Welcome to Holy Family! For those who have impaired mobility, reserved seating is available in the front pew and at the cross aisle. An accessible restroom is located next to the adoration chapel. The main restrooms are on the lower level located next to an area for restless children. For those with a gluten intolerance, please stop by the sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive the Precious Blood. Please speak to an usher if you have any questions or need assistance.

INTROIT (9:00) Gregorian chant, mode VIII
Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur.
Ps. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.
Unto you have I lifted up my soul. O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed. Make your ways known to me, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Ps 25:1-4

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Saint Michael Hymnal
652 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
VENI EMMANUEL

GREETING
Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
℟: Amen.
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  ℛ: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
Celebrant: Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
℟: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Then they continue:
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

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FIRST READING
Jeremiah 33:14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Cantor, then all; thereafter: all

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Lord, you, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
T. Marier

GOSPEL
Deacon: The Lord be with you. ❧ And with your spirit.
 ❧ Glory to you, O Lord.
At the conclusion of the Gospel:
 ❧ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

INVITATION TO PRAYER
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN
(5:00) Saint Michael Hymnal
Creator of the Stars of Night
(5:00) Creator of the Stars of Night
CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

OFFERTORY MOTET
9:00 Creator of the Stars of Night
Chant, Mode IV

11:00 Canite tuba
G. P. da Palestrina

Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, for the day of God now is near at hand. See, he cometh and will save us: he will make the crooked ways straight, the rough places will he make plain: Come then, O Lord, and do not tarry. Cf. Joel 2:1 & Is 40:4

OFFERTORY MOTET (9:00)

Gregorian chant, mode II

Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubesce: neque irideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur.
Unto you have I lifted up my soul. O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed. Ps 25:1-3

INVITATION TO PRAYER
Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
 ❧ May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS
Mass XVIII

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Anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus De- us Sá-
ba- oth. Pléni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a tu- a. Hosánna in
excél-sis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómíne Dómi-ni. Hosán-

MOTET
9:00 Creator of the Stars of Night
Chant, Mode IV

G. P. da Palestrina

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SIGN OF PEACE
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
 ❧ And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI
Mass XVIII

A
agnus De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá- ta mundi: mi-
se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá-
mi-mundi: mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis
peccá- ta mundi: do-na no-bis pa- cem.
HOLY COMMUNION
We invite actively practicing Catholics who are properly disposed to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to receive a blessing. At Holy Family we receive the combination of the Body and Blood of Christ on the tongue. If you prefer to receive just the Body of Christ in your hand, please have your hands clearly out before you approach.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Gregorian chant, mode I
Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabat fructum suum.
The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit. Ps 85:13

COMMUNION MOTET
9:00 My Song is Love Unknown J. Ireland
11:00 Conditor alme siderum M. Praetorius
Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light, Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear Thy servants when they call.

SECOND COLLECTION Altar & Rosary Society
Today's second collection will go toward the upkeep and care of the altar.

CLOSING HYMN Saint Michael Hymnal
741 Savior of the Nations, Come
NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND
Following the closing hymn, together we pray a "Hail Mary" for whichever parishioner is the next to be called home to the Lord. In light of the current crisis in the Church, we also pray the "St. Michael Prayer" as found on pg. 1085 of the red Lumen Christi Missal.

SUGAR PLUM DAYS
Stop by Sugar Plum Days downstairs in Fr. Moorman Hall TODAY! Enjoy good food and time with friends as you shop for Advent, St. Nicholas Day, and seasonal gifts and goodies! All proceeds will benefit our altar and sacristy needs.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY GOSPEL DISCUSSION
Meet at 10 AM in the Nazareth House. No advance preparation required and no RSVP needed. Coffee and rolls are provided. Babies are welcome.

