February 11th, 2018
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Holy Family! Reserved seating is available in the front pew and at the cross-aisle for those who are mobility impaired. A handicap-accessible restroom can be found on this level off the west side vestibule adjoining the adoration chapel. Proceed downstairs from the Narthex for the main restrooms.

For those who wish to receive the Precious Blood only due to a gluten intolerance, please check in before the start of Mass in the sacristy.

Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.

Prelude to Mass
9:00 Ave Maria J. Arcadelt
11:00 O salutaris Hostia M. Dupré
O Saving Victim, Who opens the gate of heaven; Hostile attacks oppress us, give us strength, bring us aid. To the One and Triune God be eternal glory Who gives us life without end in our native land above. Amen. Saint Thomas Aquinas,
from the Matins hymn Verbum supernum prodienis, Corpus Christi

Introit (9:00) Gregorian chant, mode IV
Esto mihi in Deum protectorum, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias: quoniam
firmamentum meum, et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum dux mihi eris, et
enutries me. Ps. In te Domine speravi, non confundar in æternum: in iustitia tua
libera me. Be unto me a protecting God and a house of refuge, to save me; for you are my
support and my refuge; and for the sake of your name you will lead me and nourish
me. V. In you, O Lord, do I trust; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your
righteousness. Ps 31:3, 4, & 2

Processional Hymn
Collegeville Hymnal
495 Only Begotten, Word of God Eternal
ISTE CONFESSION

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

Penitential Act
Deacon: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
℟: Lord, have mercy.
Deacon: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
℟: Christ, have mercy.
Deacon: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy.
℟: Lord, have mercy.

Gloria
Mass Setting II - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 844

The Liturgy of the Word
Lumen Christi Missal - Page 381

First Reading
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11  
Cantor, then all; thereafter: all  
Lumen Christi Missal

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING  
I Corinthians 10:31—11:1  
Cantor, then all; thereafter: all  
Lumen Christi Missal

Deacon: The Lord be with you.  
℟: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
℣: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:  
℟: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
Mark 1:40-45  
Lumen Christi Missal

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NICENE CREED  
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. 
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, (All bow while saying:) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. 
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. 
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; through all things were made. 
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (5:00)  
Collegeville Hymnal  
524 Lord of All Hopefulness

OFFERTORY CHANT (9:00)  
Gregorian chant, mode III
Benedictus es Domine, doce me justificationes tuas: in labis meis pronuntiavi omnia iudicia oris tui. 
Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by your mouth.  
Ps 119:12, 13

OFFERTORY MOTET  
9:00  
Let All the World in Every Corner Sing (Ps 150)  
R. Vaughan Williams

11:00  
Cantate Domino  
G. Croce
Sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Ps 95:1

INVITATION TO PRAYER  
Celebrant: 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 Setting II - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 845

MYSTERY OF FAITH

GREAT AMEN

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

AGNUS DEI  
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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
Manducaverunt, et satvari sunt nimis, et desiderium eorum attulit
eis Dominus: non sunt fraudati a desiderio suo.
They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them all that they
desired; they were not deprived of their wants. Ps 78:29, 30

COMMUNION MOTET
9:00 Cantate Domino G. Pitoni
Sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Ps 95:1

SECOND COLLECTION
The Care Fund
The Care Fund meets the emergency needs of Holy Family
parishioners and the wider community.

CLOSING HYMN
Collegeville Hymnal
578 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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HOLY FAMILY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 11
9:00 AM Mass New Member & Donut Sunday
11:00 AM Mass
After Mass Young Adult Brunch Nazareth House
3:00 PM Concert–Flos Florum Ensemble Church
After Concert—Reception Fr. Moorman Hall
5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details

Monday, February 12
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 Squires Monthly Meeting Fr. Wilkins Room

Tuesday, February 13
8:00 AM Mass
After Mass-Single Seniors Breakfast (RSVP) Fr. Moorman Hall
9:00 AM Weekly Scripture Study Fr. Wilkins Room
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details
6:00 PM Young Family Potluck Fr. Moorman Hall
7:00 PM Neocatechumenal Way Fr. Wilkins Room

Wednesday, February 14
8:00 AM Mass
Fast & Abstinence
Cancelled Coffee & Rolls
9:00 AM Children’s Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel
3:30 PM Youth Choir Fr. Moorman Hall
7:00 PM Mass
Cancelled Mass: Church of Saint Bede
Cancelled Confirmation Class Fr. Moorman Hall
Cancelled Religious Education HFA

