



# The Pastor's Page

## Morning Star

Conferences by Marie-Dominique Philippe, O.P.

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At the foot of the cross Mary's faith "was wholly divine. It is here that we discover the divine exercise of Mary's faith and this is the mystery of the Cross. Woman is the guardian of faith; we must never forget this. This is perhaps what God wants from her primarily, from a Christian perspective, because this is what He wanted primarily from Mary. That is why it is important for us to contemplate the mystery of the *Stabat Mater*: Mary standing at the foot of the Cross and hence faithful, standing as John the Baptist was standing in the desert. In her faith, Mary keeps the words of the Annunciation, and in her faith she looks at the event of the Cross, the realization of the Cross. Mary does not dialectically oppose the Annunciation and the event of the Cross. She keeps the Word of God and the will of the Father without understanding; she goes beyond the apparent contradiction to be in deeper conformity with the Father's will for Jesus and for her. We must *believe in love*. Mary, at the Cross, believed in love; such is her heroic faith. When appearances seem to contradict love, when from the exterior everything seems to contradict this love, this loving will, we must be in conformity with the Father's will for us in very pure faith, and we must understand this love the Father has for us in the present moment. It is St. John who tells us that we must believe in love. This can appear contradictory. Actually, on a human level, we cannot say this to anyone because love has to manifest itself and it implies experience. God, however, can go this far and ask our faith to adhere to love beyond all that we can understand. It is then that there is a holocaust of the intelligence, that is, a total offering of the intelligence. Mary, the Woman, completes what Jesus could not do. The summits of Christ's intelligence are in the light of the beatific vision and hence cannot be offered in the same manner, that is, by dying to the need for light, to the need for evidence, by accepting a death in darkness. This is the manner whereby Mary completes the priesthood of Jesus. The priesthood of the Woman, the royal priesthood of the faithful, is a priesthood that is carried out in a profound holocaust of the Intelligence. We can only offer our intelligence to *God*, but we *must* offer it to God in order to crush the head of the serpent, which is pride; and we can only crush the serpent's head by this interior holocaust whereby

everything is given, from the perspective of the intelligence. It is faith that brings this about, a faith totally moved by love, a faith which lives by the attraction of the Father."

pp.124-125

Woman has this mysterious role as the complement of Jesus' priesthood, of this priesthood of love, of this royal priesthood of the Beloved Son wherein priest and victim are one. Woman must accept having a greater capacity for love and thus for suffering. She is marked by this vocation of love. The more one loves, the more one is capable of suffering. That is why man is so afraid to love. Woman must understand that in order to be the complement of Jesus' priesthood, she must be the complement of Jesus' victimal state, by fully living the mystery of the Compassion. It is when she lives fully and completely this mystery of the Compassion that Jesus says to Mary: "Woman." The Woman is she who suffers with another in the strongest sense of the term. It is she who is capable of bearing another's suffering. It is embarrassing to see a woman who is simply filled with her own suffering. It is wonderful to see a woman who triumphs over her own suffering so that she may receive the suffering of others. This is the mystery of Mary. We sense how woman is in a certain manner formed by God to be the one who shares another's suffering, who bears with Mary - since Mary is the woman *par excellence* - all Jesus' suffering at the Cross, and who bears it with love, without looking at herself. How can you share another's suffering if you look at yourself? If we look at ourselves, we are weak. We see all the things that are not quite as they should be. If, on the contrary, we only look at Jesus, we go beyond our limits.

It is very interesting to note that Scripture does not say: "It is not good that the woman should be alone," whereas this might be expected. That is because, in the light of the Creator's wisdom, woman was created after man - or at the same time as man. Thus, in a certain sense, the question is not raised. In the supernatural order, woman has a capacity to go beyond her limits through love to reach Jesus. Basically, woman is made to be Christian and to be Mary, the woman *par excellence*.

## HFC Wednesday Night Religious Education Classes

We look forward to welcoming the students of Holy Family for another grace filled year beginning Wednesday, September 28th from 6:30pm-8pm, for grades 1 through 8.

Our evening begins with large group Gathering Time where we anchor ourselves in prayer with a meditative decade of the Rosary followed by a short talk from Mrs. Prather in elementary grades or Mr. Brandel in junior high. This helps prepare us to go into class open to what Our Lord wants us to learn during class time from 7-8pm. Once a month we have Eucharistic Adoration Gathering Time. This is when we cross over to Church, come into the sanctuary and kneel before Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, to love and adore Him!

Our HFC Wednesday year also includes Advent and Lent Confession Nights, Ash Wednesday Mass, Lent Stations of the Cross with Benediction and our Ice Cream Social.

We are blessed to have the finest group of catechists, including an opportunity for the junior high 7th and 8th grade students to be taught by two seminarians.

