



# Church of the Holy Family

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

## November 22, 2009

*Christ the King*

**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
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Jean Prather	Coord. Elementary Religious Ed.	ext. 12
Elizabeth Brown	Confirmation Coord.	ext. 19
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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

**Prayer Chain -Dona Marek, 9AM to 9PM** 952.926.3130

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*The Lord is king,  
 In splendor robed;  
 robed is the Lord  
 and girt about  
 with strength;  
 And He has made the  
 world firm,  
 not to be moved.  
 Your throne stands firm  
 from of old;  
 from everlasting You are,  
 O Lord...  
 More powerful than  
 the roar of many waters,  
 more powerful than  
 the breakers of the sea -  
 powerful on high  
 is the Lord.  
 Your decrees are  
 worthy of trust indeed:  
 holiness befits Your house,  
 O Lord, for length of days.  
 Psalm 93*

## The Pastor's Page

### Culture of Marriage and Life

Archbishop Nienstedt's project to restore the Culture of Marriage and Life is far more critical than many of us would assume. Data from the archdiocese, the state, and the Marriage Project from Rutgers University all point to a growing crisis that will effect us all.

Bill Maier, a psychologist with focus on the Family said the problem is that many Americans have forgotten the meaning of marriage. I think there is a real selfishness in our culture; there is a real self-centeredness - 'it's all about me and my happiness and my fulfillment,' "Unfortunately, when it comes to relationships, if we don't put the other [person] first, if we don't focus on our spouse's well-being, our relationship is probably going to be destined to fail."

Here are some data points that you might find helpful as we continue the discussion marriage and continue to shape and reshape our attitudes towards it:

#### Divorce

Divorce hit an all time high in the 80's with it still remaining relatively high. There is a serious emotional trickledown effect with divorce. The value of marriage is reduced. The extreme negative aspects of marriage are imprinted on the children and these "victims" do not want to repeat the situation. They opt for a "safer" way to "test" out the marriage. They chose to cohabitate. The fact that the divorce rate is slowed somewhat isn't necessarily good news, because it just means that there is more cohabitation and when they part (even with children) it isn't reflected in the divorce numbers.

**Marriage Postponed** (also perhaps indefinitely as you've suggested if they get too old) According to a 2008 study by the National Marriage Project, the average age for marrying has increased by about **five** years since 1991 in the United States; the average age now **32** for American men and women.

#### Cohabitation

Maier sites the *two factors* that have contributed to the increase is the increasing *lack of religious commitment* among Americans (The Rutgers study found that those who are "less religious" are more likely to live together) and the second factor is *divorce*. Maier says "a generation or more of Americans have been raised in a culture where divorce is becoming more and more common." "They don't want to make the same mistake that their parents made," Maier said. "In fact, a substantial body of evidence indicates that those who live together before marriage are *more likely to break up after marriage*," There is little stability to children born of cohabitating parents. To sum it up, one researcher stated, "cohabitation creates *victims*." It is sad irony that by cohabitating to *avoid* a bad marriage or divorce, young persons are actually *increasing* their chances for a bad marriage or divorce.

#### Welfare

There is welfare support for a single parents. However, the aid itself is a problem. As government aid increases, it *actually grows the problem*. Economist Mark Rosenzweig found that an increase in 10% in welfare benefits yielded a 12% increase in chances a poor young woman would have a baby out of wedlock before the age of 22. Finally, this government support was initially set up for widows (after war) not single mothers who've never married.

#### Unmarried Childbearing/Single Parent Households

The number of children living with an unmarried mother has tripled since 1960. Out-of-wedlock childbearing cost U.S. taxpayers more than \$112 billion a year, according to a new study conducted by the Georgia College & State University economist Ben Scafidi.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

### **SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK** **Wednesday, DECEMBER 2,** **2009 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.

### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

On Wednesday, December 16, we have our Advent Penance Service. 9 priests are scheduled to hear Confessions starting at 7PM. (Religious Ed students begin at 6:40PM and everyone else can begin at 7PM.) Invite your family and friends to join us for this beautiful night of grace. Remember what Jesus told Saint Faustina: "*It is in the confessional that the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated.*"

### **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, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, we have a Theology of the Body retreat in Moorman Hall 8AM-1PM. Father Mike Schmitz from the Archdiocese of Duluth will give two main talks, a separate girls and boys talk, and there will also be Mass and Adoration. The cost of the retreat is \$10 including lunch. For more information or to register for the event, download the flyer at either the Youth Ministry or Confirmation link under "Faith formation" at our website [www.hfcmn.org](http://www.hfcmn.org).