HOLY FAMILY CALENDAR

For Confession times, see front page
For Sugar Plum Days drop-offs and set-up see page 6

Sunday, Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent
Food Drive Sunday
9:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM Sugar Plum Days Fr. Moorman Hall
10:00 AM Young Adult Gospel Discussion Nazareth House
11:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details

Monday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier
8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Exercise Class Fr. Wilkins Room
3:00 PM Widows & Widowers Holy Hour Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details
7:00 PM Respect Life Meeting St. Joseph Room
7:00 PM Outreach Choir Fr. Moorman Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 4 St. John Damascene
8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Weekly Scripture Study Fr. Wilkins Room
10:30 AM Goodtimers 500 Club Fr. Wilkins Room
3:00 PM Youth Choir Fr. Moorman Hall
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details
7:00 PM Neocatechumenal Way School
6:30 PM Confirmation Fr. Moorman Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 5
8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Donut Wednesday Fr. Moorman Hall
9:00 AM Children’s Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel
9:30 AM Pester the Pastor Fr. Moorman Hall
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details
6:30 PM Religious Ed Choir Loft
7:00 PM Parish Choir School
7:00 PM RCIA Rm 305, school

Thursday, Dec. 6 St. Nicholas
8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Exercise Class Fr. Wilkins Room
1:00 PM Merciful Love Prayer Group Church
3:00 PM Youth Choir Fr. Moorman Hall
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details
7:00 PM Parish Choir Choir Loft
7:00 PM Respect Life Meeting Fr. Wilkins Room

Friday, Dec. 7 St. Ambrose / First Friday
8:00 AM Mass
After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
5:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe Kattar Hall

Saturday, Dec. 8 Solenity of Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Mass Holy Day of Obligation
11:00 AM Mass
4:45 PM Benediction
5:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe Kattar Hall

Sunday, Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent
Donut Sunday
9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Young Adult Gospel Discussion Nazareth House
11:00 AM Mass
12:15 PM Usher Training Fr. Wilkins Room
5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details

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TODAY AT HOLY FAMILY

For this week’s daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings
**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**INTERCESSIONS**

**Please pray for:**

- Deacon Jim Meyer (mother of Dan Gawarecki)
- Joan Gawarecki (mother of Don Batteen)
- Mable Batteen (mother of Don Batteen)
- Jim & Lois Sicora
- Helen Lee †
- Therese Conklin†
- Fay Reuter †
- Elmo Romens †
- Patricia Bourassa †
- Frances Williams
- Ross Oden †

To request prayers, go to www.hfcmn.org/prayer-requests, or call the parish office 952.929.0113. Submitted prayer intentions will be shared via “Prayer Partners” and the bulletin for one week per request.

**SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 17-18, 2018**

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**SECOND COLLECTION:**

- CARE Fund $ 911.50

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**SECOND COLLECTION:**

- STEP Food Shelves $ 1,056.66

Next week's Second Collection will benefit:

- CARE Fund
  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

**STEWARDSHIP NOTE:**

Even when the second collection goes to another organization, please fill out all checks to “Holy Family Catholic Church;” the church then is able to write one check to the organization.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

It is our goal at Holy Family to have at least two adorers present at each hour on the adoration schedule, so that every adorer can have a partner for scheduling back-up and safety during nighttime hours. We are always in need of committed substitutes! If you wish to adore at a time not listed, you are still welcome and needed! Please contact: Mike Zwack 612.710.5007

**Faith Formation Staff**

- John Hartnett Director of Faith Formation 952.999.4822
- Elizabeth Brown Confirmation Coordinator Elizabeth.Brown@hfcmn.org

**STEP - Emergency Program: 952.925.4899**

**Parish News & Events: Flocknote**

Stay updated through Holy Family’s communication tool, Flocknote. You’ll get weekly updates from the parish, as well as any timely updates from the school and any groups you’d like to join (e.g. Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament).

**How to hear from Holy Family:**

1. Visit www.flocknote.com/HFC
2. Fill in your information (which will be kept confidential) and join those groups (e.g. ‘Adorers...’ or ‘Prayer Partners’) that pertain to you. Please be sure to join the group representing your region to keep up with activities in your neighborhood.
3. You can log in anytime to change what groups you follow!

