



## The Pastor's Page

### Marriage Refined in New York State

The State of New York has passed a law legalizing homosexual marriage, which is a great loss for the state and for the culture. George Weigel, a noted Catholic author, adds his comments:

“Gay marriage” in fact represents a vast expansion of state power: In this instance, the state of New York is declaring that it has the competence to redefine a basic human institution in order to satisfy the demands of an interest group looking for the kind of social acceptance that putatively comes from legal recognition. But as Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York and others argued during the days before the fateful vote on June 24, the state of New York does not have such competence, and the assertion that it does casts an ominous shadow over the future. For if the state in fact has the competence, or authority, to declare that Adam and Steve, or Eve and Evelyn, are married, and has the related authority to compel others to recognize such marriages as the equivalent of what we have known as marriage for millennia, then why stop at marriage between two men or two women? Why not polyamory or polygamy? Why can't any combination of men and women sharing financial resources and body parts declare itself a marriage, and then demand from the state a redress of its grievances and legal recognition of it as a family? On what principled ground is the New York state legislature, or any other state legislature, going to say “No” to that, once it has declared that Adam and Steve, or Eve and Evelyn, can in fact get married according to the laws of the state?

There is a curious rhetorical fact that has usually gone

unremarked in these debates, but which is worth pointing out. That what the New York state legislature approved has to be described, not as marriage, but as “gay marriage” or “same-sex marriage” is itself a verbal indicator that what is being done here is counterintuitive. We all know, or thought we knew, what marriage is, and to add the qualifier “gay” or “same-sex” is a tacit admission by the proponents of the practice that it requires an appeal to authority to enforce what seems strange, odd, not right. The verbal tic of “gay marriage” or “same-sex” marriage is thus itself a rhetorical warning sign that what was done in Albany was an exercise in raw state power, the state's asserting that it can do X simply because it claims that it has the power to do so...

New York State notwithstanding, the argument over marriage will and must continue, because it touches first principles of democratic governance - and because resistance to the agenda of the gay-marriage lobby is a necessary act of resistance against the dictatorship of relativism, in which coercive state power is used to impose on all of society a relativistic ethic of personal willfulness. In conducting that argument in the months and years ahead, it would be helpful if the proponents of marriage rightly understood would challenge the usurpation by the proponents of gay marriage of the civil-rights trump card.”

Please go to the Holy Family website at [www.hfcmm.org](http://www.hfcmm.org) to download the whole article by George Weigel. He notes that our Founding Fathers said, “We hold these truths to be self-evident...” What is self-evident is not always recognized by all and will require courage to proclaim.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

### Men's Softball News

**Congratulations to the Holy Family A men's Softball team!** Monday night at Our Lady of Grace field, the team swept a double header, beating Saint John's 31-1 and Saint Bart's 12-9. The team has a 4-0 record and will take on Our Lady of Grace at 7:30PM on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

### 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!



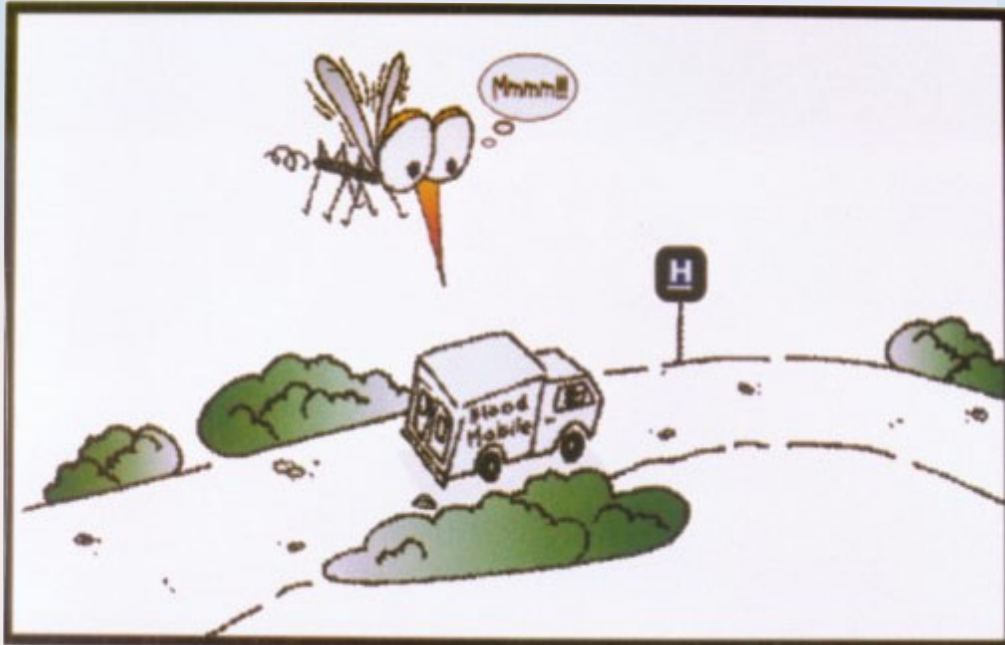
# ATTENTION: ALL **BLOOD** DONORS!

