



# Church of the Holy Family

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

## December 4, 2011

*Second 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
Rick Nichols	Facilities Manager	ext. 20
Theresa Bakos	Secretary	ext. 10

**Web Address:** [www.hfcmn.org](http://www.hfcmn.org) **Email Address:** [staff@hfcmn.org](mailto: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

**STEP - Emergency Program** 952.925.4899



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**Ann Coone, Principal**

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**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Mass Times:**

**Wednesday, December 7** 7:00pm  
**Thursday, December 8** 8:00am  
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O Sapientia: "O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation." Isaiah had prophesied, "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord." (11:2-3), and "Wonderful is His counsel and great is His wisdom." (28:29).

**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

## The Pastor's Page

### *Advent*

As Advent begins I'm reminded of the power of family and friendship. Beneath the workaday world of ideas, numbers, profit and loss, we have a deep need to love and be loved. We need to have people close to us who love us and who need to be loved by us. It puts some heart into the way we live and makes even difficult situations OK.

Yet we often take people for granted, especially those closest to us. We focus so much on business or work and making ends meet that we forget about family and friends. We find that we are living with strangers. Or maybe we are aware of our needs of being overworked or overly tired, yet focus so much on "getting my needs met" that others seem to get in the way. We forget that "it is in giving that we receive," and "in dying (to oneself) that we are born to eternal life."

If we don't take enough time for family and friends, we surely don't take the time and energy to meet new people. We seem to rarely know the people who live near us, the new family that moved in, the ones who built the new house, and so on. Yet in never reaching out we run the risk of being all alone ourselves, and of leaving others all alone in a world that seems increasingly cold and unfriendly. We need to make the extra effort to reach out to others, welcome them, get to know them, and be enriched by them.

So let's see if we can make family and friends a real priority, especially in this coming Christmas Season. Take time not only to visit with your kids, but to get into their heads, see what they're thinking. Be sure to reach out to others. Take a few minutes, maybe at Coffee and Donuts, to meet someone new. Our parish is already a welcoming place. Let's see if we can take just a little more time to continue to build up our parish with friendship and love.

Rev. Thomas W. Dufner



**Mark your calendars for  
our Advent Penance Service**

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

We have several 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*

### **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.



### **HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION:**

Please notify the parish office when; \*a parishioner is hospitalized. \*a homebound parishioner desires Holy Communion.

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-life Evening!

*Saturday, December 10, 2011*

## 3:30pm: Rosary at Clinic

Father Thomas Dufner will lead the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet next to the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic:  
3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN 55422  
Look for the life-size Crucifix.

## 4:45pm: Liturgy of the Hours

Evening Prayer I will be prayed at Church.  
*Come and experience this beautiful prayer of the Church!*

## 5pm: Holy Mass

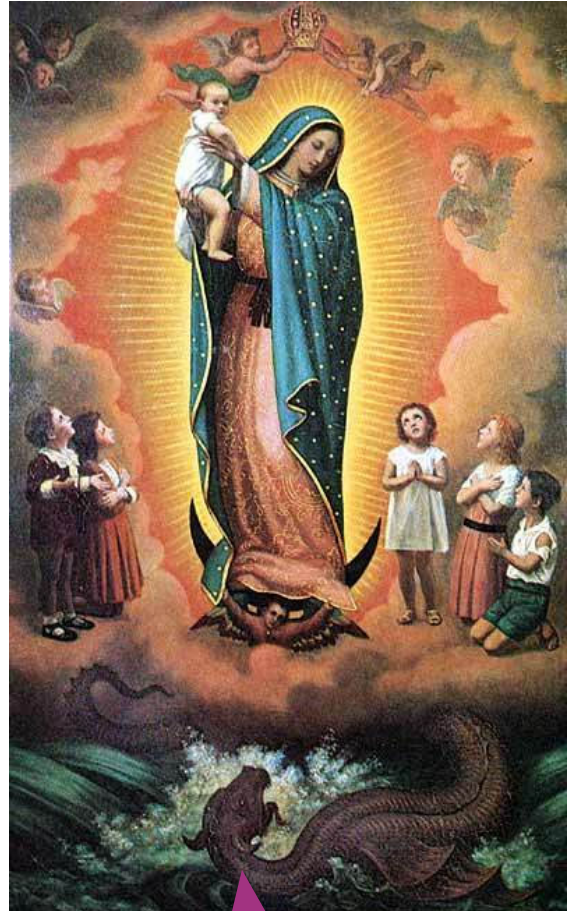
Father Dufner will be the main celebrant. Holy Family Choir will provide music and the Knights of Columbus color guard will march. Children will be invited to present roses to Our Lady after Holy Communion.

## 6pm: Dinner

Stay for dinner! Our Mexican fiesta will be catered by Chipotle. Burritos (chicken or veggie) with all the chips and salsa will be served. Wine and Mexican beer will be available.

**IT IS NECESSARY TO RSVP TO THERESA IN THE CHURCH AT 12-NOON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.**

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The deadline to to RSVP for the Chipolte Dinner is this Monday at noon! (December 5) Call 952.929.0113 or email to staff@hfcmn.org to reserve your spot! Don't miss this wonderful pro - life event! RSVP now!

