



St. Lucy
Pray for us!

O Adonai: "O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free." Isaiah had prophesied, "But He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips." (11:4-5); and "Indeed the Lord will be there with us, majestic; yes the Lord our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king, he it is who will save us." (33:22).

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

✠ Confessions

Wednesday, December 14 7 - 8 pm
 Saturday, December 17 3:30 - 5pm
 Sunday, December 18 8 - 9 am
 Thursday, December 22 3 - 5 pm
 Friday, December 23 10 - 11 am

✠ Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24 4 & 9 pm

✠ Christmas Day Masses

Sunday, December 25 9 & 11 am

✠ Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, December 30 8:00 am

✠ Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31 5:00 pm
 Sunday, January 1 9 & 11 am

Church of the Holy Family

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

December 11, 2011

Third 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 9:00AM

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	Elementary DRE/Special Events	ext. 12
Elizabeth Brown	Confirmation Coordinator	ext. 19
Alyssa Bormes	Youth Minister	ext. 21
Kathy Vansickle	Controller	ext. 16
Bobbi Hanson	Bookkeeper	ext. 11
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Web Address: www.hfcmn.org **Email Address:** 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

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The Pastor's Page

Can We Love Our Kids Too Much?

In an age of enormous prosperity the best of parents make mistakes they never thought possible. You've heard of "Helicopter Parents" who hover over their children trying to make sure all is well. A new name has surfaced for the same parents: "Snow Plow Parents." They push everything out of the way of their children. But instead of helping the kids, these parents fight their kid's fights for them, make excuses for their kid's failures, and nearly assure their own child's failure. Remember when school was to gain knowledge, not grades? Remember when you played sports for recreation and not because your parents wanted you to? Another difficulty is that kids are not learning how to make friends because all their sporting activities are arranged by adults. Friendships occur because of voluntary association and within the pecking order of who's best at this or that, who's adventurous, or who is fun to be with. Too much parental help across the board assures they'll have no fire in the belly to succeed on their own.

The article listed below and the book point out the flaws of even the best parents in an age of privilege and how we can get back on track. It's food for thought.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/09/06/living/teachers-want-to-tell-parents/index.html>

http://www.amazon.com/Price-Privilege-Advantage-Generation-Disconnected/dp/0060595841#reader_0060595841

The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage Are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids

Madeline Levine has been a practicing psychologist for twenty-five years, but it was only recently that she began to observe a new breed of unhappy teenager. When a bright, personable fifteen-year-old girl, from a loving and financially comfortable family, came into her office with the word empty carved into her left forearm, Levine was startled.

This girl and her message seemed to embody a disturbing pattern Levine had been observing. Her teenage patients were bright, socially skilled, and loved by their affluent parents. But behind a veneer of achievement and charm, many of these teens suffered severe emotional problems. What was going on?

Conversations with educators and clinicians across the country as well as meticulous research confirmed Levine's suspicions that something was terribly amiss. Numerous studies show that privileged adolescents are experiencing epidemic rates of depression, anxiety disorders, and substance abuse -- rates that are higher than those of any other socioeconomic group of young people in this country. The various elements of a perfect storm -- materialism, pressure to achieve, perfectionism, disconnection -- are combining to create a crisis in America's culture of affluence. This culture is as unmanageable for parents -- mothers in particular -- as it is for their children. While many privileged kids project confidence and know how to make a good impression, alarming numbers lack the basic foundation of psychological development: an authentic sense of self. Even parents often miss the signs of significant emotional problems in their "star" children.

In this controversial look at privileged families, Levine offers thoughtful, practical advice as she explodes one child-rearing myth after another. With empathy and candor, she identifies parenting practices that are toxic to healthy self-development and that have contributed to epidemic levels of depression, anxiety, and substance abuse in the most unlikely place -- the affluent family.


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Parish Offices Closed
Monday, December 26
through
Friday, December 30.
We will re-open on
Monday, January 2 at 8:30am.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ☺

Worship in your
Worship Board
conducted by a **Certified**
Wednesday at 11:45AM in
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 **NOW HEAR THIS!**
Coffee and Rolls on
Wednesday, December 28, 2011 is canceled
and will resume on January 4, 2012.

Holy Family Catholic Church

Christmas Eve 4pm 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 17, 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 and teen helpers are needed to be in the Camel costumes or help cue the children!
Please email Jean Prather at: jean@hfcmn.org or call 952-929-0113 x12 to 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 15.** 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 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

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8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, December 12

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)

6:30 pm Carmel (Moorman Hall/Church)

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)

6:00 pm Columbian Squires (GP)

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)

11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)

5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!

6:30 pm HFC (School)

6:30 pm Confirmation (Moorman Hall)

7:00 pm **Advent Penance Service with 8 Priests**
Hearing private confessions.

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm NFP (Gathering Place)

Friday, December 16

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Saturday, December 17

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)

10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)

10:00 am Christmas Eve Rehearsal

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Fundamentals of Catholicism Classes and RCIA Candidates

We are getting ready to offer the Fundamentals of Catholicism Classes again beginning Tuesday January 10th 2012 at 7:00PM through Tuesday April 6th, 2012. We will be revising the class this year and incorporating some of Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism Series! We invite all those adults interested in Baptism and those already baptized who are interested in becoming Catholic to call the parish office at 952.929.0113 and sign up for the course.

ATTENTION:

METHODIST HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the

MEETING at METHODIST on TUESDAY, DEC. 13, at
10:00AM in Cafeteria Conference Room 4.

