



# The Pastor's Page

Dear Holy Family Members,

Archbishop Nienstedt has requested that we all become politically involved to challenge the terrible attack on religious freedom coming from the Obama administration with new requirements that violate our religious freedom. Please read the information below and contact Kathleen Sibelius and the U.S. Government as noted below.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

Dear Friend of Catholic Vote,

Do you want to pay for birth control, sterilizations, and even abortion drugs for women?

**If no, then now is the time to step up.**

We have until the end of September to register our opposition to the recent mandate issued by President Obama's hand-picked Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius.



Secretary Sebelius has issued a new regulation (under Obamacare) requiring virtually all insurance plans (including private plans) to pay for contraception, sterilizations and abortion inducing drugs.

Secretary Sebelius needs to know that the Catholic vote will not stand for this!

**Can you call Kathleen Sebelius at (202) 690-7000 right now? Or email her at Kathleen.Sebelius@hhs.gov?**

**Tell her that you oppose the contraception and sterilization mandate for insurance companies.**

In an effort to pacify Catholics and other people of faith, Secretary Sebelius included a so-called "religious exemption." But the provision is so narrowly defined that it only includes those organizations that hire or serve members of the same religious faith.

Under this fig leaf of an exemption, virtually no Catholic organization or charity would be eligible.

Catholic organizations that serve the sick and the poor have always opened their doors to persons of all faith or no faith. But under this new rule, if a Catholic institution employs or cares for a non-Catholic, they will not qualify for the exemption. Our government is effectively saying, in order to care for our neighbors, we must discriminate

and only help our fellow Catholics. This is a direct violation of our calling to go and spread the Gospel to all nations!

**Catholic voters must make their voices heard!**

Sincerely,

Brian Burch, President,  
CatholicVote.org

P.S. I also encourage you to read "The High Costs of 'Free' Birth Control" by Richard Doerflinger - <http://cvote.to/3C> - which helps explain why this contraception mandate is also bad health policy.

## HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY MARATHON

**Saturday, October 1**

Holy Family Academy is once again participating in the Marathon for Non-Public Education, which is the ONLY fundraising endeavor that our students directly solicit donations for. This year's fundraising goal is \$35,000 which will go directly to the operating budget of the school; all funds raised above and beyond the \$35,000 will be used to purchase much needed school equipment including microscopes, art easels and playground equipment. Thanks to your support last year, our students raised over \$40,000 which not only helped support our general operating budget, but allowed us to install two new regulation basketball hoops and paint a regulation basketball court in our outdoor play area.

There a number of easy ways that you can make a donation to this year's Marathon. You can fill out a Marathon envelope found in the church pews and drop it in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the school; you can go on line to [www.hfamn.org](http://www.hfamn.org) and click on, About Us/Donate, and electronically make a donation; or, you can sign the Marathon pledge sheet that our students are passing around. All donations are due by October 17.

As always, your help is greatly needed! Please consider making a 100% tax deductible donation to Holy Family Academy through this year's Marathon. God bless you for your support!

**The children of Holy Family wrote beautiful letters to Pope Benedict XVI during CVBS this summer.** These letters were gathered and sent to the Holy Father in Rome. The following reply arrived in the mail this week from the Vatican: *To the Children of Holy Family Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota: His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI gratefully acknowledges the kind message of greetings sent to him on the occasion of his sixtieth anniversary of priestly ordination. He appreciates the devoted sentiments expressed. Upon all who have remembered him at this time His Holiness invokes the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



***Holy Family Academy is Celebrating  
Ten Years of Catholic Education***

It is with great joy that we will welcome

***Archbishop John Nienstedt***

to Holy Family on September 28<sup>th</sup>  
for the 8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving  
commemorating Holy Family Academy's  
Ten Year Anniversary.

Thank you to all of the parishioners,  
families and friends who have supported  
Holy Family Academy during the past ten years.

Your prayers, encouragement and  
financial support have sustained us and  
helped us grow into one of the finest  
Catholic schools in our Archdiocese.

Please be our guest at Mass on Wednesday,  
September 28<sup>th</sup> and join us in offering prayers of  
thanksgiving and praise to God for His many  
blessings and our beautiful school.

**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 25 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Donut/New Member**

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

*Monday, September 26*

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)  
 8:30 am Branch III  
 3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)  
 6:30 pm Parish Council (Gathering Place)  
 8:00 pm Finance Committee (Gathering Place)

*Tuesday, September 27*

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

*Wednesday, September 28*

8:00 am Mass With Archbishop Nienstedt  
 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)

*Thursday, September 29*

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

*Friday, September 30*

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

*Saturday, October 1*

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)  
 9:00 am HFA Marathon  
 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)  
 3:30 pm Confessions  
 5:00 pm Mass

*Sunday, October 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Food Drive Sunday**

8-2 pm Annual Clothing Swap  
 8:00 am Confessions  
 9:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Mass

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> (or by appointment)** here at Holy Family. To register, or to get more information, call Lorena at 612.396.4019.



### ALTAR AND ROSARY NEWS

Hello Ladies, Mark your calendars now for our Fall Altar and Rosary Society meeting. It will take place on Tues., Oct., 25. We will meet in church to pray the Rosary at 6:30PM and then head downstairs to Moorman Hall for dinner and our meeting. All women who belong to Holy Family parish are members of the Altar and Rosary Society, so we welcome and encourage ALL of you to attend, especially if you are new to the parish or have not attended one of our meetings before. It's a great evening to meet other women and to learn more about what our group does throughout the year. Watch for details to come!



