



Church of the Holy Family

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

November 15, 2009

Thirty-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

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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 3 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

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*O Lord,
my allotted portion
and my cup,
you it is who
hold fast my lot.*

*For me the measuring lines
have fallen*

*on pleasant sites;
fair to me indeed
is my inheritance.*

*I bless the Lord
who counsels me;
even in the night
my heart exhorts me.*

*I set the Lord
ever before me;
with him at my right
I shall not be disturbed.*

Psalms 16

The Pastor's Page

WITHOUT A DOUBT

Dear Congressman Kennedy
BY BISHOP THOMAS J. TOBIN

11/12/09 12:00 am

Since our recent correspondence has been rather public, I hope you don't mind if I share a few reflections about your practice of the faith in this public forum. I usually wouldn't do that – that is speak about someone's faith in a public setting – but in our well-documented exchange of letters about health care and abortion, it has emerged as an issue. I also share these words publicly with the thought that they might be instructive to other Catholics, including those in prominent positions of leadership.

For the moment I'd like to set aside the discussion of health care reform, as important and relevant as it is, and focus on one statement contained in your letter of October 29, 2009, in which you write, "The fact that I disagree with the hierarchy on some issues does not make me any less of a Catholic." That sentence certainly caught my attention and deserves a public response, lest it go unchallenged and lead others to believe it's true. And it raises an important question: What does it mean to be a Catholic?

"The fact that I disagree with the hierarchy on some issues does not make me any less of a Catholic." Well, in fact, Congressman, in a way it does. Although I wouldn't choose those particular words, when someone rejects the teachings of the Church, especially on a grave matter, a life-and-death issue like abortion, it certainly does diminish their ecclesial communion, their unity with the Church. This principle is based on the Sacred Scripture and Tradition of the Church and is made more explicit in recent documents.

For example, the "Code of Canon Law" says, "Lay persons are bound by an obligation and possess the right to acquire a knowledge of Christian doctrine adapted to their capacity and condition so that they can live in accord with that doctrine." (Canon 229, #1)

The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" says this: "Mindful of Christ's words to his apostles, 'He who hears you, hears me,' the faithful receive with docility the teaching and directives that their pastors give them in different forms." (#87)

Or consider this statement of the Church: "It would be a mistake to confuse the proper autonomy exercised by Catholics in political life with the claim of a principle that prescind from the moral and social teaching of the Church." (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2002)

There's lots of canonical and theological verbiage there, Congressman, but what it means is that if you don't accept the teachings of the Church your communion with the Church is flawed, or in your own words, makes you "less of a Catholic."

But let's get down to a more practical question; let's approach it this way: What does it mean, really, to be a Catholic? After all, being a Catholic has to mean something, right?

Well, in simple terms – and here I refer only to those more visible, structural elements of Church membership – being a Catholic means that you're part of a faith community that possesses a clearly defined authority and doctrine, obligations and expectations. It means that you believe and accept the teachings of the Church, especially on essential matters of faith and morals; that you belong to a local Catholic community, a parish; that you attend Mass on Sundays and receive the sacraments regularly; that you support the Church, personally, publicly, spiritually and financially.

Congressman, I'm not sure whether or not you fulfill the basic requirements of being a Catholic, so let me ask: Do you accept the teachings of the Church on essential matters of faith and morals, including our stance on abortion? Do you belong to a local Catholic community, a parish? Do you attend Mass on Sundays and receive the sacraments regularly? Do you support the Church, personally, publicly, spiritually and financially?

In your letter you say that you "embrace your faith." Terrific. But if you don't fulfill the basic requirements of membership, what is it exactly that makes you a Catholic? Your baptism as an infant? Your family ties? Your cultural heritage?

Your letter also says that your faith "acknowledges the existence of an imperfect humanity." Absolutely true. But in confronting your rejection of the Church's teaching, we're not dealing just with "an imperfect humanity" – as we do when we wrestle with sins such as anger, pride, greed, impurity or dishonesty. We all struggle with those things, and often fail.

Your rejection of the Church's teaching on abortion falls into a different category – it's a deliberate and obstinate act of the will; a conscious decision that you've re-affirmed on many occasions. Sorry, you can't chalk it up to an "imperfect humanity." Your position is unacceptable to the Church and scandalous to many of our members. It absolutely diminishes your communion with the Church.