Thursday, February 15
8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Exercise Class Fr. Wilkins Room
1:00 PM Merciful Love Prayer Group Church
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details
7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal Choir Loft
7:00 PM RCIA HFA 305

Friday, February 16
8:00 AM Mass
Abstinence from meat
After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction Church
5:00 PM Fish Fry Fr. Moorman Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction/Reflection Church

Saturday, February 17
4:45 PM Benediction
5:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM Friendship Club Fr. Moorman Hall

Sunday, February 18
1st Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Mass RCIA Sending Forth Mass
10:30 AM Blessing of Expectant Mothers Church
11:00 AM Mass
After Mass Young Adult Brunch Nazareth House
After Mass Vocations Committee Meeting Fr. Wilkins Room
3:00 PM Grill the Priest–Youth Group Nazareth House
5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede See p. 4 for details

Please see page 1 for the schedule of Confession times

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

TODAY AT HOLY FAMILY
BLESSING OF SMART PHONES AT ALL MASSES.

NEW MEMBER & DONUT SUNDAY TODAY!
Stop down in Fr. Moorman Hall and visit over coffee and donuts. If you would like to
join the parish please stop by our New Member table.

Concert of Sacred Choral Music
3:00 PM
Our own Ensemble Flos Florum will present its second concert
at Holy Family and will be the fourth in our series of nine Sacred
Music Concerts this year. Specializing in music of the 15th to
17th centuries, the EFF is offering a varied program of choral
music of the masters. While there is no admission charge, there
will be a free-will offering; a wine and cheese reception will
follow, downstairs in Fr. Moorman Hall.

TRAVELING Vocations Chalice
Please have the Chalice in the sacristy immediately after the
9:00 AM Mass. Here is the schedule for February:
♦ February 11: Brian and Karen Mahon family
♦ February 18: Rob and Phyllis Galarneault family
♦ February 25: Greg and Claire Roden family
**Mass Intentions**

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**Intercessions**

*Please pray for:*

- Fr. Mark Dosh †
- Landon Karpinko (grandson of Paul Karpinko)
- Anna McCrea (niece of Patti Doran)

Go to www.hfcmn.org and click on “submit prayer request” or call the parish office. You need permission from the person for his/her name to be listed in our prayer intentions. Sign up for “Prayer Partners” on Flocknote to receive notifications. Prayer intentions will be sent by email and listed in the bulletin for one week. Birth and death notices (with meal calendars) will be sent to those signed up for “Prayer Partners.”

**Sunday Stewardship**

**Contributions for February 3-4, 2018**

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**Second Collection:**

- The Care Fund $1055.55

*Next week’s Second Collection will benefit the CARE Fund.*

**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. Thank you!

Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life. Instruct them to do as many good deeds as they can and to help everyone. Remind the rich to be generous and share what they have. This will lay a solid foundation for the future, so that they will know what true life is like. ~ 1 Timothy 6:17-19

**Church of Saint Bede**

The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter was created by the Vatican in 2012 to assist former Anglicans who wish to become Catholic. Their liturgy is a valid Catholic Mass but incorporates distinctive elements from their tradition. Everyone is welcome, and attendance fulfills the obligation for any Catholic for Sunday and holy days. Visit www.thevenerablebede.org for more information.

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- Mike Zwack, Perpetual Adoration 612.710.5007
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- Mark McCarthy, Knights of Columbus GrandKnight@KofC3949.org
- Mary Anne von Dohen, Home Educators (HFHE)

Call Church office for contact information.

**Natural Family Planning:**

- Teri Russek, Sympto-Thermal Method 612.721.3791

If you or someone you know is in need of emergency assistance, please contact:

**STEP - Emergency Program:** 952.925.4899

**Weddings**

Please pray for

Brody & Page Brunwiede, Banns II as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

**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…).

**How to hear from Holy Family:**

1. Visit www.flocknote.com/HFC - or - Text HFCMN to 84576
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 button on the homepage at www.hfcmn.org. For HFA, click the button at hfamn.org.
FAST & ABSTINENCE
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.
- In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.
- The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
- When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- The norms concerning abstinence from meat are from age 14 onwards.

FRIDAYS IN LENT
- **Fish Fry**
  - Every Friday of Lent between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Fr. Moorman Hall. All proceeds will go to Holy Family Academy. We had great reviews on the baked fish option. New this year; **credit cards accepted**. Prices are still $8.00 for adult plates and $4.00 for children plates. Support Holy Family Academy by visiting the dessert table after your meal. For more information, or to find our disciples sign up check out the Knights’ website: www.kofc3949.org.