**Holy Family is on Facebook!**

“Like” Holy Family on Facebook to get updates on parish life, Catholic topics around the archdiocese, and upcoming parish events! For the Church, click the “Like” button on the homepage at www.hfcmn.org. For HFA, click the “Like” button at hfamn.org.
**Pester the Pastor!**
Please join other parishioners in Fr. Moorman Hall at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 5th, for a “Pester the Pastor” edition of Wednesday Donuts! Enjoy attempting to stump Fr. Joseph with your hardest questions about the Faith! All are welcome!

**AltaR & Rosary Society First Friday Coffee**
Who? All ladies of Holy Family Catholic Church
What? Social Hour with coffee and donuts
Where? Fr. Moorman Hall - downstairs
When? December 7th, following Divine Mercy Chaplet
Why? Just plain fun!

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

*Vigil Mass:*
Friday, Dec. 7th 5 PM

*Masses:*
Saturday, Dec. 8th 9 & 11 AM

**Holy Day of Obligation**
We ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title by which we honor her as patroness of our nation. Like with Mary, God desires to give us many graces!

**Usher Training**
Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a very important usher meeting on Sunday, December 9th, at 12:15 PM in the Father Wilkins Room. New usher procedures, responsibilities and guidelines will be covered. A St. Louis Park police officer will address safety and security issues.

**Archdiocesan Holy Hour for Vocations Here at Holy Family!**
Tuesday, December 11th, 7–8 PM, in the main church. All are invited to participate in Holy Hours for Vocations, located at different parishes around the Archdiocese, from 7-8 PM, on the second Tuesday of each month. Come spend an hour with Jesus to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life! For more information and to see the locations of future Holy Hours for Vocations, please visit www.10000vocations.org/holy-hour-for-vocations or contact the Office of Vocations at 651.962.6890.

**Parish Advent Confession Night**
We will offer a special night of confessions on Wednesday, December 12th, 7–9 PM.

**Men of God Series—Friday, December 14th**
All men of the parish are invited to an evening meal with a reflection on how to grow in faith, enrich family life, and provide Christian witness in the world. Our December speaker is Fr. Vaughn Treco, and his presentation is titled, “Toward A Manly Hope: Advent and Masculine Spirituality”. We start with rosary in the church at 6:30 PM, talk is in Fr. Moorman Hall at 7 PM.
Free for everyone, but donations are gladly accepted to cover the meal costs. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their sponsorship!

**Advent Project: Babes of Bethlehem**
Again this year, the children of Holy Family Academy are collecting alms for the Holy Family Hospital, a maternity and neonatal hospital just five hundred yards from where Jesus Christ was born. This hospital welcomes and cares for the poorest of the poor in Bethlehem. Like Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, families today in Bethlehem are in need of care. By collecting donations to support Holy Family Hospital this Advent season, we will share the gift of a safe and healthy birth with a mother and baby thousands of miles away. You too can make a difference! Join us in prayer for the Babies in Bethlehem!
**BAPTISMS**

Please congratulate the following families of the newly baptized:

Louis Andrew Sonnen (son of Andrew & Leslie Sonnen)

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Altar and Rosary Society cares for the liturgical needs of our church and sanctuary. This includes both day-to-day tasks of laundering, cleaning, and sewing, and spiritual care including praying the rosary before all funeral Masses. The Society provides an encounter of prayer and fellowship for women through monthly meetings, First Friday Fellowship, summer book clubs, and special events such as “Sugar Plum Days” and “Country Store” fundraisers. Please consider supporting the Society by coming to Sugar Plum Days in Fr. Moorman Hall!

Every woman of the parish is already a member, and is invited to participate. Join the “Altar and Rosary Society” group on Flocknote to receive updates (see how on p. 4). Questions? Contact our president: Teresa Rosenthal at 612.618.2188 or trosenthal21@gmail.com.