It's time to **SIGN-UP** for the **HOLY FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE!**

**Monday, July 18, 2011**

**12:30P.M. to 7:30P.M. ~ In Moorman Hall**

**HELP TAKE THE STING OUT OF  
SUMMER BLOOD SHORTAGES...**



**GIVE BLOOD! HELP SAVE LIVES.**

**Call Sharon at 952. 929.0113 ext 13 to schedule your appointment!**

### **Present to donate and you could win:**

✦ *1 of 2 getaways to Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN* ✦ *1 of 2 weekend getaways to Baker Park Reserve Campground in Maple Plain, MN plus a four-person tent* ✦ *1 of 10 pairs of tickets to cruise the St. Croix River.*

### **Did you know...**

- ✦ Every three seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- ✦ Less than 5% of the national population donates blood.
- ✦ 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.

### **DONOR REQUIREMENTS:**

- ✦ You must be in good health.
- ✦ You must be free from colds and flu for 3 days.
- ✦ You must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission – forms available from Sharon) and eat a good meal within a four-hour period before donating. You must bring a photo ID with you to the drive.

**We need a total of 86 REGISTERED DONORS to meet our goal!  
Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 ext 13 to schedule your appointment.**

## ✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

**Sunday, July 3 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Food Drive Sunday**

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

**Monday, July 4 - Independence Day**

**Parish Office Closed**

9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, July 5**

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)  
 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (Gathering Place)  
 6:00 pm KC's (Gathering Place)  
 7:30 pm Opus Dei (Church)

**Wednesday, July 6 - HFA Dairy Queen Night!**

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)  
 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)  
 4-8 pm HFA DQ Night - Excelsior Blvd.

**Thursday, July 7**

8:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm NFP

**Friday, July 8**

**Parish Office Closed**

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

**Saturday, July 9**

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

**Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Donut/New Member**

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

### Summer Dress for Mass

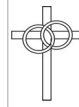
*What is appropriate for Mass during summer?*

Appropriate dress should reflect three things:

- **Our RESPECT for Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist;**
- **Our RESPECT for God's house; and**
- **Our RESPECT for our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.**

With this in mind, a guideline for men, women, youth and children would be no shorts or short skirts and no low cut tops or tight attire. *When in doubt, it is always best to choose in the favor of modesty.*

**Natural Family Planning Classes:** 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 here at Holy Family on July 7th and 21st. To register, call Lorena Dillon at 612.396.4019.



**Banns II**

*Kurt Weber and Bridget Klobe*

**Banns I**

*Mark Hansen and Rebecca Longtin*

**Natural Family Planning Classes** - The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* here at Holy Family Parish in the School Library. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00PM. Visit our website at [www.twincities.ccli.org](http://www.twincities.ccli.org) for registration or for more information call 612.721.3791.

### SATURDAY and SUNDAY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS...

In order to insure the proper number of Eucharistic Ministers for Mass, please continue the practice of checking in the sacristy before Mass to see if your services are needed.

Thank you, Sharon

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

**Wednesday:** St. Maria Goretti

**Saturday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong and His Companions;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

### *Holy Family Weekly Offering June 25/26*

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| Regular Envelopes | \$17,638.53 |
| Plate             | \$ 1,718.93 |
| Online Giving     | \$ 870.25   |
| Peter's Pence     | \$ 1,648.69 |

*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*

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| July | 4  | The United States Military          |
| July | 5  | Claudia Capello                     |
| July | 6  | Mark Culhane                        |
| July | 7  | Jennifer Keller                     |
| July | 8  | Carrie Havlicek                     |
| July | 9  | Leonard Theil †                     |
| July | 10 | Chesterton Academy Staff & Teachers |
| July | 10 | For the Parish (11AM)               |



Save the Date!

## Holy Family Festival 2011

August 19, 20, 21

Mark your calendars and plan on coming to this year's festival -  
with all of the fun, food and family time!

