



Church of the Holy Family

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

December 7, 2008

Second 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
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Extensions:

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Confessions

Wednesday, December 17 7-8PM
Saturday, December 20 3:30-5PM
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

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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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Space Aliens Cause Global Warming

From a lecture delivered by the late Michael Crichton at the California Institute of Technology on Jan. 17, 2003:

Cast your minds back to 1960. John F. Kennedy is president, commercial jet airplanes are just appearing, the biggest university mainframes have 12K of memory. And in Green Bank, West Virginia at the new National Radio Astronomy Observatory, a young astrophysicist named Frank Drake runs a two-week project called Ozma, to search for extraterrestrial signals. A signal is received, to great excitement. It turns out to be false, but the excitement remains. In 1960, Drake organizes the first SETI conference, and came up with the now-famous Drake equation: $N=N*fp\ ne\ fl\ fi\ fc\ fL$

Where N is the number of stars in the Milky Way galaxy; fp is the fraction with planets; ne is the number of planets per star capable of supporting life; fl is the fraction of planets where life evolves; fi is the fraction where intelligent life evolves; and fc is the fraction that communicates; and fL is the fraction of the planet's life during which the communicating civilizations live.

This serious-looking equation gave SETI a serious footing as a legitimate intellectual inquiry. The problem, of course, is that none of the terms can be known, and most cannot even be estimated. The only way to work the equation is to fill in with guesses. And guesses -- just so we're clear -- are merely expressions of prejudice. Nor can there be "informed guesses." If you need to state how many planets with life choose to communicate, there is simply no way to make an informed guess. It's simply prejudice.

The Drake equation can have any value from "billions and billions" to zero. An expression that can mean anything means nothing. Speaking precisely, the Drake equation is literally meaningless, and has nothing to do with science. I take the hard view that science involves the creation of testable hypotheses. The Drake equation cannot be tested and therefore SETI is not science. SETI is unquestionably a religion...

The fact that the Drake equation was not greeted with screams of outrage -- similar to the screams of outrage that greet each Creationist new claim, for example -- meant that now there was a crack in the door, a loosening of the definition of what constituted legitimate scientific procedure. And soon enough, pernicious garbage began to squeeze through the cracks. . . .

I want to pause here and talk about this notion of consensus, and the rise of what has been called consensus science. I regard

consensus science as an extremely pernicious development that ought to be stopped cold in its tracks. Historically, the claim of consensus has been the first refuge of scoundrels; it is a way to avoid debate by claiming that the matter is already settled. Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had.

Let's be clear: The work of science has nothing whatever to do with consensus. Consensus is the business of politics. Science, on the contrary, requires only one investigator who happens to be right, which means that he or she has results that are verifiable by reference to the real world. In science consensus is irrelevant. What is relevant is reproducible results. The greatest scientists in history are great precisely because they broke with the consensus.

There is no such thing as consensus science. If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus. Period. . . .

I would remind you to notice where the claim of consensus is invoked. Consensus is invoked only in situations where the science is not solid enough. Nobody says the consensus of scientists agrees that $E=mc^2$. Nobody says the consensus is that the sun is 93 million miles away. It would never occur to anyone to speak that way. . . .

To an outsider, the most significant innovation in the global warming controversy is the overt reliance that is being placed on models. Back in the days of nuclear winter, computer models were invoked to add weight to a conclusion: "These results are derived with the help of a computer model." But now large-scale computer models are seen as generating data in themselves. No longer are models judged by how well they reproduce data from the real world -- increasingly, models provide the data. As if they were themselves a reality. And indeed they are, when we are projecting forward. There can be no observational data about the year 2100. There are only model runs.

This fascination with computer models is something I understand very well. Richard Feynman called it a disease. I fear he is right. Because only if you spend a lot of time looking at a computer screen can you arrive at the complex point where the global warming debate now stands.

Nobody believes a weather prediction twelve hours ahead. Now we're asked to believe a prediction that goes out 100 years into the future? And make financial investments based on that prediction? Has everybody lost their minds?

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH ADORATION w/ FR. DUFNER - Fri., Dec 12th-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!

GOLDEN LIVING NURSING HOME - Sun., Dec 14th—We will meet at Church at 1:30, go to the Golden Living nursing home in St. Louis Park and visit with the seniors and sing Christmas carols. Call Lee & Jennifer Flesher @ 952.546.3943

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sun., Dec 21st—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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

It will soon be time to decorate the Church for Christmas, however, this year the decorating will be done in **two steps!** On **Thursday, December 18th** we will put the **lights** on the six large trees in the back of the Sanctuary, hang the **wreaths** from the Choir loft, and put up the **banners**. On **Tuesday, December 23rd**, we will **finish the remaining decorating**.

Please mark your calendars for **December 18th and/or December 23rd** and plan to help decorate. (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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe & Holy Innocents

Rosary at Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic
Mass and Italian Dinner (RSVP!)

Saturday, December 13, 2008

3:30pm ROSARY: Join Father Thomas Dufner, pastor of Holy Family, in praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3821 West Broadway Avenue, Robbinsdale, next to the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic. Look for the life-size crucifix. Park on West Broadway Avenue or on the side streets around the clinic.

5pm MASS: At Holy Family including:

- ✘ **The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
“Patroness of the Unborn and of the Americas”
- ✘ **A Candlelight Memorial** in memory of the
48+ million babies aborted since 1973
- ✘ **Presentation of Roses** to Our Lady by
the children of Holy Family
- ✘ **The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard**
- ✘ Music by the **Holy Family Adult Choir**



6pm DINNER: *Olive Garden* Italian Dinner will be served in Moorman Hall.

**FREE WILL OFFERING! BUT YOU NEED TO RSVP TO THERESA AT
952-929-0113 AND TELL HOW MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE COMING!**

*More than ever we need YOU to come add your heart and voice
to the great PRAYER FOR LIFE for our country!*

*“...Here I will show and offer all my love, my compassion, my help and protection to the people.
I am your merciful Mother, the Mother of all who love me. Here I will hear their weeping and their
sorrows...their necessities and misfortunes. Listen and let it penetrate your heart. Do not be troubled or
weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your
Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life?
Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?”*

Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, December 1531

* Thank you! to Holy Family's ACCL - A Community Caring For Life. Make sure to talk with a member of ACCL to find out how you can become more involved, in a big way or a small way, in ACCL.

✧ Weekly Calendar of Events ✧

Sunday, December 7- *Second Sunday of Advent*
Sugar Plum Days ~ Food Drive Sunday

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

Monday, December 8 - *Immaculate Conception*

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
7:00 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Carmel (Church/Morman Hall)
7:15 pm Knights of Columbus (Gathering Place)

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am Mass
12:00 pm St. Monica's Bridge (Gathering Place)
5:30 pm Catholic Youth Theatre (Moorman Hall)
7:00 pm Choir

Friday, December 12

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

Saturday, December 13

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 14 - *Third Sunday of Advent*
Donut/New Member Sunday

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

Monday, December 15

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 am Mass
10:30 am Goodtimers (Gathering Place)

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Coffee & Rolls
9:30 am Quilting (Moorman Hall)
11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)
5:15 pm Kids Praise Too! (Church)
6:30 pm Confirmation (Moorman Hall)
6:30 pm HFC
7:00 pm Communal Penance



Funerals

Clara Doherty
Susan Walz

*Holy Family gratefully acknowledges the
generous bequest from James Kilkelly*



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Special Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for helping us to sponsor the "All in God's Plan" programs for Mothers & Daughters and Fathers & Sons Nov. 14th & 16th. We have received many favorable comments and are most grateful to all who helped in any way with these events!

With sincere gratitude, the family of Susan Walz would like to thank all the members of Holy Family Parish for the funeral Mass and luncheon held on her behalf. During this difficult time the gifts of your prayers, cares, and efforts is greatly appreciated and very comforting. Thank you.

Lucille Walz and family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Juan Diego
Thursday: St. Damasus I
Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday: St. Lucy

Holy Family Weekly Offering ~ November 29/30

Regular Envelopes	\$14,868.07
Plate	\$ 1,246.39
Care Fund	\$ 553.75
STEP	\$ 1,259.61

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec 8 Dr. Peter D'Ascoli
Dec 9 HFC Students & Teachers
Dec 10 Pat Corcoran †
Dec 11 Ann Luxem †
Dec 12 Walter Mazurowski †
Dec 13 Bud Brey †
Dec 14 For the Parish (9AM)
Dec 14 John & Sharon Pero (11AM)



Christmas Eve Family Mass

Once again the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass will have the Gospel presented by the children of Holy Family. Children ages 4 on up who are interested in being an Angel, Shepherd, King or Camel leader - there will be a dress rehearsal on **Saturday, December 20th in the Church beginning at 10am.** Children who would like to put their name in a drawing for the parts of Mother Mary, St. Joseph, Head Angel, Head Shepherd or the Bethlehem Star, please see the forms on all Church bulletin boards.



Celebrate Advent with Your Friends from Holy Family Academy
"Something Special is Coming!"

Friday, December 19th, 6:30PM at Holy Family Church

Mark your calendars for a beautiful evening of candlelight and song as our schoolchildren present the *O Antiphons* accompanied by the music of Advent and Christmas, past and present. The Sanctuary will be lit with the sparkle of tiny lights, the children will stand before you on an elevated stage, narrators and soloists will lead us and the young voices of children will open our hearts as we wait in longing, knowing that Something Special is Coming. The event is free but free-will donations are welcome.

Carmel Prayer Group ~ Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30PM



Holy Family's Carmel Group will meet **Tuesday, December 9 (Note the date change!) 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!

HELP NEEDED. . . on **Tuesday, December 16th** to shape the large Christmas trees. I'll be starting after the 8AM morning Mass, so, if you have some free time please join me in the Sanctuary. Thank you. Sharon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday,

Dec., 9th at 7:15PM in the Church.

SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the 8:00AM Mass,

followed by a light brunch in Moorman Hall. This Sacrament is celebrated with the anointing of oil for healing of the body and the forgiveness of sins. Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 if you have questions.

Adoration

We still need an adorer to share the 3-4PM Sunday hour, perhaps committing to every other week. Also we would like to have at least one more overnight sub. Please call Jim@ 763.533.0423. Thank you!

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. **Thank you!** Sharon

FOOD COLLECTION DATES !

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

Dec 20/21, 2008, Jan 3/4, 2009 and
Jan 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

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 ACCL