### Banns II

*Jordan Schaefer and Angela Howick*

#### Youth Ministry

**Lifeline Saturday, October 1st with Fr. Mike Schmitz – *Isn't there more to Life?*** -contact Amy Lashinski to sign up at 612.384.2151 or alashinski@hfamn.org

Holy Family parishioner has 3 bedroom home for sale 12 blocks from church @ 2900 Jersey Ave So. across from Bronx Park. MLS # 4087064 or call 612.889.8350 with offer.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50  
**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56  
**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62  
**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51  
**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16  
**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24  
**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian  
**Tuesday:** St. Vincent de Paul  
**Wednesday:** St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and His Companions  
**Thursday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels  
**Friday:** St. Jerome  
**Saturday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

#### 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 17/18

Regular Envelopes	\$14,016.53
Plate	\$ 2,114.02
Online Giving	\$ 2,098.25
CARE Fund	\$ 714.47

*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 26 Father Moorman †  
 Sept 27 Gorge Soros  
 Sept 28 Eugene Szymanski †  
 Sept 29 Rex Vansickle †  
 Sept 30 Amy Klobuchar  
 Oct 1 Vocations  
 Oct 2 Protection of the Unborn (9AM)  
 Oct 2 For the Parish (11AM)



## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for the FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA)

will be here at Holy Family on

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011 ~ from 9:00AM to 11:00AM**

to administer flu vaccinations. If you wish to receive a flu vaccination, **please call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to schedule your time.** Staffing adjustments will be made depending on the number registered, so it's important to register **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

### Insurance companies accepted by MVNA are:

Aetna, America's PPO, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Health Partners, Humana, Labor Care, Medica, MN Health Care (MA), MCHA – Medica, Medicare, MHP, Select Care, UCare, Unicare, United Health Care.

Remember to bring a picture ID, Medicare Card, and insurance card.

The charge for the flu vaccination is \$27.00

## FIRST CONFESSION/COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of all second grade children of Holy Family receiving First Confession and First Holy Communion on **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7PM downstairs in Moorman Hall.** The Holy Family First Confession curriculum book will be available for homeschoolers that evening (HFA and HFC Wednesday students will get their books at school.) All details of the program will be discussed. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Prather at 952.929.0113 x12 or jean @hfcmmn.org

### 40 Days for Life - Please Sign Up For Your Hour at Regions Hospital

The Parishioners and Knights of Holy Family are invited to commit to an hour of our 24 hour peaceful prayer vigil on the sidewalk of Regions Hospital in conjunction with several days of fasting and prayer throughout the 40 days for Life. Regions is in Saint Paul at 640 Jackson Street, located North of I-94 and downtown St. Paul. The dates and times are: Monday, October 10 at Noon until Noon on Tuesday, October 11. Sign-ups will be conducted after mass during donuts and if you would like to check your calendar and sign up online, go to the Knight's website at [www.kc3949.org](http://www.kc3949.org) Or contact John, [rosenthalJT@gmail.com](mailto:rosenthalJT@gmail.com) or 612.618.8900.

**Minneapolis Deanery Meeting** - Mon., Sept., 26 at Immaculate Conception , 9AM-2:30PM. Speakers are Jeremy Stansbary, sharing his experiences at World Youth Day, and Agnes Dynes, speaking about the Appalachian Mission. Lunch paid by Altar & Rosary. Reservations call Terry 952.929.3155.

**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 RSVP to Sharon at 651.291.4506 by September 26th!

Are you adopted? Have you placed a child for adoption? Are you an adoptive family who have your child already or perhaps are just starting the process? Whatever your connection to adoption, we warmly invite you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan Mass in Celebration of Adoption. The Mass will be held on Saturday, Nov., 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:15PM at Our Lady of Grace in Edina. Parents, birth parents, grandparents, children, other family members and friends are welcome. The Mass is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family & Life. For more info or to volunteer, please call 651.291.4506.

### Natural Family Planning

Modern Natural Family Planning is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! If you are looking to enhance your married life, a series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on:

✓Thursday, October 6 & 20 2011 at Holy Family, St. Louis Park. To register or for more information, please call the Billings Ovulation Method at 612.396.4019

✓Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Holy Family Academy, St. Louis Park. To register or for more information, please call the Couple to Couple League at 612.721.3791

✓Saturday, October 22, 2011 at U of M Medical Center-Fairview, Minneapolis. To register or for more information, please call the Twin Cities FertilityCare at 651.232.3088 or register on-line at [www.tcnfp.org](http://www.tcnfp.org)

For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call 651.291.4489 or visit [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family)

### Annual Clothing Swap!

The annual Children's Clothing Swap will take place from 8AM to 2PM on Sunday, October 2 in Moorman Hall. Starting 8AM Sunday, bring in your family's clean, unstained, undamaged clothing for babies, kids, teens, maternity and nursing. HFHE volunteers will help sort and display it. Look it all over and take home something for your kids, your grandkids, your friends' kids, or your favorite charity. It's all FREE, and only on one day, so come early and stay late. ?'s Call Erin @ 612.239.2213.

### Pro-Life Corner

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 15, 2011 (Zenit.org)- Only two weeks remain for U.S. citizens to protest conscience violations found in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services directives for health insurance. The U.S. bishops have asked citizens to express their concern to the HHS before the Sept. 30 deadline. On Aug. 1, the HHS issued an "interim final rule" that will require virtually all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and related "patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity." These are listed among "preventive services for women" that all health plans will have to include without co-pays or other cost-sharing - regardless of whether the insurer, the employer or other plan sponsor, or even the woman herself objects to such coverage. The bishops have made material available to evaluate the HHS rule and to respond. On the Net: Information and action alert: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection)