



# Church of the Holy Family

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

## December 20, 2009

*Fourth 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:**

**Extensions:**

Rev. Thomas Dufner	Pastor	ext. 15
June Kattar	Baptism/Marriage Prep.	ext. 14
Sharon Pero	Pastoral/Parish RN/Liturgist	ext. 13
Claudia Capello	Assistant	ext. 17
Jean Prather	Coord. Elementary Religious Ed.	ext. 12
Elizabeth Brown	Confirmation Coord.	ext. 19
Kathy Vansickle	Controller	ext. 16
Bobbi Hanson	Bookkeeper	ext. 11
John Pero	Facilities Manager	ext. 20
Theresa Bakos	Secretary	ext. 10
Lynn Tomaszewski	Youth Minister	ext. 21

**Web Address:** [www.hfcmn.org](http://www.hfcmn.org)    **Email Address:** [staff@hfcmn.org](mailto:staff@hfcmn.org)

**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

**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**

**Web Address**

**952.925.9193**

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### *December Liturgy Schedule*

***Confession Times***

3 - 5 pm Tuesday, December 22  
 10 - 11 am Wednesday, December 23

***Christmas Eve Masses***

Thursday, December 24  
 4:00 pm & 9:00 pm

***Christmas Day Masses***

Friday, December 25  
 9:00 am & 11:00 am

***Feast of the Holy Family***

Sunday, December 27  
 9:00 am & 11:00 am

***Solemnity of Mary***

Thursday, December 31  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
 Friday, January 1  
 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Page

### The Blessed Virgin: Image of the Church

The first cell of the Church of Christ is indeed the cell of the Virgin of Nazareth, and the Church first takes form in her conversation with the angel Gabriel: she is the place where the Son of the Father can descend to earth, where he will "be accepted by his own," where he will be nourished, will grow and come to maturity and meet the world. The Church Fathers have seen in Mary the primal image of the Church, most especially in their comparison with the way Mary brings the Son of God physically into the world: similarly the Church brings the mystical Christ into the world spiritually in the waters of baptism. But this is really much more than a mere comparison, because Mary conceived her Son "in the Spirit before she conceived him in her womb." Her faith and her readiness were the principle that, from the world's side, made the Incarnation possible.

Now one can, indeed, say that Mary stands within a certain tradition. "The Lord is with thee," This means the God of her fathers, and God whom she knows. For she knows about Sarah and Hannah and Judith and Samson's mother. But this knowledge is not of much help to her at the moment of the Annunciation. For what is demanded of her now (to bring "the Son of the Most High" into the world) has no precedent. She is isolated by God's demand, she cannot look either to her right or her left. All she can see is the demand. It is as if the whole world about her had sunk from view. She is addressed, she is alone, in an isolation that prevents her from seeking advice from anyone (least of all Joseph). She has no railing to hang onto to support her, nothing to help her get across the abyss facing her. The only ground under her feet is the narrow will of God (like a tightrope walker). All that keeps her from falling off is her readiness to believe. *Father Hans Urs Von Balthasar, Magnificat, December 2009*

### What is Christmas?

- If you have enemies,  
be reconciled with them!  
Christmas is peace.
- If you have sins, be converted!  
Christmas is grace.
- If you have friends, look them up!  
Christmas is encounter.
- If you have debts, pay them!  
Christmas is justice.
- If you have poor people around you,  
help them!  
Christmas is a gift.
- If you have pride, bury it!  
Christmas is humility.
- If you are in darkness, light a lamp!  
Christmas is light.
- If you are in the wrong, reflect!  
Christmas is truth.
- If you have sadness, rejoice!  
Christmas is joy.
- If you have hatred, forget it!  
Christmas is love.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday Dec 20th

6-8PM @ the 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.

Congratulations to the winners of the Sugar Plum Days basket raffles of groceries, cheer, and restaurant gift cards! "St. Nicholas" drew the lucky names of Jan Loftus, Louise Mitera, and Carol Pierce as the weekend event drew to a close. Thank you to every basket raffle participant for contributing.

### DINNER FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**\*\*Save the date\*\*** The dinner for the graduating High School seniors will take place on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in Moorman Hall. Father Mike Schmitz from the Archdiocese of Duluth will come and speak about the Theology of the Body to the graduating seniors and their parents. More information will follow.

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT, 9-12TH GRADE

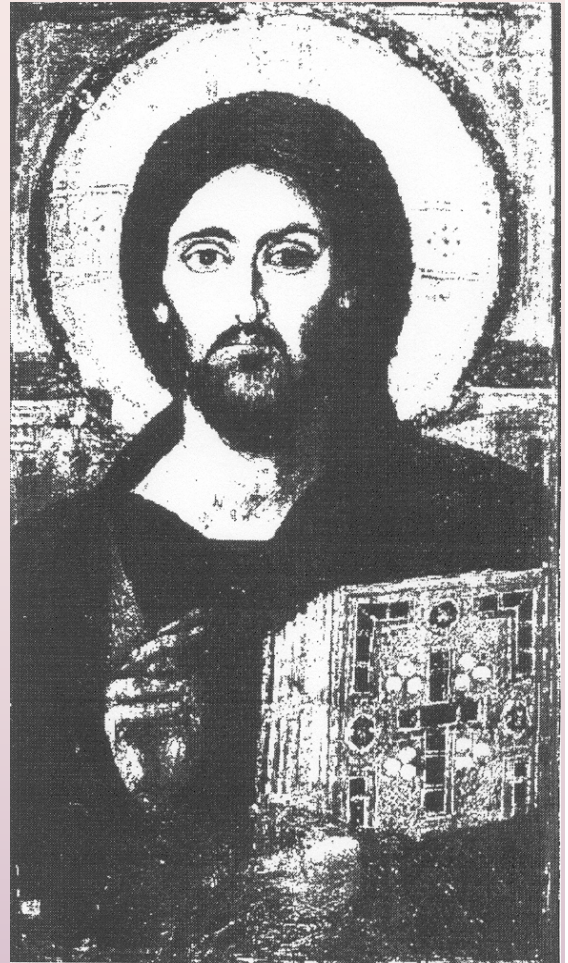
On Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we have a Theology of the Body retreat in Moorman Hall 8AM-1PM. Fr. Mike Schmitz from the Archdiocese of Duluth will give two talks, separate girls and boys talks, as well as Mass and Adoration. Cost is \$10 including lunch. To register for the event, download the flyer at either the Youth Ministry or Confirmation link under "Faith formation" at [hfcmm.org](http://hfcmm.org).

# 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.	05	God: Supreme Being and Blessed Trinity
Jan.	12	Creation and Original Sin
Jan.	19	Jesus Christ: God and Man
Jan.	26	The Church
Feb.	2	Mary
Feb.	16	Divine Revelation
Feb.	23	Grace and the Divine Life
Mar.	2	Sacraments
Mar.	9	Sacraments
Mar.	16	General Principles of Morality
Mar.	23	Commandments
Apr.	3	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](http://newadvent.org)

[catholicexchange.com](http://catholicexchange.com)

[vatican.va](http://vatican.va)

## ✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

*Sunday, December 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Food Drive Sunday**

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

*Monday, December 21*

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, December 22*

8:00 am Mass

✦ 3 - 5 pm Confessions

*Wednesday, December 23*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls

9:30 am Quilting

✦ 10 - 11 am Confessions

11:45 am NO Exercise Class

5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!

6:30 pm NO Confirmation

6:30 pm NO HFC

*Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve*

*Parish Office Closed*

✦ 4:00 pm Mass

✦ 9:00 pm Mass

*Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day*

*Parish Office Closed*

✦ 9:00 am Mass

✦ 11:00 am Mass

*Saturday, December 26*

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 27 ~ Feast of the Holy Family*

**Donut/New Member**

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

**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.

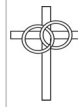


### Adoration News

Open hours are posted on the bulletin board outside the Chapel. Please help if you can. Call Jim Glover 763.533.0423 to see if any of these hours would work for you.

### 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!



### Wedding Banns

#### Banns I

*Will Johnson and Liz Kelly*

#### Banns II

*Jason Doering and Pam Lensing*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Friday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Midnight:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-

14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128 or Ps 84; Col 3:12-20 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Peter Canisius

**Wednesday:** St. John of Kanty

**Saturday:** St. Stephen

### HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION:

Please notify the parish office when; \*\* a parishioner is hospitalized. \*\*a homebound parishioner desires Holy Communion.

### Census (Membership) Update.....

✦ Please call Bobbi Hanson at 952-929-0113 ext. 11 or email at [bobbih@hfcmn.org](mailto:bobbih@hfcmn.org) to verify your contact information.



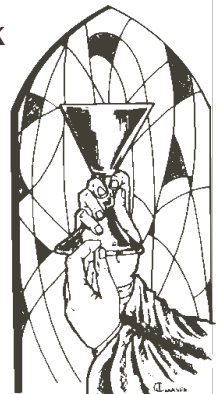
### Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$17,665.56
Plate	\$ 1,366.24
Care	\$ 998.63

*Thank You For Your Generosity!*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec 21	Gregoria Ramirez †
Dec 22	James R. Dahl †
Dec 23	Judie Sanders †
Dec 24	HFC Students & Teachers (4PM)
Dec 24	For the Parish (9PM)
Dec 25	Poor Souls in Purgatory (9AM)
Dec 25	For the Parish (11AM)
Dec 26	Charles Gettler †
Dec 27	Church Staff (9AM)
Dec 27	For the Parish (11AM)



## Mother's Day of Renewal

Featuring: Coleen Kelly Mast

• Prayer • Encouragement • Fellowship •

Saturday, January 30, 2010

At Holy Family Catholic Church, 5900 Lake Street, St. Louis Park, MN

8:30 Rosary ✕ 9:00 Mass with Father Samuel Martin (Confessions to follow mass)

Continental Breakfast

11:00 - 12:30 Coleen Kelly Mast

1:00 Luncheon (optional)

Sponsored by: MDR, Holy Family's Altar and Rosary Society, And Holy Family Academy's PTO



Register early- Seating is limited:

Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Phone- \_\_\_\_\_

Address- \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail- \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and payment (checks made out to Mother's Day of Renewal) to: Tina Robbins, 9301 Xylon Cir. S., Bloomington, MN 55438 All morning events ~ \$15 if registered before Jan. 10; later is \$20 Optional Luncheon ~ free will offering: Lunch- yes / no

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!**

On **Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will  
**finish the remaining decorating, after coffee & rolls.**

Please mark your calendars for  
**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and plan to help.

(Adults only, please, due to the nature of the work)

Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 if you have questions.



### **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. 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

### **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.)



### **Pro-Life Corner**

December 10 was Human Rights Day. It was chosen as such because the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948 in Paris. Since then the declaration has had profound impact on international law.

Its preamble begins "Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world," and Article 3 says "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person". Pope John Paul II is said to have called the declaration in an address to the UN in 1995 "one of the highest expressions of the human conscience of our time".

Unfortunately, the declaration does not mention the unborn, nor do many human rights activists acknowledge that this declaration has to cover the unborn. In addition, some gay right activists have been misusing the declaration for their purposes although any support for their agenda would be hard to find in the document.