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. Please speak to an usher if you need any kind of assistance.

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**Prelude to Mass**

**Dear Maker of the Starry Skies**

*Sarum plainsong*

**Introit (9:00)**

**Gregorian chant, mode I**

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete: modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratìone petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. *Ps.* Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God. *v.* Lord, you have blessed your land; you have put an end to Jacob’s captivity.

**Phil 4:4, 5; Ps 85**

**Processional Hymn**

**Collegeville Hymnal**

**179 O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Greeting**

**Celebrant:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R:** 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.

**R:** 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 in, 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.

**Kyrie**

**Kyriale Mass XVIII**

*Cantor, then all*

*Cantor, then all*

*Cantor*

*Cantor*

*All*

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
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FIRST READING
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Cantor, then all; thereafter: all
R. Rice

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
T. Marier
Cantor, then all; thereafter: all

GOSPEL
John 1:6-8, 19-28
Deacon: The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
At the conclusion of the Gospel:
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
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,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
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)
Creator of the Stars of Night
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

OFFERTORY CHANT (9:00)
Gregorian chant, mode IV

OFFERTORY MOTETS
9:00 And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)
G. F. Handel
11:00 O Come, Divine Messiah
16th c. French

INVITATION TO PRAYER
Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. 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 I - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 843

MYSTERY OF FAITH

GREAT AMEN
Mass Setting I - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 843

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

AGNUS DEI
Mass Setting I - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 843

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 VII
Dicite: Pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus
noster veniet, et salvabit nos.
Say, “Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear;
behold, our God will come and he will save us.”
Cf. Is 35:4
Today's Holy Family Calendar

Blessings for Expectant Mothers
Holy Family’s priests and deacons will be giving a special blessing to all expectant mothers **today, Sunday, December 17**th and on the third Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM. Please spread the word to those who might like to receive these blessings.

Concert: The Rose Ensemble
Back by popular demand! Today, Sun., Dec. 17 **th** at 2:00 PM - A treasure trove of vocal manuscripts quietly at rest for centuries now comes to life in this joyful program of 17th century Christmas music found in the archives of St. Paul’s Cathedral in Malta for ensemble of singers and Baroque chamber orchestra. Come welcome the glory of the season as well as the release of The Rose Ensemble’s world première recording of this incredible music. Tickets are $38, $28 and $15, at the door and at RoseEnsemble.org.

2018 Calendars!
The Holy Family 2018 Calendars are available to be picked up near all the Church doors.

Reminders!

**Discipleship Opportunities**
- Our Dinner at Your Door program is in need of substitute helpers. Meals are delivered on the 2nd Thursday of the month; the time commitment is approximately 1 ½ hours – from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. If you are able to help out occasionally, please contact Sharon at 952.999.4890.
- Your help is needed at the snake at 5 PM Mass: to meet a wheelchair bound parishioner who is transported by Metro Mobility, to assist during Mass if needed, and to stay after Mass until Metro Mobility arrives. The arrival time to Mass is approximately 4:30 PM and pick-up time can be anywhere from 6:10 to 6:30 PM. You will receive training until you are comfortable with the routine. If two or three people are able to help, this would be a commitment of about once a month. Please contact Sharon at 952.999.4890 for more information.

Rosary Meditations
Deacon Jim Meyer has compiled a Scriptural Rosary for all 4 sets of mysteries, highlighting a scripture verse for each bead. Printed booklets are available in the back of the Church.

**Rosary Meditations**

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming 16th c. German
Salve mater misericordiae Dom J. Pothier
Hail, Mother of mercy, Mother of God and Mother of pardon, Mother of hope and Mother of grace, Mother, full of holy gladness. O Mary!

Second Collection The Care Fund
The Care Fund meets the emergency needs of Holy Family parishioners and the wider community.

Closing Hymn Collegeville Hymnal
175 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed ELLACOMBE

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**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS: FLOCKNOTE**

GET ADVENT & CHRISTMAS UPDATES!
We have many special Mass and confession times this holiday season, not to mention many engaging events you’ll want to attend! 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 - 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 like button on the homepage at www.hfcmn.org. For HFA, click the like button at hfamn.org.

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Please pray for:

- **Alyssa Borome, John Brandel, Bill Donlon Jr.; Mary Green, stepmother of Jennifer Flesher; Dian Merz, Phyllis Timian**
  † Betty Rockwell, mother of David Rockwell and mother-in-law of Betty Rockwell

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Please pray for:

- **George Barnard †**
- **Adeline Meskan †**
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- **Fr. James Stark Stromberg †**
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**Poinsettias**
Help defray the cost of decorating our sanctuary by donating a plant in memory of a loved one. Use the special envelope or go online and indicate Christmas Flower Offering on the donation page.