OTHER LENTEN OFFERINGS
- **Young Adult Brunch & Reflection**
  - Please join Holy Family Young Adults for a brunch and Gospel Bible Study, Sundays, after 11:00 AM Mass. We will be reflecting on our personal faith journey through the Sunday Gospel. Eggs, meat, coffee, and juice will be provided. Please bring donuts/bread/cake to share. Nursing Babies are welcome. We will meet in the Nazareth House, 3144 Zarthan Ave.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- On **Mondays**, during Lent, (except Monday, February 19th, will move to Tuesday, February 20th) our school children from Holy Family Academy will be leading Stations of the Cross in the church at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to come and pray with them.

TUESDAY ADULT FORMATION LENTEN SERIES
- **Loving God with Your Whole Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength**
  - This series will explore the divine call to give our entire self to God in love. We will explore what it means to truly do so and look at the lives of several saints who embody these qualities richly. All of these presentations will be in Fr. Moorman Hall at 7:00 PM and last about an hour.
  - Our first lecture will be Tuesday, February 20th, *Loving God with Your Whole Heart* with Sts. Mary Magdalene and Brigid of Ireland.
**Holy Family Blood Drive**

It’s time to schedule your appointment to donate blood at the Holy Family Blood Drive on **Monday, February 26, 2018, 2:00 to 6:00 PM**.

To sign up, visit [www.mbc.org/searchdrives](http://www.mbc.org/searchdrives), click on Schedule now mbcherohub.club, and enter Sponsor Code 0183 OR call Sharon at 952.999.4890 to schedule your time.

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**Appeal for Adorers**

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, our Adoration coordinator, if you are willing to help or have questions please call Chris McDonald 952.215.4142 or Linda Rubi 612.845.6682

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**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society based on the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The St. Louis Council #3949 Strives to provide these principles for Holy Family Church community. In 2017, the Knights of Columbus help raise funds for Holy Family Academy, Special Olympics, Seminarian scholarships, NET ministries and many other worthy groups. The Knights of Columbus organize and run many events at Holy Family including the Lenten Fish Fry, Pancake breakfasts, Cana Dinner and tent raising. The Knights of Columbus Council #3949 meets the second Friday of the month and sponsors the Men of God Series after our meeting. If you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please email grandknight@kofc3949.org.

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**Holy Family Academy**

**Needed 4th - 8th Grade Science Teacher (Full Time)**

Your job as our lead Science teacher is to provide challenging and dynamic instruction and curriculum in accordance with the classical model of education. You will be responsible to teach both 4th and 5th grade Science three times a week and 6th (earth), 7th (life), 8th (physical) grade times a week each. While experience with or a knowledge of a classical teaching philosophy is a plus, the major attribute we are looking for is a love of God and desire to inspire students to love the Church and with it to understand the Truths of His revelation, especially as they pertain to the natural order of creation. You will lead Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grade Science teachers in determining and evaluating curriculum and instruction. Send applications or inquiries to: jim.grogan@hfamn.org

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**In and Around the Archdiocese**

**Women’s Discernment Retreat with Bishop Cozzens**

Saturday, February 17, 8:00 AM– 3:30 PM

Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul

Join us to gain a deeper understanding of consecrated life! Bishop Andrew Cozzens will celebrate Mass and speak on consecrated life. The retreat is for single Catholic women, ages 16 to 35. The retreat day will include consecrated women sharing their vocation stories, along with many opportunities for discerning women to chat and ask questions. Discover the steps of discernment, learn more about yourself, and listen to God speak to your heart. Retreat fee is $20. Scholarships are available, if needed. Register online at www.10000vocations.org.

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**All in God’s Plan**

Are you looking for a program that explores God’s gift of human sexuality for your adolescence? The All in God’s Plan program is an educational program presented by local speakers. It discusses the physical and emotional changes of early adolescence, the sacredness of human life, and God’s plan for our sexuality. This program is designed to encourage communication between the parent and child. Topics include modesty, the importance of family, respect, Christian values, and the changes occurring in our bodies. The Mother and Daughter program for girls age 10-12 and their moms will be held at St. Raphael, Crystal on **Saturday, February 24, 2-4:30 p.m.** For information and registration, please contact Mary Glover at 763.533.0423.

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**2018 Archdiocesan Men’s Conference**

Saturday, March 10, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Saint Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights

Keynote Speaker: Monsignor Thomas Richter. The conference includes Mass, break-out sessions with dynamic speakers, and the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Bring your own lunch or purchase from the on-site food trucks! Find more details and register at TheCatholicWatchmen.com. Cost: $25.00 Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo randazzov@archspm.org or 651.291.4483.

