



# Church of the Holy Family

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

## December 6, 2009

*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:**

**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**

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### December Liturgy Schedule

*Feast of the*

*Immaculate Conception*

Tuesday, December 7

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 8

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

**Confession Times**

7 - 8 pm Wednesday, December 16

3:30 - 5 pm Saturday, December 19

8 - 9 am Sunday, December 20

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

### Thank You!

In these past weeks and months you have all shown what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The care shown to the Haynes family was extraordinary, with meals and driving and all sorts of care. And we don't want to forget them now that Terry has gone home. Thank you for all you have done! You are magnificent!

The funeral was as grand a tribute as was the fund raiser in September! The Sunday evening wake in Church was handled with the greatest decorum as was the social afterwards. The funeral Mass was simply beautiful. The Church was full for both events! The funeral directors were deeply touched by how reverent and faithful our parish is.

Thanks in a special way to all the staff, the teachers, and kids from Holy Family who contributed in such a special way to making these events a holy tribute and a powerful prayer for Terry. Our parish really showed it's faith in these events. God bless you all!

### Culture of Marriage and Life

The archbishops push for education in the area of Marriage and Life is off to a running start. The data is in and it isn't pretty. Across the country, from 1983 to 2007 the rate of Catholic marriage is from 6.6 per thousand Catholics down to 2.9 per thousand Catholics for a drop of 56%. This corresponds to the drop in marriages in our archdiocese of 4134 marriages in 1994 down to 2369 marriages in 2008 for a 43% decline over a shorter period.

No doubt we're facing a rise in cohabitation as well as a group known as those who "fail to launch," that is, who never leave home. There are many contributing factors. Perhaps most significant is our failure to put a "Catholic Stamp" on the young as they grew up. The Catholic identity is lacking as well as the knowledge of the faith. Throw in the break between love and life that contraception brought in allowing promiscuity and leading to marital breakdown and you have a recipe for not simply religious disaster, but cultural disaster.

Now it's time to re-learn the faith, to re-examine what went wrong so that we can all begin to re-build.

Fr. Dufner

### 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 Sat., Jan 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 hfcmmn.org.

### 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."***

### 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- \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

# 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!*

*\* 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.*

## Holy Family Catholic Church

# Christmas Eve Family Mass

**Gospel Presentation of the Birth of Jesus**  
**Presented by the children of Holy Family!**

Children ages 4 on up who are interested in being an Angel, Shepherd, King or Camel Leader during the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass: **REHEARSAL is Saturday, December 19, 10am in the Church.**

**All actors participating in the Gospel Presentation must attend this rehearsal!**

Various costumes will be available to take home after the rehearsal.

**Adults/teens are needed to help distribute costumes, cue actors and be in camel costumes.**

**Please call Jean Prather at 952-929-0113 x12 if you can help.**

Children, **7 years old and older**, who would like to play the part of **Mother Mary, St. Joseph, Head Angel, Head Shepherd** or the **Giant Star from the East**, complete and clip the slip below and place it in an envelope addressed to: Mrs. Jean Prather. **Slips must be received by Thursday, December 17.**

All are **simple acting parts** (no speaking) and will occur during the Gospel Reading at Mass.



## HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (7 years old and older for parts below)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please put my name in the drawing to be: (circle one)

**Mother Mary St. Joseph Head Angel Head Shepherd The Bethlehem Star (circle one)**

There will be a random drawing to determine the above parts. If YOUR name is picked, you will be notified by our Saturday rehearsal. If your name is not picked, you **still** get to participate in the celebration of the birthday of Jesus as an Angel, Shepherd or Magi!!! **Every single child is needed and welcome!!!**

## ✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

**Sunday, December 6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

**Food Drive Sunday**

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 9:00 am *Sugar Plum Days!*
- 11:00 am Mass

**Monday, December 7**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (GP)
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm ACCL (GP)

**Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Mass

**Wednesday, December 9**

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

**Thursday, December 10**

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

**Friday, December 11**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (GP)

**Saturday, December 12 - Holy Innocents**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

- 6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
- 3:30 pm Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm **Dinner (For those who have RSVP'd to Theresa in the Parish Office) (MH)**