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**UPDATE ON DEACON JIM MEYER**

Brief Deacon Jim updates, particularly about his status on surgery days, will be sent out via the Prayer Partners group on Flocknote (see p. 4 to sign up). There are still opportunities to pray for Deacon during his next surgery and to have him pray for you in his recovery. Please go to the Deacon Jim page on our website to sign up: www.lfcmn.org/deacon-jim-surgeries.

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**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**2019 CHURCH CALENDARS**

Complimentary Holy Family 2019 Calendars are available to be picked up near all the Church doors.

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

If you have a parish-related or Archdiocesan-sponsored event you would like to include in our bulletin, please submit in writing to communications@hfcmn.org. The next deadline is December 6th for our December 16th bulletin and December 7th for the December 23rd bulletin. Contact Carrie Havlicek with any questions at 952.999.4892.

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**VOCATIONS**

**TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE**

We welcome more families to sign up for the traveling chalice and to pray for vocations in their homes! Please contact Phyllis (to sign up) 612.702.3735 or theconnec@aol.com. Thank you for praying for vocations!

**Exchange at 9AM Mass**

- December 2nd - Craig & Carrie Havlicek Family
- December 9th - Dave & Kathy Rennie Family
- December 16th - Dan & Jennifer Tomaschko Family
- December 23rd - Dave & Rita Spanton Family
- December 30th - Tim & Lynn Heeren Family

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**FORMED.ORG**

**FORMED: THE ART OF WAITING**

To access Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, go to www.Formed.org, and sign up using our parish code: 2QCG4F.

Listen to, or read, “Come, Lord Jesus: Meditations on the Art of Waiting,” reflections for those ready to dive into the season of Advent! In it, Mother Mary Francis of the Poor Clares encourages a desire to grow and overcome one’s own faults, learning the art of both working and waiting for Christ to sanctify us. To access the audiobook or Kindle/Apple Book, go to www.Formed.org and enter “Come, Lord Jesus” in the search bar.

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**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**LEAFLET MISSAL PROMOTION PARISH REWARDS**

Help our parish earn heavenly dividends! Through December 8th, The Leaflet Missal Company will reward our parish with a 15% dividend for all purchases made using the following code: 549330. Do your Advent and Christmas shopping with Leaflet Missal and stock up on all your religious items! Visit www.leafletonline.com or stop by their showroom and browse the many wonderful Catholic gift items. THE LEAFLET MISSAL COMPANY 976 W Minnehaha Ave, St Paul MN 55104, www.leafletonline.com, 651.487.2818

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**COR JESU**

Friday, December 7th, at 8 PM St. Mary’s Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul. Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise & worship music and fellowship with young adults, college-age and older. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will preside. Parking is waived on South Campus surface lots at the University of St. Thomas. For more information, call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or see our Facebook page “Cor Jesu”.

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**YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39)**

**INDOOR SPORTS & GAMES NIGHT**

Friday, December 7th at 7 PM

Join us for the weekly West Metro Young Adults Sport’s Night. Held at St. Gabriel’s, 6 Interlachen Rd, Hopkins. Basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, great fun! Check out our page for more events https://www.facebook.com/westmetroya.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**MEN’S WEEKEND GETAWAY**

All Men of Holy Family: If you like the outdoors, wood fires, good food and conversation, then this is for you! Mark your calendars for the 14th annual Eli Broomtree Cabin getaway: January 18-21, 2019 (MLK weekend) at the Boyd Lodge Cabins in Crosslake, MN. Every year a group of Holy Family men take a much deserved break, to remote and affordable cabins. This is a weekend of fellowship and to recharge for the long year ahead. For more info, and to get on the mailing list, please email Tom Bertoldi: bert.mn@centurylink.net, or call John Rosenthal at 612.618.8900.
**From Father Joseph**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Everything we have comes as a gift from God. Advent is the time we especially remember the poverty of our sinful world before Jesus brought the riches of God’s Merciful Love. The joy of Christmas evokes generosity towards those we love as we exchange gifts with them. It prompts us to ask: How do I show my gratitude to God in exchange for all His gifts to me?