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**Bulletin Submissions**

If you have a parish-related or archdiocesan event or announcement you would like to include in our bulletin, please submit in writing to communications@hfcmn.org by February 15th for the February 25th bulletin.
A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSEPH JOHNSON

2018 FINANCIAL PLEDGE PROCESS FOR HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS

Some parishes and other organizations ask for annual pledges to indicate support for their mission. Last weekend the Catholic Services Appeal conducted such a pledge drive across the archdiocese. It has not been the custom at Holy Family to ask our parishioners to fill out annual pledges. This year, I’d like to do something different.

As your pastor, it is my responsibility to make sure that our parish finances are sound. A pledging process helps with budgeting though it doesn’t give a full picture. A greater concern is actually my spiritual responsibility to assist parishioners to become better disciples of the Lord Jesus. That’s why I propose that we undertake a pledging process that is—to say the least—a bit unconventional. I would like everyone to fill out this pledge form… and then keep it! That is, I don’t want you to turn this in to me or the parish office. As I said, a pledge is only partially helpful in budgeting, so go ahead and keep it. No need to be shy or creative with the numbers as no one else will see them! Maybe some year in the future we might ask for a formal pledge card but I think the spiritual purpose of this effort is more important.

This pledge form is simply a tool for you to conduct an at-home spiritual health self-evaluation. You are accountable only to yourself and God. It is part examination of conscience and part “values clarification.” One of my professors taught me a long time ago that any budget is a theological document! Taking a close look at the budget of how you spend your time and your money will reflect what is important to you. If God isn’t at the top of your priorities, then ask yourself how you are attempting to live the greatest commandment to love God with your ALL.

Jesus has asked me as your pastor to help you become saints. It isn’t easy to free ourselves from our wounded nature’s self-indulgence or our affluent culture’s materialism. We often talk about the importance of how we spend our time in order to pray, to be faithful to the duties of our vocation, or to serve our neighbor. Right now, let’s take a hard look at how we spend our money. Jesus said it is impossible to serve both God and Mammon—a strange ancient word for wealth. He identified money as God’s chief rival for our affection in this world. How are we doing in facing this temptation? Please pray to the Holy Spirit and then challenge yourself with this pledge form.

**Version One of Financial Analysis**

As you prepare IRS forms for your taxes, please enter your 2017 income here: __________________

Please review your 2017 contribution statement sent this past week by Holy Family and enter here: __________________

Calculate the percentage of your income that became your support to the mission of our parish: ______

Does this percentage reflect at least 8% of your income? Scripture says our “tithe” should be 10% of our worldly goods. This reflects the attitude of offering God our best—that is, our “first fruits” rather than leftovers after we have paid for everything else. It is something that we freely give out of gratitude for the 100% which God gives us. It is not extracted by a church tax and it is not simply a way for us to create a charitable deduction to lessen our tax burden with Uncle Sam.

We can learn a lot from Wichita, Kansas, which has a wonderful diocesan stewardship program which encourages tithing. The results are spectacular: free Catholic school tuition for every student in the entire diocese! They suggest giving 8% to your local parish and then 2% to other Catholic entities—such as the diocese or seminary, etc. Other charitable giving to non-Catholic organizations or to individual neighbors in need would be a separate category known as alms-giving above and beyond. It is not accurately accounted as a portion of the tithe we owe out of gratitude to God. Imagine what we could do in our own parish and archdiocese if we took the same approach!

**Version Two of Financial Analysis**

How much do I spend on Caribou/Starbucks coffee (or other small luxuries) per week? _______

How much do I spend on Internet/cable television/Netflix? __________

How much did our last vacation cost? __________

Expand this analysis on your own by examining how much money is spent on all non-necessities, ranging from ice cream and steaks to home square-footage, type of car, and designer clothes.

Take the amount from your 2017 contribution statement sent this past week by Holy Family and enter here: __________________

Divide that amount by 52 to arrive at a weekly amount and enter here: __________

How do those numbers compare to the annual or weekly amounts we spend on non-necessities above? Is God in first place???

**Pledge**

For 2018, I have prayerfully considered my financial resources and wish to demonstrate my gratitude to God and support for the mission of the Church by pledging $________________ in contributions to Holy Family Catholic Church. This represents _____ percent of my income.

This will be contributed weekly/monthly by envelope/online. (Circle as appropriate)

Now place this form in your Bible or prayer book as a reminder of your commitment—God bless you!