## ✂ Weekly Calendar of Events ✂

**Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent**

*Sugar Plum Days! 9am to 1pm*

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

**Monday, December 5**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm KC's (Church/GP)
- 7:00 pm Respect Life Committee (Nursery)

**Tuesday, December 6**

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

**Wednesday, December 7**

- 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 (Gathering time at Church)
- 6:30 pm NO Confirmation
- 7:00 pm Mass

**Thursday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Mass

**Friday, December 9**

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

**Saturday, December 10**

- 6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 3:30 pm Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
- 4:45pm Liturgy of the Hour (Church)
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm **Dinner (for those who have RSVP'd - MH)**

**Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent**

*Donut New Member*

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

### Tips for STAYING HEALTHY this COLD and FLU SEASON

- The **BEST** way to break the chain of infection – **HANDWASHING!**
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose.
- Avoid close, prolonged exposure to people with colds.
- If you think you have the flu, stay home from work or school and avoid elderly or frail relatives and friends
- Eat well and get enough rest.
- Avoid getting “run down” which can lower your immunity to illness.
- Cough and/or sneeze into your sleeve.
- If you use a facial tissue for coughs and sneezes, dispose of it immediately and appropriately.
- WASH your HANDS FREQUENTLY.**

**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.**

**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! 😊

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday:** St. Nicholas
- Wednesday:** St. Ambrose
- Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Bl Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Juan Diego

### Holy Family Weekly Offering

#### November 19/20

Regular Envelopes	\$13,939.00
Plate	\$ 1,649.51
CARE Fund	\$ 564.99
Online Giving	\$ 2,442.25

#### Thanksgiving/STEP

\$ 1,906.00

#### November 26/27

Regular Envelopes	\$15,858.00
Plate	\$ 1,607.46
CARE Fund	\$ 805.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,290.25

*Thank you for generosity!*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

- Dec 5 Colleen Emme †
- Dec 6 Bernard Welter †
- Dec 7 Roger Gerhardson †
- Dec 7 HFC Wednesday Teachers & Students
- Dec 8 Father Moorman †
- Dec 8 In Thanksgiving
- Dec 9 HFA Teachers
- Dec 10 Karen Bertoldi & Respect Life Committe
- Dec 11 For the Parish (9AM)
- Dec 11 Thomas Grosscup † (11AM)





## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (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.

### Youth Ministry

**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. Sign up with Mr. Lee Flesher or 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

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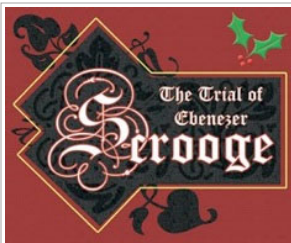


The St Louis Council #3949 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011. Praying of the Rosary will start in the church at 7:00PM, followed by the business meeting at 7:30PM in the Gathering Room.

The public is welcome to participate in the Rosary. Please contact Grand Knight Craig Johnson or Deputy Grand Knight Dan Gawarecki for more information.

This will be the last weekend to pick out your Christmas cards, ornaments, pins, and other materials for the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" program. Please stop in Moorman Hall to purchase items that help remind others of Christ's birth. After this weekend, or if you have questions, please contact Dan Gawarecki at 952.937.2261. Thank you for your support.

**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, 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](http://www.archspm.org/family)



### "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge"

A Christmas Comedy by Mark Brown

**December 7-11, 14-18, 21-23 & 27-30**

**7:30 pm Wednesday - Saturday and 2:00 pm Sunday**

Open Window Theatre, a project of Epiphany Studio Productions, cordially invites you to see "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge," a joyous comedy for the Christmas season. In this sequel to Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol,

Scrooge is back to his old ways, and trouble lies ahead for Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. This show will delight the whole family! Open Window Theatre is located just a few blocks from the Basilica in Minneapolis. Visit [www.openwindowtheatre.org](http://www.openwindowtheatre.org) for the performance schedule or call 651.955.9123.



### POINSETTIAS!

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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



### ATTENTION

#### ALL BLOOD DONORS:

Holy Family will be hosting an "Emergency Blood Drive" Thursday, January 5, 2012.

Watch the bulletin for more details.



### Pro-Life Corner

Peter Kellett was 6½ years old when he died, but he had accomplished far more than could be imagined. Peter's mother was told at the 19-week ultrasound, "You need to have amniocentesis. These markers indicate there could be a chromosomal disorder ... one that's incompatible with life. We need to find out for sure, so you have more choices." She refused in part because of the risk to the child the amniocentesis could be and in part because the "more choices" would have been aborting the child. Peter was born with Trisomy 18, a debilitating chromosomal defect. Because of the courage of his parents and the fighting spirit within this baby, Peter lived. For the next 6½ years, he moved the hearts of many and defied the "incompatible with life" diagnosis he had received. He inspired his mother to found Prenatal Partners for Life which provides "support for carrying to term with an adverse prenatal diagnosis, and for raising your child with special needs after birth." The presence of children with genetic abnormalities has become sparse in our society because of the combination of in utero diagnosis and abortion. This is a grave detriment to us all. Peter's life was an ongoing witness to the reality that even though he was not "normal" and a "burden," he brought a quality out of all who encountered him that is desperately needed in our selfish-minded society. <http://www.plam.org/newsletter/newsletter.pdf> (Oct 2011) for more info ([www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org](http://www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org))