**Sunday, December 13 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**

**Donut/New Member**

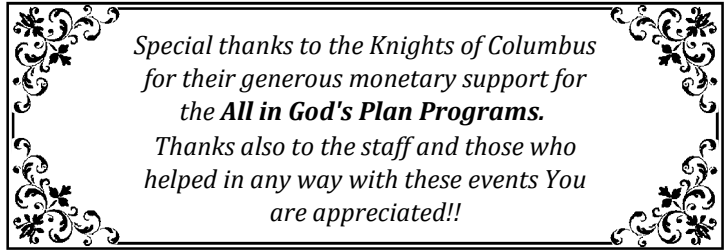
- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass

### 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

### 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.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Ambrose
- Tuesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Juan Diego
- Friday:** St. Damasus I
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

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



### 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!

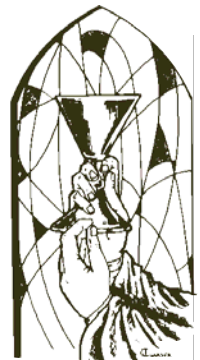
### Holy Family Weekly Offering

<b>November 26</b>	
STEP	\$ 1,348.86
<b>November 28/29</b>	
Regular Envelopes	\$15,140.13
Plate	\$ 1,508.95
Care	\$ 732.96

*Thank You For Your Generosity!*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

- Dec 7 Chester Wozniak † (8AM)
- Dec 7 Michael Heaney † (5PM)
- Dec 8 James Branagan † (8AM)
- Dec 8 The Children of the World (7PM)
- Dec 9 Beverly Jane Hreha †
- Dec 10 Megan Heeren
- Dec 11 Bud Brey †
- Dec 12 Stan & Marilyn Kummer
- Dec 13 Molly Tadich † (9AM)
- Dec 13 For the Parish (11AM)





## Share the Joys of Advent at our annual Holy Family Academy Christmas Concert



Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

Mark your calendars for a beautiful evening of music, joy, and anticipation as our schoolchildren present you with our annual Christmas concert. 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 Someone special is coming. The event is free but free-will donations are welcome.

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING!**

It will soon be time to decorate the Church for Christmas. As last year, the decorating will be done in **two steps**. On **Thursday, Dec. 17**, we will put the **lights** on the large trees in the sanctuary, hang all **wreaths**, and put up the **banners**. On **Wednesday, Dec. 23**, we will finish the **remaining decorating**. . . **after Coffee & Rolls**. Please mark your calendars for **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and/or Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** and plan to help decorate. (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

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**LIFELINE - Saturday, Dec 5th** - Steve Angrisano: In Concert! Steve's unique blend of laughter, song, story and often hilarious audience interaction have made him a popular choice for many parishes. There is an unmistakable awareness that Steve is not just a performer. What he shares, both in story and song, is a witness of the love and life of Jesus. **\*\*Limited number of tickets available!!** Leave Holy Family at 4PM and return around 10PM. Call Jim & Sue Holly to sign up, 763.541.9842.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS - Sunday, Dec 6th** - We will meet at the Golden Living nursing home in St. Louis Park and visit with the seniors and sing Christmas carols 1:30-2:30PM. Call Lee & Jennifer Flesher @ 952.546.3943

**YOUTH ADORATION w/ FR. DUFNER - Friday, Dec 11th** - 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!

**CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday Dec 20th** - 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.

### **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.)

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

Every year at the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass, the children of Holy Family present the Gospel of the birth of Jesus. Children, ages 4 and up, who would like to participate as an Angel, Shepherd, Magi, or Camel Leader, need to come to our rehearsal **on Saturday, December 19 at 10AM in Church**. If you are 7 years old or older and would like to play the special roles of Mother Mary, St. Joseph, Head Angel, Head Shepherd or the Bethlehem Star, you can register for those drawings by picking up a flyer on all church bulletin boards. Questions? Call Mrs. Prather at 952-929-0113 x12.



### **Pro-Life Corner**

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla was born in Italy in 1922, the tenth out of 13 children. She grew up in a pious catholic household through which she received the foundation for her deep faith. In 1949 Gianna became a doctor of medicine, and opened a medical clinic near her hometown serving especially mothers, babies, the elderly, and the poor. In 1955, after having reflected much about her vocation, she got married. When Gianna was pregnant with her fourth child in 1961, the doctors found an ovarian cyst that required surgery. The surgeon suggested an abortion to Gianna to save her own life but she insisted the doctors should do whatever they could to save her child. Gianna underwent surgery that did not harm the unborn but did not, as it turned out, save the mother. A few months later Gianna delivered her last child before she died a week later. Gianna was beatified in 1994 and canonized in 2004 by Pope John Paul II who said her witness was a hymn to life.