The complete list of our curriculum, schedule for the year and registration forms can be found on our website: [hfcmn.org](http://hfcmn.org) or look for the envelopes on all Church bulletin boards with registrations and schedule.

Questions? Call or email Mrs. Jean Prather, Director of Elementary Religious Education at 952.929.0113 x 12 or [jean@hfcmn.org](mailto:jean@hfcmn.org)



### REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION PREP 2011-12

High school age youth: Are you ready to deepen your relationship with Christ and take on the mission of the Church? The Sacrament of Confirmation gives us the graces to do just that! Confirmation preparation at Holy Family is a one-year program of preparation with Confirmation taking place in the Spring. Classes take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm beginning September 28. There will be a mandatory Parent (only) Meeting on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00pm in Moorman Hall. Visit our website for more information at [www.hfcmn.org/youth-religious-education/confirmation-preparation](http://www.hfcmn.org/youth-religious-education/confirmation-preparation) or call 952.929.0113 x 19 with any questions (or email [browns@usfamily.net](mailto:browns@usfamily.net)).

**You are invited to join us for a  
time of prayer, study and  
friendship...**

**And this year we will be  
learning from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Doctor  
of the Church!**



Holy Family's Carmelite Group meets once a month, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, from October through May beginning at 6:30pm downstairs in Moorman Hall.

Our time together consists of:

- ✓ Chanting *Evening Prayer* (the Psalms)
- ✓ Father Dufner leading us in our study time
- ✓ Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (mental prayer)
- ✓ Chanting *Night Prayer*
- ✓ Social Time

Since we are not an official secular Carmelite community, you are free to join us and experience Carmelite spirituality as your vocation and schedule allows. This year we will be studying an excellent (and very understandable) book by Father Vernon Johnson entitled: "*Spiritual Childhood - The Spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux*" Read with an open heart, this book will help you grow in holiness if you follow "the Little Way" of St. Therese as presented by Father Johnson. It is published by Ignatius Press, retails for \$13.95, and can be ordered online. A limited number of copies will be available for sale at our first Carmelite meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Jean Prather at 952-929-0113 x12.

## ✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

*Sunday, September 11 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *Pancake Breakfast*

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

*Monday, September 12*

9:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)  
 3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)

*Tuesday, September 13*

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)  
 6:00 pm Squires (Gathering Place)

*Wednesday, September 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!

*Thursday, September 15*

8:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Choir  
 7:00 pm NFP (Gathering Place)

*Friday, September 16*

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

*Saturday, September 17*

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)  
 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)  
 3:30 pm Confessions  
 5:00 pm Mass

*Sunday, September 18 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *Food Drive Sunday*

8:00 am Confessions  
 9:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Mass  
 6:30 pm Theology A La Carte (Youth House)

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

**Love, Naturally:** The Billings Ovulation Method is a scientific, reliable method that celebrates your marriage, sexuality, and fertility. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered on **September 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (or by appointment)** here at Holy Family. To register, or to get more information, call Lorena at 612.396.4019.

### ATTENTION: ALL METHODIST HOSPITAL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the  
**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM meeting**  
**at Methodist Hospital in conference room 4.**

This important meeting will cover the new text which will be introduced in all parishes on November 27, 2011. If you have questions, call Sharon @ 952.929.0113 x 13.

**Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge** - All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the **2011 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge** on Sat., Sept. 17th from 9AM to Noon at Louisiana Oaks Soccer Complex. There is no cost to participate and kids can register that day. Please contact Tom Horinek if you have questions, 763.432.5972.



### *Baptisms*

*Stanley Wayne Sandgren  
 Tanios Charbel Audi  
 Phillip James Tomaschko  
 Lucia Grace Rockwell  
 James Mitchell Milless  
 Mason Thomas Steinkamp  
 Maximilian Vianney Anderson*

**Minneapolis Deanery Meeting** - Mon. Sept. 26 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 9am-2:30pm. Speakers are Jeremy Stansbary, sharing his experiences with World Youth Day, and Agnes Dynes, speaking about the Appalachian Mission. Lunch paid by Altar & Rosary. For reservations call Terry Berthiaume 952-929-3155.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17  
**Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 98; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15  
**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom  
**Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows  
**Friday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
**Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

### A simple and convenient way to give...

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Holy Family relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis.

To give electronically, visit [www.hfcmn.org](http://www.hfcmn.org) and click on Online Giving in the Upper Right corner. If you would like to give electronically but do not have a computer available to sign up please contact Bobbi Hanson at 952.929.0113 ext.11 and she can get you set up. Thank you!

