



Church of the Holy Family

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

September 6, 2009

Twenty-third 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

Parish Office

952.929.0113

Staff:

Extensions:

Rev. Thomas Dufner	Pastor	ext. 15
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Sharon Pero	Pastoral/Parish RN/Liturgist	ext. 13
Claudia Capello	Assistant	ext. 17
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Kathy Vansickle	Controller	ext. 16
Bobbi Hanson	Bookkeeper	ext. 11
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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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*Praise the Lord,
O my soul...
Happy he whose
help is the
God of Jacob,
whose hope is in
the Lord, his God,
who made heaven
and earth,
the sea
and all that is in them;
Who keeps faith
forever,
secures justice for the
oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.*

Psalm 146

The Pastor's Page

Virtuous Leadership Part III

Continuing our discussion of Alexandre Havad's book, *Virtuous Leadership*. This week continues the discussion with sections from Chapter 3, *Self Control: Mastery of Heart and Mind*.

The Power of Purity

Sexuality is a gift from God. Its aim is love and *pro-creation*. Seeing sex mainly as an instrument of personal gratification and acting accordingly introduces moral chaos into the very core of one's being. Unfortunately, this is what many people do these days.

Modern culture has become thoroughly over-sexualized. Vast and growing numbers of men and women practice contraception and consume pornography with dangerous consequences for their own personalities as they become increasingly incapable of normal human emotions.

Writing in the early years of the sexual revolution, the late Austrian psychiatrist Viktor Frankl noted the first signs of a phenomenon that has since become ubiquitous - the tendency of husbands to instrumentalize wives, and vice versa, with sexual stimulation often supplanting love as the essence of marriage.

This state of affairs can and usually does drive a wedge between spouses. "I was astonished at the origin of our hostility," acknowledges the main character of Tolstoy's *the Kreutzer Sonata*, a newlywed whose marriage enshrines the pleasures of the flesh and nothing else. "And yet how clear it was! This hostility is nothing but a protest of human nature against the beast that enslaves it. It could not be otherwise. This hatred was the hatred of accomplices in a crime."

To paraphrase the Spanish writer Pio Baroja, man is convinced he is just a millimeter above the ape; as a result, he behaves as if he were a centimeter below the pig. Consequently, the integrity of culture is called into question, threatening society itself with slow-motion collective suicide.

Thus, the meaning of Aristotle's dictum that self-control is true "self-love" becomes clear. The virtue of self-control shields our interior lives, and society itself, from the forces of chaos and destruction.

Yet the virtue of self-control is more than this. It contains within it the virtue of purity, which Escrivá calls "a decisive *affirmation* on the part of the will in love." Purity helps us to forget ourselves and to remain focused on God, and on other people and their needs.

Purity, as a radical and powerful demonstration of selflessness, predisposes the leader to be open to others and to serve them fearlessly, joyfully, and without calculation.

There is much more to this fine book as he develops each of the virtues necessary to leadership. I hope you consider this fine book which is available through Scepter Press at Scepterpublishers.org

Fr. Thomas Dufner

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

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.

Holy Family Welcomes

Bishop Lee Piché

Tuesday, September 8th at the 8am Mass

Come and join Bishop Piché at Holy Family as he helps us open the new school year at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, September 8th. Bishop Piché will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we pray together with one mind and one body for a safe and successful school year. During Mass, everyone will be invited to consecrate (or re-consecrate) themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary offering all that they do, and all that the year will bring, to Jesus through Mary.

All Are Welcome!



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.

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, September 6 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

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

Monday, September 7 ~ Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Mass
3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
7:00 pm Opus Dei (C/MH)

Tuesday, September 8 ~ Holy Family Academy 1st Day of School

8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Finance Class (MH)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (GP)
7:30 am Opus Dei (C)

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

8:00 am Mass
12:30 pm St. Monica's Bridge (GP)
7:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm VACO Networking Group (GP)

Friday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 12

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
2:30 pm Baptism Class (GP)
3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass

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



*Thank you
 Daily Eucharistic Ministers
 for your
 Faithful Service*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 - 2:3; Lk 6:6-11,
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [1:18-23]
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
 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:

**St. Richard in Richfield - Saturday, September 12th
 9:30-11:30AM**

**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

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.

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



Knights of Columbus

There will be a meeting for the Knights of Columbus on September 8th at 7:15PM in the Gathering Place

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$14,009.51
Plate	\$ 2,201.05
Care Fund	\$ 628.21

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Aug 7 Dolores Kruzal †
 Sept 8 Dick & Sylvia Custer
 Sept 9 Anna Sieve †
 Sept 10 Sophia Klassen
 Sept 11 HFA Teachers
 Sept 12 Robert Hughes †
 Sept 13 For the Parish (9AM)
 Sept 13 William MacGreggor (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



High School Students

Due to the late opening day of school, **Theotokos** and **Team Vianney** will be on the **second Thursday--one week later than usual—in September.**

For High School Women: How do you know that you are worth being loved? How do you discover what will make you truly happy? Come to **Theotokos**, a program of the Archdiocesan Vocation Office, and learn what Pope John Paul II says about these, using Mary as a model for all women. Every first Thursday of the month (except January) at 5:40PM at St. John Vianney Seminary at the Univ. of St. Thomas campus, meet with college women for dinner, prayer, reflection, and end with Mass at 7PM at the UST Chapel. Contact the Vocation Office: 651.962.6890 or sspitman@stthomas.edu.

For High School Men: It takes courage to follow Jesus. And dedication. Leadership. A calling. If you've possibly got what it takes, come to **Team Vianney** at St. John Vianney College Seminary on the Univ. of St. Thomas (St. Paul) campus from 5:40 to 8:30PM on the first Thursdays of the month (except January). Meet for pizza, hear a short, dynamic talk on our Catholic faith, and participate in an energetic Mass with college seminarians and university students. Contact the SJV office: 651.962.6825, sjv@stthomas.edu.

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.)

FLU SHOT CLINIC: October 14, 2009. 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Moorman Hall. Watch the bulletin for more details.

NOTE THIS . . .

ALL CHOIR MEMBERS:
LET THE MUSIC BEGIN!

The first choir rehearsal
is set for

Thursday, September 10th at
7:00PM in the choir loft.

I look forward to seeing **ALL** of
you again as we begin
another season of singing God's
praises. If you have been
“thinking” of joining the choir,
NOW is the time!

Call Sharon at 952.929.0113
Ext. 13 for more information.

VACO Professional Networking

Job seekers: If you are interested in greater employment opportunities, please join us every other Thursday evening (see weekly calendar) for some high-powered networking. Those blessed enough to be employed: If your company has openings, or you have tips on how to approach your industry, please contact Paul Lux to discuss how you might offer a bit of guidance to a fellow parishioner. Contact Paul at 952.974.3970 or paullux@comcast.net



Pro-Life Corner

"To please no one will I prescribe a deadly drug nor give advice which may cause his death". This is part of the famous oath of Hippocrates, to which the pro-life corner referred last week in the context of abortion. The topic here, of course, is euthanasia, which is Greek for 'good or pleasant death'. The history of euthanasia is surprisingly similar to the history of abortion. Whereas from ancient times until the 19th century there was more or less a consensus in the Western World that to assist in the death of a person, even if terminally ill, is unacceptable, in several countries strong movements to legalize euthanasia gained ground in the 20th century, culminating in legalized assisted suicide in the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, and even some states in the US. It would be hard to believe that the legalization of abortion on one hand and of euthanasia on the other is mere coincidence. We will be trying to shed some light on this next week.