



Church of the Holy Family

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

November 8, 2009

Thirty-second 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

Parish Office

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Claudia Capello	Assistant	ext. 17
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Kathy Vansickle	Controller	ext. 16
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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

STEP - Emergency Program 952.925.4899

*Praise the Lord,
O my soul;
I will praise the Lord
all my life;
I will sing praise
to my God
while I live...
Happy is he
whose help is
the God of Jacob.
Who made heaven
and earth,
the see and all that
is in them;
Who keeps faith
forever...
Psalm 146*



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A Charitable Endeavor Part II

Catholic Charities in the United States serve nearly 8 million people each year with low overhead costs, dedicated staffs and many volunteers. “Because of their Christian commitment and volunteer profile, they make good use of monies received from government sources. They can devote a high percentage of these funds to direct services and program costs.” Yet the government is often undermining this system of Church-state cooperation “with intrusive regulations and abusive demands on Catholic consciences?”

Consider two recent cases. The first comes from direct pastoral experience. Recently, the Colorado state assembly proposed a bill that would have forced every charitable group receiving state money to comply with a set of “antidiscrimination” laws. That may sound harmless. It may even seem reasonable. But in practice the law would have stripped the Church of any control over the people she hires. Because the proposed law banned “discrimination” on the basis of religion, the Church could easily have been forced to hire non-Catholics or people who publicly reject Catholic teaching - even for key leadership positions.

The implications for Catholics were obvious. The right to define our mission as a Church and to select the people who can best transmit Catholic beliefs and values is at the heart of our religious freedom. No Catholic ministry can ensure its identity if its leaders and staffers cannot be required to be Catholic.

Here’s a second case. In Boston, the local archdiocese ran one of the nation’s oldest, most respected adoption agencies. Nonetheless, the Church was forced to shut down her adoption ministry. Why? Because the state demanded that the Church begin placing orphans for adoption with homosexual couples - a demand that violates Catholic moral beliefs that children have the right to grow up in a stable family with a married mother and father. Boston’s archbishop, Seán Cardinal O’Malley, sought a conscience clause to exempt the Church from the requirement. State lawmakers refused. The result was the end of more than a century of excellent child-adoption services to the general public.

This case embodied the “grave inconsistency” that Benedict XVI writes about in his encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*. A small social subgroup - for example, active homosexuals and supporters of homosexual-related issues - demands that the government defend their right to a controversial lifestyle, a right that is “alleged, . . . arbitrary, and nonessential in nature,” as Benedict puts it. To meet this demand and promote this ambiguous right, public officials attack the “elementary and basic rights” of defenseless children without parents.

When we look closely at Church - state conflicts in America, we see that they now often center on a group of behaviors - homosexual activity, contraception, abortion, and the like - that the state in recent years has redefined as essential and nonnegotiable rights. Critics rarely dispute the Church’s work fighting injustice, helping community development, or serving persons in need. But that’s no longer enough. Now they demand that the Church must submit her identity and mission to the state’s promotion of these newly alleged rights - despite the constant Catholic teaching that these behaviors are personal moral tragedies that can lead to deep social injustices.

As a result, the original links between freedom and truth, and between individual rights and moral duties, are disappearing in the United States. In the name of advancing the rights of the individual, other basic rights - the rights of religious believers, communities, and institutions - and key truths about the human person, are denied.

In squeezing the Church and other mediating institutions out of the public square, government naturally assumes more power over the nation’s economic and social life. Civil society becomes subordinated to the state. And the state then increasingly sees itself as the primary shared identity of its citizens. But this is utterly alien to - and in fact, an exact contradiction of - what America’s founders intended.

“American political thought... bears a strong resemblance to Benedict’s ‘dictatorship of relativism.’ This relativism shows itself in the claim that - out of respect for pluralism and the diversity of its citizenry - the state should never act as if any one way of life is any better than the next. The government, under this theory, exists not to promote “the good life” of its citizens but only to create a framework of individual rights and legal procedures that will enable each person to pursue his or her own version of the good life.

