciful Jesus, I beseech You through the intercession of Your Saints, and especially the intercession of your dearest Mother who nurtured You from childhood, bless my native land. I beg You, Jesus, look not on our sins, but on the tears of the little children, on the hunger and cold they suffer. Jesus, for the sake of these innocent ones, grant me the grace I am asking of You for my country." At that moment, I saw the Lord Jesus, His eyes filled with tears, and He said to me: "You see, my daughter, what great compassion I have for them. Know that it is they who up hold the world." Entry #286 from the Diary of Saint Faustina

Mrs. Jean Prather, Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education

S.O.S.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Due to a medical situation, a parishioner in St. Louis Park is in need of assistance with laundry. In order to make light work of the task, I'm looking for two, three, or more people to form a "laundry pool" to pick up and drop off the laundry on **probably** a weekly basis.

If you're able to help, please call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 for more details.

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**

Pro-life Corner



Encouraging Words

"After tens of millions of [abortion] procedures, has America lost anything? Another Edison, perhaps? A Gershwin? A Babe Ruth? A Duke Ellington? ... As it is, we will never know what abortion has cost us all."

Joseph Sobran, editorial columnist

Did You Know?

Planned Parenthood was founded in 1916 by Margaret Sanger, a social radical and proponent of eugenics. Selective breeding, she said, was necessary to control those who were "unfit to breed," and that if minorities had high birth rates, "economic turmoil" would result. Today over two-thirds of all abortion centers are located in minority communities.

Black Americans for Life, March 1999