Watch the bulletin for more details on Festival 2011

Chairpersons: Jeremy & Kara Miller  
Co-Chairs: Paul & Lara Rampetsreiter

Holy Family Choir is excited to partner with Schwan's Home Service to help fund our Rome trip in 2013. Heads up for more information next weekend on how you can help the choir by purchasing your summer grilling meats and frozen treats at the truckload sale the weekend of July 23/24.

### Calling for nominations for the Champions for Life Awards!

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is looking for nominations for our **Annual Champions for Life Awards**. Do you know someone who is a **Champion for Life**? Do you know someone who works tirelessly in helping the poor or elderly; or someone who has devoted their time working with people with disabilities; or maybe you know someone who has helped women and families through a difficult pregnancy; or someone who prays tirelessly for Respect Life issues? Who do you know that loves, respects, and promotes life? Whether it is in grand gestures or small actions do you know a **Champion for Life**? The categories are: **Adult - Individual Youth/Young Adult - Individual or group, Couple or Family, Church, School or Catholic Affiliated Group**. You may print a nomination form at [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org) - Events or E-mail: [wilsons@archspm.org](mailto:wilsons@archspm.org) or call 651.291.4506. Deadline is August 15.

### Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers

The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, is offering its annual Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers on Saturday, July 23. This day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have relinquished a child to adoption. This day also offers an opportunity for healing, sharing and for learning about resources available for birth mothers.

**Date/Times:** July 23, ~ 9:30AM to 2:45PM **Location:** Our Lady of Grace,

**Cost:** \$15.00, to cover lunch and expenses. Scholarships available. **Registration:** 651.291.4488 or online at [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org)

### NFP Awareness Night

The USCCB each year dedicates the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July as **National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week** (July 24-30, 2011). The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life is offering an NFP awareness night: **"Satisfying the Human Appetite in a Natural Way: A Discussion Relating to the Human Hunger in Body, Mind and Spirit"** in conjunction with this national event week to promote the understanding of NFP. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, nationally known, sought after speaker of the movement **"Grace Before Meals"**. Fr. Leo Patalinghug will be offering two presentations: **Natural Family Planning: The Human desires According to God's Plan** and one of his **Famous Cooking Demonstrations!** Come learn more about planning families the natural way, strengthening your marriage with tangible ways to share your thoughts, emotions and needs with your spouse. Join us for this interactive evening of fun and learning about the life-giving love of marriage.

**WHAT:** Natural Family Planning Awareness Night **TOPIC:** Satisfying the Human Appetite in a Natural Way **WHO:** Engaged and Married Couples **WHEN:** Tuesday, July 26, 2011 **WHERE:** St. Peter Church, 1405 Hwy 13, Mendota Heights

**TIME:** 7:00-9:00PM **COST:** \$25.00/couple, coffee and dessert provided.

To learn more or for a registration flyer please visit [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family) or call 651.291.4489.

### ATTENTION:

### METHODIST HOSPITAL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a meeting in Moorman Hall

on **Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**at 8:30AM (after Mass)**

Call Sharon, 952.929.0113

Ext. 13 if you have questions.

### Hope Rekindled :

### Widows Day of Reflection

Widows join us for a day of reflection and inspiration led by nationally known speaker and widow, Johnette S. Benkovic. Our Lady of Grace in Edina will host this even on July 9, beginning with 8:00AM Mass. \$10 registration includes light breakfast, lunch and four inspiring reflections. Download registration form at [www.olgparish.org](http://www.olgparish.org). Come share this faith filled day with us.



### Pro-Life Corner

By Kristan Hawkins *LifeNews.com* 6/13/11

Pro-lifers need to start envisioning a nation without abortion. Since 1973, abortion on-demand, in all nine months of pregnancy, has been the law of the land. With legalized abortion having created such a paramount change in American culture, it's difficult, yet important to imagine what our nation and world would look like if abortion were never legalized in America. So what would a nation without abortion look like? Well, just ask Sebastián Piñera, President of Chile. Chile protects the rights of the preborn in its penal laws and constitution and boasts that it has one of the lowest maternal mortality rates in the world. Recently, the Chilean government launched a marketing program called "Chile Grows with You" that simply celebrates motherhood and the preborn. The commercials feature pregnant women engaged in various activities, dictate that babies in utero can "hear and experience the world" just as we do, and all end with "an invitation from the government to protect children." And President Piñera's marketing campaign has also been aided by his "Committed to Life" program, which assists pregnant women in need and helps them to carry their child to term.