**Advent Angels**
Help is still needed to make others’ Christmas merry and bright! Come grab an ornament from the tree outside the church office and purchase a gift card for that individual to be placed under their tree this Christmas.

**Christmas Decorating: Help Needed!**
- **Monday, Dec. 18th, 9:15 AM** - Set up large trees in sanctuary.
- **Sunday, Dec. 24th, 12:15 PM** - Move poinsettias up into church / other decorating.

**Holy Family Academy Advent Concert**
Thursday, Dec. 21st, 2:00 PM in the church. Open to all! Pre-K through 5th grade will be performing.

**Christmas Caroling**
Friday, Dec. 22nd, 6:30 PM for teens and adults. Meet in Church circle and walk to neighborhood parishioners. Dress warmly!

**Mirandola Ensemble Advent Concert**
Friday, Dec. 22nd, 7:30 PM - Come hear Holy Family Artists-in-Residence the Mirandola Ensemble in collaboration with the Chamber Singers of Chesterton Academy. Nicholas Chalmers directs a concert of Renaissance and contemporary masterpieces. No RSVP necessary; free-will offering. Wine and cheese reception following!

**Christmas Pageant**
We need a multitude of angels and shepherds (ages 5 and up). Key roles chosen by drawing: to enter, Contact Marilyn Grutsch at 952.240.6191 or Katie Norton at 952.221.9413, before the mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, from 9 -10 AM.
The Pageant is at 4:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 24th.

**Holy Family Academy Christmas Concert**
Friday, Jan. 5th, 5:00 PM in the Church. Open to all! 6th - 8th grade will be performing.

**Tree of Life**
We support two centers that assist mothers and fathers in choosing life. You may pick an ornament from the tree in the vestibule and return it with a new unwrapped gift by Sunday, Jan. 7th.

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**Stewardship of How We Help Others - Care Fund & Special Collections**

**From the Pastor:** At every Sunday Mass, we take up two monetary collections. The first collection at the offertory supports our parish. This is where you give your “tithe” in justice towards the debt of gratitude that we owe God for all His gifts - as well as manifesting a sense of personal responsibility for the mission of the Church. The second collection after Holy Communion goes to help various worthy causes. This is “almsgiving” as it is an extra sacrifice freely made out of charity.

It is informative to see how we help those around us. The numbers given represent donations received and distributed from the beginning of our fiscal year on July 1st, 2017, through the end of November - so not quite half a year.

**Care Fund (ongoing collection; distributions as needed)**
- **Received:**
  - $14,890.65 In second collections at Masses (when there isn’t a special collection as listed in the following section)
- **Distributions:**
  - $1,750.00 Catholic Charities—food supplies when our parishioners go there to make meals for the hungry
  - $1,500.00 Two hundred winter coats for the homeless at Sharing & Caring Hands
  - $1,911.90 Underwriting lunches for students in need at HFA (we don’t participate in the federal lunch subsidy program)
  - $5,957.57 To parishioners and others for food/lodging while experiencing a financial crisis
  - $1,900.00 To local Catholic organizations engaged in evangelization
  - $454.35 Spiritual resources for homebound parishioners
- **Total Care fund distributions so far:** $13,473.82

**Special Collections (pass-through directly to beneficiaries)**
- $853.72 “Dinner at your door” (food program for the homebound)
- $9,001.70 Hurricane Harvey relief (national collection of the US bishops)
- $1,620.45 World Mission Sunday (global missionary support)
- $2,213.59 Hurricane Irma relief (national collection of the US bishops)
- $4,518.15 Little Sisters of the Poor (caring for the elderly poor in our community; also cared for Fr. Stromberg in his dying days)
- $712.83 Thanksgiving collection for S.T.E.P. (local food shelf)
- **Total Special Collections so far:** $18,920.44

**Total Care Fund plus Special Collections so far:** $32,394.26 given to directly aid those in need - your alms at work!

Please note, this does not include the significant amount of money which provides scholarships to students who otherwise couldn’t afford to attend Holy Family Academy.

**Additional occasional collections for parish organizations**
- $1,127.84 Altar & Rosary Society (caring for special needs in our sanctuary)
- $1,453.18 Respect Life committee (pro-life activities in our parish & support for local organizations)
**Here at Holy Family**

**SAVE THE DATE - CANA DINNER**
Married and engaged couples: Plan to attend our Cana Dinner on **Saturday, Feb. 3rd**! Please join us for this special evening to celebrate and refresh your marriage, right in time for St. Valentine’s Day! The evening includes the regular 5 PM Mass followed by an elegant 4-course dinner in Fr. Moorman Hall, fellowship, and speaker Fr. Kyle Kowalczyk. Stay tuned for more details!

**PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT: A TRIP TO BETHLEHEM!**
Registration has just opened for our pastor Fr. Joseph’s pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **September 30 - October 12, 2018**. Twelve grace-filled days of Scripture study and prayer! Save the dates and sign up soon as there is a limited number of places available. Total cost including airfare, all taxes, and tips: $4,629. Stop by the office for a brochure or contact Consolidated Travel for more information: tel. 404.767.2727 or email info@ctoinc.com

**SUPPORT SACRED MUSIC**
It’s always possible to make a donation to Holy Family’s Sacred Music Program with a donation! Donations can be made online - at hfcmn.org/donate - or mailed or dropped off at the Church office. New: Sacred Music CDs featuring our many ensembles make great Christmas gifts and are available from the office for $12, and will soon be available online.

**FORMED.ORG: THE BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS**
To access Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, go to www.Formed.org, and sign up using our parish code: 2QCG4F. Delve into the Advent and Christmas seasons with this little book’s inspiring and profound meditations from the writings and sermons of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Access the ePub or Kindle version of “The Blessing of Christmas” on www.FORMED.org by hovering over the “READ” tab, selecting “Nonfiction” from the dropdown menu, and choosing it from the “Discover the Catholic Faith” section.

**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 make an hour’s (or greater) commitment each week, and for information on the other times available: 612.710.5007

Currently, the times of our greatest need are:

**Thursdays: 12 - 1 PM; Saturdays: 8 - 9 PM; Sundays: 12 - 1 AM; Sundays: 10 - 11 PM**

**Holy Family Academy**

**2018-19 REGISTRATION**
Registration for Holy Family Academy for the 2018-19 school year will take place starting the week of **January 8th**. Pre-K through 8th re-enrollment for current families will be open **Jan. 8th-12th**. Each existing family will receive a link on the 8th.

**Registration for new families** will start on **January 12th**. A link will be made available on our website on that day (and sent by email to families who have specifically requested it through the school office). Pre-Kindergarten offerings will be the same as this year: Every day, M-W-F, or Tuesday and Thursday (1/2 or full day for each). There are also brochures on the website for each of our schools (Pre-K, Kindergarten, Lower and Middle, explaining our programs). Tuition and other information (after and before school care hours and rates) are also available on the website. Please spread the good news about Holy Family Academy! The next **Open House** will be on the morning of **January 12th** - Holy Mass through 12:00 - come when you can.

**2017 CORPORATE MATCHING YEAR WINDING DOWN**
It’s also approaching the end of the tax-year (and, a little bit earlier, the end of our liturgical year as Catholics). As everyone (including Grandma and Grandpa and Uncle Joe) finalizes their corporate matching opportunities, please consider having them contribute to Holy Family Academy. It’s a double the bang for your buck deal - so why not do it? Thank you!

**In and Around the Archdiocese**

**ELI BROOMTREE MEN’S RETREAT**
The 13th annual Eli Broomtree Cabin getaway will be held **January 12-14** (MLK weekend) at the Boyd Lodge Cabins in Crosslake, MN. All men are invited to a well-deserved break from daily routine. These remote cabins are on the whitefish chain of lakes. Opportunities include snowshoeing, ice fishing, and cards. Affordable! This is a weekend of fellowship and relaxation. 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.

**ST. THERESE OF DEEPHAVEN WOMEN’S RETREAT**
Please join us for the 2nd annual women’s retreat “Full of Grace: Mary, The Model of Love”. Featured speakers include Sister Elizabeth and Sister John Paul from the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, The Bronx, New York. The retreat starts **Friday, January 26th, 2018** at 5.30 PM, and continues on Saturday morning at 7.30 AM through 3.15 PM. Early bird cost of the retreat is $50 prior to January 2nd, 2018. Full cost of $60 applies if registering after January 2nd. Find up-to-date retreat and registration information online at www.st-therese.org.

**Bulletin Submissions**
If you have a parish-related or archdiocesan event or announcement you would like to include in our bulletin, on Flocknote or pulpit announcement, please submit in writing to communications@hfcmn.org by the following deadline: December 21st for the December 31st bulletin.
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**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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**Adoration Chapel Hours for Christmas & New Year**

Closed Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 5 PM - Tuesday, Dec. 26th, after the 8 AM Mass.
Closed Saturday, Dec. 30th, 5 PM - Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, after the 8 AM Mass.

**Parish Office Closures**

Parish Offices will be closed on:
Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th,
Monday, January 1st, and Tuesday, January 2nd.