Congressman Kennedy, I write these words not to embarrass you or to judge the state of your conscience or soul. That's ultimately between you and God. But your description of your relationship with the Church is now a matter of public record, and it needs to be challenged. I invite you, as your bishop and brother in Christ, to enter into a sincere process of discernment, conversion and repentance. It's not too late for you to repair your relationship with the Church, redeem your public image, and emerge as an authentic "profile in courage," especially by defending the sanctity of human life for all people, including unborn children. And if I can ever be of assistance as you travel the road of faith, I would be honored and happy to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence



Coming Soon...

SUGAR PLUM DAYS!

Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6

Noon to 6:30pm Saturday and 9am to 1pm Sunday

It's Time For Baking!!

We need lots of home baked goodies for our Bake Sale.

“Community Baking Night”

Tuesday December 1, beginning at 5:30pm in Moorman Hall Kitchen

Christmas Cookies for sale “by the pound” Chili and Hot Dogs, Apostle Books with new items for sale, Raffle tickets for Grocery and Cheer Baskets, Bake Sale and Nuts and Wreaths to purchase, Grab Bag, Dollar Store and “Boutique”, And...new this year on Saturday afternoon - “Photos with Santa and his Elf” as well as a special Seasonal “Sing Along” - courtesy of our Choir. Cinnamon Rolls and visit from St. Nick on Sunday.

Watch weekly bulletins and signs in Church for updates!

Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society

Census (Membership) Update.....

We need your help!

You can review and update your information in one of the following ways:

- ★ **Visit our table in Moorman Hall on Sunday, November 15th after Mass**
- ★ **Call Bobbi Hanson at 952-929-0113 ext. 11 and ask her to mail your census form to you**
- ★ **E-mail Bobbi Hanson at bobbi@hfcmn.org and ask her to e-mail your census form to you**
- ★ **Visit Bobbi Hanson or Kathy Vansickle in their office anytime between 8:30 and 4:30 Monday thru Friday before the end of November**



✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, November 15 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Pancake Breakfast - Sponsored by Holy Family Altar Servers

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

Monday, November 16

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (GP)
 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
 6:30 pm Parish Council (GP)
 8:00 pm Finance Committee (GP)

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am Mass
 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (GP)
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
 6:00 pm All in God's Plan - Men (MH)

Saturday, November 21

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

Sunday, November 22 ~ Christ the King

8:00 am Confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 2:00 pm All in God's Plan - Women (MH)
 6:00 pm Theology A La Carte (YH)

NOVEMBER... A Special Time to Remember our Deceased Loved Ones.

Throughout the month of November, the "*Book of Eternal Life*" will be in the sanctuary with the names of those who have been buried from Holy Family this past year. You are invited to add the names of your deceased loved ones.



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 \$10.00. 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 week-end. Thank You! Sharon

CCW Deanery Meeting - Join us on Mon., Nov. 23 at St. Williams in Fridley from 9:00AM - 2:30PM. Speakers are Brian Gibson on Health Care Reform and John Tetzloff on "We're There For Life." Lunch paid for by the Altar & Rosary Society. Call Terry for reservations at 952.925.3155.



Altar and Rosary News

Ladies, there are just a few reminders about Sugar Plum Days this week:

- ☞ The event begins at 12 noon Sat. Dec. 5 until after 5pm Mass and continues Sunday after 9am Mass until about 12:30pm.
- ☞ Raffle tickets for groceries, "cheer", Take- Out Gift cards will be available every weekend in back of Church until Sugar Plum Days and during this event for \$1 a chance.
- ☞ Community Baking Night is Tuesday, Dec. 1st, beginning at 5:30pm. Bring ready to bake dough and stay for as little or as long as you would like.
- ☞ We could still use help in some areas - sign up sheets are in back of Church.
- ☞ Please consider donating your specialty baked Christmas cookies for our "by the pound sale" and some baked goods for our general "bake sale".
- ☞ Don't forget we'd love your discarded or extra items for our Boutique or Dollar Store.
- ☞ Come for food and fun - Pictures with Santa and a visit from St Nick. Be entertained, sing along with the choir, enjoy some food and fellowship. The success of this event depends on YOU!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

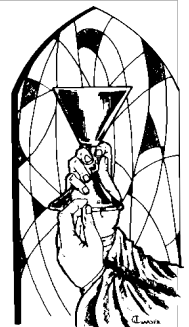
Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$15,757.00
Plate	\$ 2,274.00
Care Fund	\$ 808.37

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov 16 Parents of John & Susan Love †
 Nov 17 Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Nov 18 Virginia Gausman †
 Nov 19 Clara Doherty †
 Nov 20 Anna Gallob
 Nov 21 Dolores Kruchowski †
 Nov 22 Rev. Timothy H. Vakoc † (9AM)
 Nov 22 For the Parish (11AM)





Exciting Fundraising Report

Thanks to your ongoing support, Holy Family Academy has received over \$47,000 in donations this school year! Our fundraising efforts and your assistance have yielded the following:

2009 Marathon for Non-Public Education: \$30,000 in donations (Thank you to everyone; especially the **Knights of Columbus** who donated financially and gave their day to us by providing a delicious BBQ luncheon at our Marathon site. The hot dogs, chips, and cookies were delicious as was your kindness!)