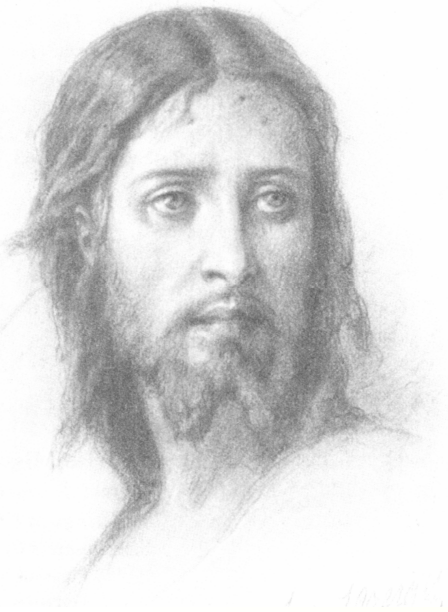
But we should notice two unhappy things about this public philosophy. First, it allows no room for mediating structures or civil society. In this universe, only individuals and the government finally exist. Families, religious institutions, and voluntary associations are either irrelevant or possible threats to individual rights. This explains, in part, why the Church and other mediating groups so often find themselves attacked by the government for allegedly discriminating against the private rights of individuals. Second, despite its claimed neutrality, this philosophy is not at all “value free.” As Wolfe notes, in practice, “this new libertarianism constitutes strong government support for one particular way of life, one that is secularized and skeptical, hostile to revealed religions and to traditional morality.”

Archbishop Chaput reminds us that “the mission of Catholic Charities and all Catholic social ministries is not humanitarian but religious—to proclaim by our words and deeds the love that God has shown to the world in Jesus Christ. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are not an option for the Church. They are a duty. Nor are they a generic act of kindness. They are a form of distinctly Catholic witness.”

As Pope Benedict wrote in his encyclical, Deus Caritas Est,

The state which would provide everything, absorbing everything into itself, would ultimately become a mere bureaucracy incapable of guaranteeing the very thing which the suffering person - every person - needs: namely, loving personal concern. We do not need a state that regulates and controls everything, but a state that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, generously acknowledges and supports initiatives arising from the different social forces and combines spontaneity with closeness to those in need. The Church is one of those living forces: She is alive with the love enkindled by the Spirit of Christ. This love does not simply offer people material help, but refreshment and care for their souls, something that often is even more necessary than material support. *By Archbishop Charles Chaput, First Things - November 2009*

Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones



*"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."*

John 11:25-26

Robert Armstrong

Iris Carlson

Clara Doherty

Agnes Doyle

Patricia Funk

Charles Gettler

David Hoium

Dolores Kurchowski

Dolores Kruzal

Lorraine Lietzke

Florence Meyer

Otilia Mrozek

Patrick Mullen

Rosemary Navratil

Elsie Julia Nelson

Gregoria Ramirez

Donald Rekdahl

Trell Rosso

Effie Rueter

Albert Sauerer

Molly Tadich

Susan Walz

Chester Wozniak

Ann Zwack

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them.
May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

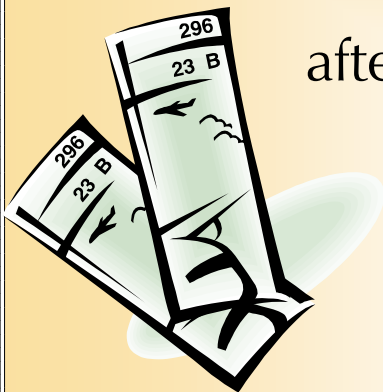
Church Raffle and Pancake Breakfast

Join us on November 15
after the 9am and 11am Masses

In Moorman Hall
for the

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AND
RAFFLE DRAWING**

Sponsored by Holy Family Altar Servers



✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, November 8 ~ Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Donut/New Member

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

Monday, November 9

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (GP)
 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
 6:30 pm Carmel (C & MH)

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (GP)

Wednesday, November 11

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 (GP/MH)
 6:30 pm HFC (School)

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

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

Saturday, November 14

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
 12:00 pm Rake - n - Run
 2:30 pm Baptism Class (GP)
 3:30 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 15 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Pancake Breakfast - Sponsored by Holy Family Altar Servers
Raffle Drawing in Moorman Hall at 10:30am

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

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.

CCW Deanery Meeting

Please join us on Mon., Nov. 23 at St. Williams in Fridley from 9:00am - 2:30pm. Our speakers will be Brian Gibson on Health Care Reform and John Tetzloff on "We're There For Life." Lunch will be paid for by the Altar & Rosary Society. Call Terry Berthiaume for reservations at 952.925.3155.



Altar and Rosary News

☞ Helper Sheets are in back of Church for Sugar Plum Days. Please consider signing up for a shift.
 ☞ Your gift of time would be much appreciated!

New gift items (\$1 plus in value) for adults, children or youths will be gratefully accepted for our "grab bag game" at Sugar Plum Days. Collection boxes will be at all doors beginning this weekend.

☞ There will be a "Community Baking Night" on Tuesday, Dec. 1 for adults only. To participate bring your favorite cookie dough and join us in Moorman Hall to bake some extra cookies. (We hope you will also do some baking on your own at home - both for our "Cookies by the Pound Sale" and our general Bake Sale.) This baking night was fun a couple years ago and some have asked that we do it again, so come and share some laughter and stories while we bake to increase our "inventory" for Sugar Plum Days! Call Mary with questions at 763.533.0423.

☞ Wreaths will again be for sale at Sugar Plum Days and proceeds will benefit the Cancer Home. You can order before the event by calling Terry Berthiaume at 952.929.3155

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,12;Ps 46; 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17;Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Tuesday: St. Leo the Great

Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours;

Thursday: St. Josaphat

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address or phone number. Thank you!

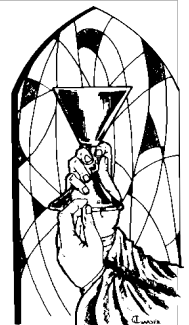
Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$16,725.00
Plate	\$ 1,387.57
Care Fund	\$ 722.10

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov 9 Rosemary Navratil †
 Nov 10 Richard & Susan Vigilante
 Nov 11 James Huberty †
 Nov 12 Rev. Myles McGowan †
 Nov 13 Dolores Doyle †
 Nov 14 The Ed & Jean Prather Family
 Nov 15 For the Parish (9AM)
 Nov 15 Carl Thurner (11AM)



Veterans Day Celebration at Holy Family Academy

Holy Family Academy salutes the Veterans and Service People of the United States of America at our annual Veterans Day celebration. **Please be our guest immediately after Mass on Wednesday, November 11.** Come and listen to Lt. Col. Alex Plechash and enjoy a light breakfast in Kattar Hall, followed by a short program of gratitude presented by our students. **RSVP 952.925.9193.**

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

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.
- ◆ What are they?
- ◆ How much do they cost?
- ◆ Premiums and Out of Pocket Costs.
- ◆ Eligibility and Enrollment.
- ◆ Penalties.
- ◆ Medicare Supplements.
- ◆ 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.

✳ **YOUTH ADORATION w/ FR. DUFNER - Friday, Nov 13th** - 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!

✳ **RAKE N' RUN - Saturday Nov 14th**: 12-4PM This is a fun and great service project to sign up for! Help the seniors from the Parish rake their lawn and end with a Pizza dinner! Contact Lee & Jennifer Flesher to sign up @ 952.546.3943.

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.)

Carmel Prayer Group

Holy Family's Carmel Group will meet on **Monday, November 9th, starting at 6:30PM** downstairs in Moorman Hall. **We meet the 2nd Mon. of the month from September through May.** The evening consists of chanting Evening Prayer together in Church, Father Dufner leading us in our study time, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (mental prayer), chanting Night Prayer and then Social Time. Even if you have never come before, you are welcome to join us for an evening of prayer, study and friendship. This year our study book will be the spiritual classic: ***Introduction to the Devout Life*** by Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. We recommend the paperback version published by Vintage Spiritual Classics with the preface by Cardinal Archbishop Edward Egan, ISBN 0-375-72562-8. The book is available @ www.amazon.com.

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.

CHOIR NOTES!

SOPRANOS . . . Choir needs YOU!

Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 x 13 for more information.



Pro-Life Corner

Did you know?

...In 2008, Catholic hospitals handled more than 16.9 million emergency room visits more than 92.7 million outpatient visits more than 5.5 million admissions.

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 uscgb.org/healthcare.

. . . in 1963, Pope John XXIII called medical care a human right. (*Pacem in Terris* (11) encyclical, April 11, 1963)

. . . the U.S. bishops have been urging health care reform for decades.

. . . there are 624 Catholic hospitals in the United States.

. . . eleven of the nation's forty largest systems are Catholic.

. . . one of every six admissions in the United States is to a Catholic hospital