### *Holy Family Weekly Offering September 3/4*

Regular Envelopes	\$15,121.53
Plate	\$ 1,872.84
Online Giving	\$ 628.25
CARE Fund	\$ 522.25

*When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic funds transfer from your account.*

**Thank you for generosity!**

### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Sept	12	Henry & Anna Sieve †
Sept	13	Rev. Joseph Gannon †
Sept	14	Judie Sanders †
Sept	15	Pat Corcoran †
Sept	16	Chester Wozniak †
Sept	17	Doug Olson †
Sept	18	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kilkelly (9am)
Sept	18	For the Parish (11am)





## Our Lady's "Mourning" of Prayer Two

Thursday, September 15, 2011  
2:30-3:30pm

On the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows there will be an opportunity to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the

Planned Parenthood construction site at 671 Vandalia St. in St. Paul. Please join in asking Our Lady's intercession for an end to abortion and for abortions never to be performed at this site. To reserve space on the bus HFA families should call Carol Stewart at 952-925-9193 or e-mail her at [cstewart@hfamn.org](mailto:cstewart@hfamn.org). All others please call the parish office at 952-929-0113 or e-mail [staff@hfcmn.org](mailto:staff@hfcmn.org). A free-will offering will be collected to help cover the expense of the buses. Buses will leave Holy Family at 2pm and return around 4:30.

### Do we have your current information?



Address  
Home Phone  
Cell phone number(s)  
E-mail address(es)



Please send an e-mail to [Theresa@hfcmn.org](mailto:Theresa@hfcmn.org) with your current information.

Thank you!!

We have a wonderful opportunity for those who were unable to attend the Parish Festival to be able to attend one of our 2011 Group Events. Please read below for this exciting event:

★ "Twins Tour of Target Field" Friday, September 23rd, 2011 at 4:00PM - Join Bob Spinharney on a walk down memory lane at Target Field. Learn the background of the Park and how the Twins employed history and tradition to build what many consider the finest baseball park in the Major Leagues. How about learning more about some of the Twin's greats...Kirby Puckett, Harmon Killebrew, Rod Carew and many others? What's the story behind the large sign of Minneapolis and St Paul in deep center field? This 90 minute tour will take you to the great clubs within the ballpark as well as the Budweiser deck and visiting team's locker room and dugout. 25 spots @ \$50/ea Sponsored by: Bob Spinharney

If you would like to attend this wonderful event please contact Kathy Vansickle at: 952.929.0113 x 16 or email at [kathy@hfcmn.org](mailto:kathy@hfcmn.org). First come first served. **Thank you for supporting Holy Family and this years 2011 Parish Festival!**

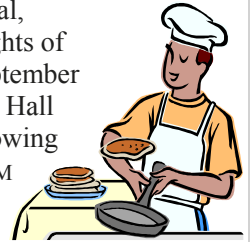
**Champions for Life Awards Luncheon** - Please join us for the 4th Annual Champions for Life Awards Luncheon on Thurs., Oct. 6th to honor this year's Archdiocesan champions who "love, respect and promote life." (Gospel of Life #52). Archbishop Nienstedt will present these special awards. The luncheon will be from 11:30AM - 1:30PM at The Heritage Room, St. Peter's, Mendota. \$30 per person or \$240 for a table of 8. Your attendance will give a great witness to life and will further support these champions in our midst! Please RVSP to Sharon at 651.291.4506 by September 26th!

Do you know some grown or growing kids? **Holy Family Home Educators** will hold the annual **Children's Clothing Swap on Sunday, Oct. 2**. You'll be able to swap your gently-used kids' clothes, maternity and nursing items for something "new" to you. Leftovers go to charity. Save the date, start cleaning out those closets, and watch the bulletin for details.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL FESTIVAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to a Pancake Breakfast including pancakes, sausage and eggs, hosted for our parish Fall Festival, courtesy the Knights of Columbus on September 11th in Moorman Hall immediately following the 9AM and 11AM Masses. Free will offering accepted.



### FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA) will be coming to Holy Family in October to administer flu shots. Watch the bulletin for more information.

### Pro-Life Corner

Since July 2011, Minnesota state law has permitted the use of taxpayer funds for human cloning. Such research is unethical, and offers very little potential for therapeutic benefits, in contrast to ethical stem cell research that is saving lives. [/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/minnesota3.jpg](#) During the regular 2011 legislative session, the House and Senate passed a measure to continue the existing (2009-2011) prohibition on state funding of human cloning. Gov. Mark Dayton vetoed the pro-life provision. The measure would have simply prevented state funding of human somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), the process by which organisms are cloned. SCNT produces a new human organism at the earliest stages of development which is genetically virtually identical to an already-existing human organism. The University of Minnesota, among some others, vigorously opposed the prohibition on human cloning funding. Writing in the Star Tribune, University researcher John Wagner dishonestly claimed that legislation banning human cloning was "a full-scale assault on stem cell research." The bill would not have affected any stem cell research—or any other current work—at the University. by Bill Poehler | St. Paul, MN | [LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com)