Gratitude for a life of discipleship in this parish, including:

- The gift of baptism through which I was freed from original sin, adopted as a child of God, and given the promise of eternal life
- This beautiful church where I worship with my spiritual family in the Mystical Body of Christ
- The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by which I am nourished by the Bread from Heaven
- The full Mass schedule and reverent liturgies with extraordinary sacred music
- The opportunity to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord in the perpetual adoration chapel
- The forgiveness of sins in Confession offered here every day of the week (instead of 45 minutes once per week or “by appointment” as in other parishes)
- A dynamic Catholic school which shapes the minds and hearts of our youngsters with Truth, Goodness, and Beauty
- A wide range of faith formation opportunities for every age presented according to the Magisterium of the Church The way we spend our time, talent, and treasure is the concrete expression of how we prioritize our lives.

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**THE SPOTLIGHT FAMILY THEATER**

Holy Family Home Educators’ High School Students proudly present:

**The LION, the WITCH, and the WARDROBE**

*Directed by Tracy & Karen Sattler*

**WHEN:** December 7, 8 and December 14, 15  
**WHERE:** Holy Family Academy ~ Kattar Hall  
**ADMISSION:** Free Will Offering  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
*~Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show*

For more information go to:  
http://spotlightft.wixsite.com/shows

Spotlight Family Theater is a group of Catholic home-schooled youth glorifying God through the performing arts. As a club of the Holy Family Home Educators coop, we are parent-run and completely non-profit.

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**CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES**

**TREE FOR LIFE**

**Coming soon...** In the back of church can be found the “Tree for Life”, a tree decorated with ornaments indicating items needed by parents who have chosen life for their babies. If you are able to donate an item, please help yourself to an ornament. Place your unwrapped gift, with the ornament attached, under the tree by January 6th. The unwrapped donations will be taken to the Robbinsdale Women’s Center, Southwest Options for Women and Saint Stephen’s Church for their Sagrada Familia Apostolate. Thank you for your generosity!

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**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

It will soon be time to decorate the Church for Christmas, so please check your calendars in advance and schedule in a bit of time to help. On **Tuesday, December 18th**, we will put up ALL the trees, large and small! Many hands are needed to shape the trees and put the lights on (men, you are particularly needed)! Please meet in Fr. Moorman Hall after the 8AM Mass (adults only please, due to the nature of the work.) After coffee and a donut you will be given instructions; we will start work at 9:30 AM.

On **Sunday, Dec. 23rd**, the Liturgical Decorating Committee will finish the remaining decorating: wreaths, banners, and poinsettias. However, extra help is needed immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass, to carry boxes of poinsettias from the Father Wilkins Room to the sanctuary. Work will begin in Church immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass, and must be completed by 3:15 PM. Thank you for your time and assistance! If you have questions, call Sharon at 952.999.4890.

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**MAGNUM CHORUM CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday, December 23rd at 4 PM**

This is sure to be a treat! This choir brings transforming artistry and spirit to a cappella choral music here to Holy Family.

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**YOUTH GROUP CAROLING**

ALL Holy Family teens and friends are invited to our 3rd Annual Neighborhood caroling party, Friday, Dec. 21! Come dressed warm and meet in the church circle at 6:30 PM. We will visit the nearby homes of parishioners and Fr. Joseph! Song sheets provided. Hot chocolate and snacks provided afterwards in Fr. Moorman Hall. Parents, you are invited to bring cookies and help serve! Email Elizabeth at elizabeth.brown@hfcmn.org for questions/offer cookies.

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**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT**

All children (ages 5-12) from Holy Family are invited to participate in the Nativity Pageant at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass. There is a mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, December 22nd from 9-11 AM. We are looking for shepherds and angels and a few lead roles. The special parts of Mary, Joseph, the Christmas Star and the Angel Gabriel, will be drawn. Please call Marilyn Grutsch 952.240.6191 or Katie Norton 952.221.9413 if your child is interested in being in the drawing.