



Saint Casimir of Poland

Saint Casimir pray for us!

*Only in God is
my soul at rest,
from him comes
my salvation...*

*With God is my safety,
and my glory,*

*he is the rock of
my strength;*

my refuge is in God...

Pour out your hearts

before him;

God is our refuge!

Psalm 62

Church of the Holy Family

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

February 27, 2011

Eighth 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 9:00AM

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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

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The Pastor's Page

The Truth of Marriage

The theological basis for marriage

Marriage and the family are not in fact a chance sociological construction, the product of particular historical and financial situations. On the other hand, the question of the right relationship between the man the woman is rooted in the essential core of the human being, and it is only by starting from here that its response can be found. In other words, it cannot be separated from the ancient but ever new human question: Who am I? What is a human being? And this question, in turn, cannot be separated from the question about God: Does God exist? Who is God? What is his face truly like? The Bible gives one consequential answer to these two queries: the human being is created in the image of God, and God himself is love. It is therefore the vocation to love that makes the human person an authentic image of God: man and woman come to resemble God to the extent that they become loving people.

This fundamental connection between God and the person gives rise to another: the indissoluble connection between spirit and body: in fact, the human being is a soul that finds expression in a body, and a body that is enlivened by an immortal spirit. The body, therefore, both male and female, also has, as it were, a theological character: it is not merely a body; and what is biological in the human being is not merely biological but is the expression and the fulfillment of our humanity. Likewise, human sexuality is not juxtaposed to our being as a person but part of it. Only when sexuality is integrated within the person does it successfully acquire meaning.

*Pope Benedict XVI's address to participants in the ecclesial diocesan convention of Rome.
June 6, 2005*

The basis for marriage and the natural law

The natural law, together with fundamental rights, is the source from which ethical imperatives also flow, which it is only right to honor. In today's ethics and philosophy of Law, petitions of juridical positivism are widespread. As a result legislation often becomes only a compromise between different interests: seeking to transform private interests or wishes into laws that conflict with the duties deriving from social responsibility. In this situation it is opportune to recall that every juridical methodology, be it on the local or international level, ultimately draws its legitimacy from its rooting in the natural law, in the ethical message inscribed in the actual human being. Natural law is, definitively, the only valid bulwark against the arbitrary power of the deception of ideological manipulation. The knowledge of this law inscribed on the heart of man increases with the progress of the moral conscience. The first duty for all, and particularly for those with public responsibility, must therefore be to promote the maturation of the moral conscience. This is the fundamental progress without which all other progress proves non-authentic. The law inscribed in our nature is the true guarantee offered to everyone in order to be able to live in freedom and to be respected in their own dignity. What has been said up to this point has very concrete application if one refers to the family, that is, to the "intimate partnership of life and the love which constitutes the married state...established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws" (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 48). Concerning this, the Second Vatican Council has opportunely recalled that the institution of marriage has been "confirmed by divine law," and therefore "this sacred bond... for the good of the partner, of the children and of society no longer depends on human decision alone (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 48). Therefore, no law made by man can override the norm written by the Creator without society's becoming dramatically wounded in what constitutes its basic foundation. To forget this would mean to weaken the family, penalizing the children and rendering the future of society precarious.

Pope Benedict XVI's address to participants in the International Congress on Natural Moral Law. February 12, 2007

THEOLOGY A LA CARTE:

Sunday, Feb 27th

Vince Fahnlander will be our speaker and the topic is "Keeping the Faith – Lessons learned from 9/11 hero Tom Burnett". Tom Burnett, Vince Fahnlander's college roommate, was on flight United 93, and among the passengers who decided to fight the hijackers hand-to-hand. We will start with pizza dinner at 6PM, listen to our speaker, then there will be time for games and social time before we wrap up at 8PM. It's all happening at the Youth House (White house on the north side of the church parking lot)

ATTENTION:

METHODIST HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the **Quarterly Meeting** at Methodist Hospital on

TUESDAY, March 8th at 10:00AM
in Cafeteria Conference Room #4.

CALLED BY NAME

Thank you for your support for the *CALLED BY NAME* program and to all those who have submitted nominations for *CALLED BY NAME*. (You can still submit any *CALLED BY NAME* nomination cards this weekend. Please fill in the nomination card with the names and contact information of those you feel should consider the priesthood, consecrated life or diaconate.)

Please remember to pray that many will respond generously to the call of priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Electronic giving offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our parish. Go to www.hfcmn.org and click on the ONLINE GIVING tab at the upper right of the screen. If you do not have access to a computer but would like to take advantage of this opportunity please contact Bobbi Hanson in at 952.929.0113 ext. 11 and she can get you signed up.

✧ Weekly Calendar of Events ✧

Sunday, February 27 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut /New Member Sunday

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

Monday, February 28

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Branch III (Kitchen)
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

Tuesday, March 1

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)
- 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (Gathering Place)
- 7:00 pm Fundamentals of Catholicism (Moorman Hall)

Wednesday, March 2

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)
- 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)
- 4 - 8 pm HFA Dairy Queen Night (Excelsior Blvd. DQ)
- 5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!
- 6:30 pm Confirmation (Moorman Hall)
- 6:30 pm HFC (School)

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

- 6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
- 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
- 3:30 pm Children of Mary (Moorman Hall)
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 9 - 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

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

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

Thank you!