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!!***

**Join us for our**

***“Community Baking Night”***

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

Bring unbaked cookie dough and join us for some  
fun & fellowship while we bake.

We need **lots of home baked goodies** for our Bake Sale!

**Sugar Plum Days has something for everyone...**

*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 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm,*

*“Photos with Santa ”*

*as well as a special Seasonal “Sing Along” - courtesy of our Choir.*

*Cinnamon Rolls and a visit from St. Nick on Sunday.*

***Everyone is Welcome ~ Bring a friend!***

**\*Call Mary Glover with any questions 763.533.0423 \* Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society \***

## ✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

### 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)

### Monday, November 23

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Exercise Class (GP)  
 8:30 am Branch III  
 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)  
 7:00 pm Grandparents Prayer Group (C/MH)

### Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am Mass

### Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls  
 9:30 am Quilting  
 11:45 am Exercise Class (MH)  
 5:15 pm NO Kids Praise Too!  
 6:30 pm NO Confirmation  
 6:30 pm NO HFC

### Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Mass

### Friday, November 27

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass

### Saturday, November 28

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 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent

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

### HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION:

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



### 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

### *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.

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

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



### Altar and Rosary News

Sugar Plum Reminders...

☞ Donations of cookies or baked goods can be brought to Moorman Hall clearly labeled either Friday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> or throughout the weekend of Dec. 5 & 6.

☞ We would also welcome "Treasures" for our Boutique. "Community Baking Night" is Tues. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:30PM.

☞ Bring unbaked cookie dough and join us for some fun & fellowship while we bake.

☞ Cash donations toward "Take Out Baskets" always appreciated through Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

☞ Raffle Tickets on sale through this month at Sugar Plum Days.

☞ New attractions at Sugar Plum this year-Photos with Santa 3-4:30PM and a "Sing-along with the Choir also Sat. afternoon. Questions, call Mary 763.533.0423.

Many blessings and thanks to the Youth Group and adults who joined in raking twenty more bags of leaves from the yard that has no trees. Sincerely, Florence Novak

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

(Thanksgiving Day - Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19)

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

**Monday:** St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro

**Tuesday:** St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions

**Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

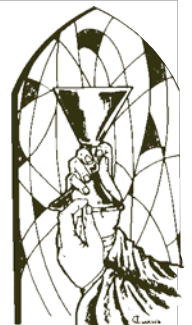
### Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$16,401.50
Plate	\$ 1,678.30
Care Fund	\$ 631.06

*Thank You For Your Generosity!*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov 23 Jim & Donna Williams  
 Nov 24 James R. Dahl †  
 Nov 25 Anthony & Daniel Fahlander  
 Nov 26 All Priests of the Archdiocese  
 Nov 27 Special Intention  
 Nov 28 Agnes Doyle †  
 Nov 29 For the Parish (9AM)  
 Nov 29 Muriel Kowalsky † (11AM)



# Our Lady of Guadalupe/Holy Innocents

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

**Saturday, December 12, 2009**

**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:

- † **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 & 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!*



## 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.

**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.

## 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.

## ATTENTION:

**METHODIST HOSPITAL  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

*Mark your calendars and  
plan to attend the*

**MEETING at METHODIST on  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009  
at 10:00AM in the Inlet Room.**

## 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.)



## Pro-Life Corner

Thanksgiving may be a good time to reflect on and be grateful for positive developments regarding life in the United States.

### Among these developments are:

1. An all-time low in child mortality, which is the probability that a newborn child does not survive the first five years of its life. Child mortality is about four times lower than it was in 1960.
2. An enormous increase in life expectancy. A newborn in 1900 had a life expectancy of about 50 years. In the year 2000 a newborn had a life expectancy of about 77 years.

In comparison, many countries in Africa are still reporting life expectancies of under 50 years, and child mortalities that are about ten times as high as in the United States.

### In The Church's Tradition

From the earliest traditions of the Church to the present day, the mission of evangelization to which Jesus sent his followers has included healing as a major part.

Health care is so important for full human dignity and so necessary for the proper development of life that it is a fundamental right of every human being. from Health and Health Care (© 1981, USCC)

Support health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death. Get the long-standing teachings of the Church and the latest updates on health care reform—visit [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).