November Noodles fundraiser: \$3,000 (thank you to everyone for coming out and eating dinner with us last week!!!)

Ongoing Target Take Charge of Education: \$1,400 so far this year and over \$12,500 total!!! This fundraiser is unending, providing us with a percentage of sales from every purchase made with Target® Visa® or Target® Card with Holy Family Academy as the beneficiary! This means that grandparents, friends, and neighbors can donate to our school just by shopping with their Target Card. If you or your loved ones are not already taking part in this fundraiser, please consider doing so by visiting www.target.com/tcoer call 1.800.316.6142.

Again, thank you for your support! Every time that we ask for your help, you are there for us. God bless you for continuing to hold up Holy Family Academy with your prayers and your donations! We love you.

YOUR ATTENTION...PLEASE!

Would you like to know more about the confusing topic of **MEDICARE?**

Mark your calendar for

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th ~ 9:30AM in Moorman Hall

Plan to attend this very informative presentation

The A,B,C's of MEDICARE, by Nancy Nonini.

Nancy developed her expertise in Medicare at the Minnesota Senior Federation and currently coordinates and facilitates Retirement Education Seminars for Retirement Education *PLUS*. This comprehensive 1 ½ - 2 hour seminar will cover;

- ◆ Medicare - Parts A, B, C and D.
- ◆ Eligibility and Enrollment.
- ◆ What are they?
- ◆ Penalties.
- ◆ How much do they cost?
- ◆ Medicare Supplements.
- ◆ Premiums and Out of Pocket Costs.
- ◆ Why do you need to consider one?

This will be the perfect opportunity to get answers to your Medicare Questions! If you have questions regarding this presentation call Sharon at 952.929.0113 x 13.

THANKSGIVING DAY ~ S.T.E.P. DONATIONS

Join us at the 9:00AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day to thank God for the many blessings He gives us. Everyone is invited to bring **non-perishable food items** to replenish the S.T.E.P. food shelves. On Thanksgiving Day, the Parish Church and the Domestic Church combine to reach out to the needs of the wider community by sharing food with the hungry through contributions to S.T.E.P. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day than to come into the Father's House bearing gifts of food to share with those in need. The monetary collection will also benefit S.T.E.P.

MESSAGES from your HOLY FAMILY HEALTH BOARD

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.)

S.T.E.P. Giving Tree - Toys, games, and \$10 dollar gift cards are being collected for St. Louis Park children's Christmas - 2 yrs + For more details see the "Giving Tree" bulletin board in the back of Church. We are fortunate this year - Holy Family Academy has jointed us in the gift collection. Thank you for your generosity.

REMINDER: FOOD COLLECTION for the NEEDY and S.T.E.P.

Every First and Third weekend of the month, you are Invited to bring non-perishable food items to share with the needy and S.T.E.P. You may drop off your items at any of the Church doors.

FATHER JIM LIVINGSTON will celebrate a Healing Mass on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00PM at St. Joseph's Church, Hopkins. Please join us for the Rosary and Mass.

✳ **THEOLOGY A LA CARTE - Sunday, Nov 22nd** -The topic is "Chastity makes the heart grow fonder", our speakers are Tom & Catherine Berg. 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.

All Knights of Columbus and Widows of Past Members, St. Louis Council #3949 KC'ss. There will be a Memorial Mass of deceased members on Tues., Nov. 17 at 7PM at Holy Family. With the KC's Choir, the Nicolet Assembly 4th degree Honor Guard. Dinner will follow in Moorman Hall. For more information contact Dan Gawarecki at 612.424.8899.



Pro-Life Corner

The 40 Days for Life campaign this fall has been a great success on a local as well as national level. Holy family parishioners were able to cover 23 out of 24 hours of their designated day of October 13. In addition, some who were not able to participate in person, were praying and fasting at home to provide spiritual support. The 40 Days for Life campaign was first held in Bryan/College Station/Texas in 2004, and has spread to more than 200 cities across the US and to several other countries. Hundreds if not thousands of unborn were reportedly saved, numerous people employed by the abortion industry have quit their jobs, and, most recently, a Planned Parenthood facility in Kalispell, Montana, announced it would close doors for good.