ALTAR AND ROSARY NEWS

Ladies: Please mark your calendars for our Spring Altar and Rosary Dinner meeting which will be Tuesday, May 10. More information will follow as we get closer to the date. Secondly, please note that hard copies of letters to sponsors and network are available weekly on Wednesdays by the office for those who want to sign and mail them. This is part of our "campaign" to improve/impact the program "Glee" and its sponsors. Anyone wishing to be added to the email list and receive notices via email please call Mary at 763.533.0423.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Billings Ovulation Method

Plan your family the natural way. Learn about this complete way of life honoring your marriage, sexuality, and fertility. It is loving - naturally - the way God designed it! A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered on March 3rd & 17th. To register call Lorena Dillon 612.396.4019.

This Wednesday is HFA Dairy Queen Night!!

10% of all sales at the St. Louis Park DQ on Excelsior Blvd between 4:00 and 8:00PM this Wednesday will be given to Holy Family Academy so stop in and enjoy dinner or a special treat!

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION:

Please notify the parish office when;

*a parishioner is hospitalized.

*a homebound parishioner desires Holy Communion.

Wills and Bequests

Have you remembered Holy Family for 10% of your estate?

When you do, our legal corporate title is:

"Church of the Holy Family of St. Louis Park, Minn."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12c-20; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 11:18,26-28,32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel

Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Weekend Masses - February 19/20

Regular Envelopes	\$ 12,813.03
Plate	\$ 1,267.79
Online Giving	\$ 1,630.00
CARE Fund	\$ 579.11

Thank you for generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Feb 28 Rose Kappas †
- Mar 1 Louis & Josephine Mitera †
- Mar 2 HFA Staff
- Mar 3 Jean Rausch †
- Mar 4 Altar & Rosary Society
- Mar 5 Vocations
- Mar 6 Mary Vansickle † (9AM)
- Mar 6 For the Parish (11AM)



Join Holy Family Academy in taking a S.T.E.P. in the right direction!

Holy Family Academy is collecting food and other items to replenish the shelves of the St. Louis Park Emergency Program S.T.E.P. serves the people of the local community by offering help with basic needs. Our goal is to collect **5000** items and **we are asking our Parish family to join in this effort!** Please leave all donations at the regular collection boxes that are at each entrance of the Church. We will take care of the rest!

You may also make a financial donation if you don't want to do the shopping!

Simply make a contribution by donating online at www.hfamn.org or www.hfcmn.org

You may also drop a check in the collection basket, at the church office or school office. Just write STEP in the memo. **The deadline date is February 28th!**

Every dollar contributed will count as one item toward our 5000 item goal!!!

Thank you in advance for joining Holy Family Academy in this work of mercy.

Holy Family Academy Theater
presents

Rumpelstiltskin

A play by Dale Ahlquist (Based on the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm)



Holy Family Academy invites you to its Spring Theater Production on March 3rd and 4th (6:30PM), and March 5th and 6th (Matinees at 1:30PM) in Kattar Hall at HFA. This year the students will be performing "Rumpelstiltskin", a play by Dale Ahlquist based on the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm. If you've attended HFA productions in the past few years, you know that you can expect adventure, drama, comedy, a good message, and maybe even a sword fight. Pizza will be available for purchase before all performances and admission is free. For more information call the school at 952.925.9193

SAVE THE DATES!

Catholic Vacation Bible School 2011!!

IMMACULATE MARY

The Story of Saint Bernadette and
Our Lady of Lourdes

June 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

CVBS runs 8:30am – 12noon each day. Children's Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Gathering Time is Friday, June 17, 12noon - 1pm. For children 4 years old - 6th grade. Teen and adult helpers are needed. Look for more information and registration forms at the end of April!



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The Couple to Couple League will be offering classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* here at Holy Family in the school library. Streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes start Tuesday March 1, at 7:00PM To register <http://twincities.ccli.org> or call 612.721.3791 for more information

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

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

The 2011 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is just around the corner. The goal is to fill **300** food shelves. Mission impossible?

Not if you help!

- ◆ People using food shelves do not make enough income to cover their basic needs.
- ◆ More than 50% of adult food shelf visitors are employed and 65% make less than \$1000.00 a month, not enough income to cover their basic needs.
- ◆ In 2010, there were more than three million food shelf visits statewide and 63 million pounds of food were distributed to Minnesota families by food shelves.
- ◆ Hunger touches people of every age: 56% of food shelf visitors are families with children and 20% are seniors.
- ◆ From 2000 to 2010, food shelf usage has tripled!

During the Month of March you are invited to bring non-perishable items to Mass every weekend to help keep the S.T.E.P. food shelves stocked. Let's help Minnesota FoodShare meet their goal!

Pro-Life Corner

(Zenit.org) Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the obstetrician and leading pro-abortion advocate who changed his views on abortion and later converted to Catholicism, died Feb. 21 at the age of 84. Once a leader of the pro-abortion movement, Nathanson was a founding member of the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, now known as NARAL Pro-Choice America. Nathanson estimated that he was responsible for some 75,000 abortions before changing his views on abortion in the 1970s. He wrote later that the development of ultrasound technology, which enabled him to see images of unborn babies, influenced his change of heart. He soon became an avid pro-life activist, famously stating that abortion is "the most atrocious holocaust in the history of the United States." He made two influential documentaries on abortion: "The Silent Scream" (1984) and "Eclipse of Reason" (1987) and published his autobiography in 1996, titled "The Hand of God: A Journey From Death to Life by the Abortion Doctor Who Changed His Mind."