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Kory Schmidt and Andrea Weingartz

Sincere thanks to all staff for your extra efforts to make this year's "All in God's Plan" chastity program run so smoothly! Thanks also to those who donated items, to the great set up and clean up "crew" and to the wonderful kitchen workers. This year 27 boys with their dads and 39 girls with their moms took part in this event. Finally, our thanks to the Knights of Columbus and to the Altar and Rosary Society for the generous monetary contributions. God Bless All!

Jim and Mary Glover - Program Chairs

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sugar Plum Days event! A special thank you to the many joyful workers making chili, selling wreaths, arranging the donated gifts, getting up early to bake the rolls, singing in the choir, selling raffle tickets, decorating Moorman Hall, cleaning up after, and making all those baked goods and wonderful cookies - which were beautiful and plentiful this year!! Our Lord truly took the work of your hands and blessed it. The next time you are in the adoration chapel, be sure to thank Him for the success of this Altar and Rosary event for our Holy Family parish.

Congratulations to the winners of the Sugar Plum Days basket raffles! "St. Nicholas" drew the names of Sharon Forsman, Joan Gerhardson, and Clarissia Shealy at the close of the event. Our gratitude goes out to all the donors for the raffle items and to the many raffle ticket buyers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: 2Sm7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16;Ps89;Rom16:25-27;Lk1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$22,391.00
Plate	\$ 2,697.95
CARE Fund	\$ 515.74
Online Giving	\$ 1,160.25

Thank you for generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec 12	HFC Teachers and Students
Dec 13	Father Dufner
Dec 14	Carmelite Nuns of Lake Elko
Dec 15	Molly Richardson †
Dec 16	Special Intention
Dec 17	Kali Mann †
Dec 18	Gene Zimmer † (9AM)
Dec 18	For the Parish (11AM)



Mark your calendars for
our Advent Penance Service

**Wednesday, December 14
starting at 7pm**

We have eight Priests scheduled to
hear Confessions.
Bring and invite family, friends and
co-workers for this beautiful evening
of God's grace and mercy.

*"It is in the confessional that the
greatest miracles take place and are
incessantly repeated."*

-from the Diary of Saint Faustina



Youth Ministry

Today -December 11th – Christmas Carols at Golden Living Center, 3201 Virginia Ave South, SLP. Drop off and pick up at the Nursing home. 3:30-4:30. This will count toward service hours for the Confirmation Students. Email Miss Bormes.

December 18th – Theology a la Carte – Mr. John DeJak speaking on "Meeting the Communion of Saints through the O Antiphons." Pizza dinner will be served. 6-8PM in Moorman Hall.

December 19th – Steubenville North Deposit due - \$50. The retreat will take place July 27-29, 2012. We have 24 spots for youth. The retreat is for youth who, at the time of the retreat, will be entering 9th grade to those who have just graduated high school. You can sign up for any youth event at missbormes@gmail.com or 952.929.0113 x21.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, December 21st (after coffee & rolls)** to finish the decorating the Church, place the Nativity Set, arrange the Blessed Mother's corner, put up the small trees, hang the wreaths, arrange the poinsettias, and take care of the "last minute details." (Adults only, please, due to the nature of the work) **Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext.13** if you have questions or need clarification.

Modern Natural Family Planning is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! A series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on: **Thursday, December 15 here at Holy Family.** To register or for more information, please call the Billings Ovulation Method at 612.396.4019. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call 651.291.4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family



...IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Holy Family is hosting an **"Emergency Blood Drive"**

Thursday, January 5, 2012

from 12:30PM to 7:30PM in Moorman Hall.

Since our blood drives have been no less than "fantastic" the Memorial Blood Center is turning to us for special help. Please mark your calendars and take time during this **Christmas Season** to give a very **"Special Gift."**

Did You Know? Each week, 2,700 volunteer donors are needed to help supply blood to patients in our area hospitals. Your **single donation** can save as many as three people's lives. Blood is needed for cancer and surgery patients, burn victims, accident victims, premature infants...the list is endless.

We need a total of 65 REGISTERED DONORS to meet our goal.
Please call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to schedule your appointment.



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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

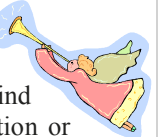
"Christmas Flower Offering"

Just drop it in the Sunday collection basket any week-end. Thank you! Sharon



SATURDAY & SUNDAY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please be sure to arrive **15 minutes** early when you are scheduled to serve at Mass. It is difficult to find substitutes in the congregation or to know if the schedule is adequately covered if you arrive just a few minutes before Mass begins. Thank you. Call Sharon 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 with questions or concerns.



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



Pro-Life Corner

A hospital in Australia is making news for having killed the "wrong" twin in an abortion of a healthy unborn child when the mother of the babies wanted an abortion on her child who doctors said had little chance to live. Now, both babies are dead. The Herald Sun newspaper reports that the unnamed woman from Victoria had already named her unborn children when doctors told her one of the unborn babies had a congenital heart defect that would require years of operations, assuming the baby survived long enough to have them. The mother decided to have an abortion, terminating the life of one of her unborn children. However, the wrong baby was injected with drugs. After the mother was informed of the error, doctors did an emergency Cesarean section and the sick unborn baby was killed in a three-hour operation. A spokeswoman for the Royal Women's Hospital apologized for the "distressing clinical accident" and said the hospital would conduct an investigation of the mistake. A friend of the mother told the newspaper she is having a difficult time following the error. LifeNews.com | 11/23/11