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

Prelude to Mass (5:00)
Come thou long expected Jesus  
W. Walker

Introit (9:00)
Gregorian chant, mode VIII
Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus in te confido, non erubesce: 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
179 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Collegeville Hymnal  
VENI, VENI, 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, 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Lumen Christi Missal - Page 4
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
R. Rice

Second Reading
I Corinthians 1:3-9
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor, then all; thereafter: all

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

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And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:


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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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, 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 CHANT (9:00)

Gregorian chant, mode II

Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te expectant, 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

OFFERTORY MOTETS

5:00 Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal F. R. Warren, arr. A. Parker

9:00 Dear Maker of the Starry Skies Chant, mode IV

11:00 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending T. Arne, arr. R. Vaughan Williams

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Celeb rant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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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

MISTERY OF FAITH

GREAT AMEN

SIGN OF PEACE

Celeb rant: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟

And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI

Mass Setting I - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 843

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Gregorian chant, mode I

Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum. The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit. Ps 85:13

COMMUNION MOTETS

5:00 O Come, O Come Emmanuel 15th c. French

Lamb of God F. Melius Christiansen

9:00 My Song is Love Unknown J. Ireland

11:00 Ad te Domine levavi G. P. da Palestrina

Please see Introit (p. 1) for translation.
The Care Fund meets the emergency needs of Holy Family parishioners and the wider community.

**Today at Holy Family**

Stop by **Sugar Plum Days** downstairs in Fr. Moorman Hall between 9 AM and 1 PM **today, Sunday, Dec. 3**! Enjoy good food and friends as you **Shop** for Advent, St. Nicholas Day and Christmas goodies! All proceeds will benefit our altar and sacristy needs.

**Great Food**

Come on Saturday and Sunday to visit with old and new friends! We will have chili, hotdogs, and our famous cinnamon rolls for sale.

**Raffle Baskets—Buy Chances to win**

Tickets on sale this weekend at the back of the Church!

- **“Gourmet Food Basket”**
- **“Red Wine Basket”**
- **“White Wine Basket”**
- **“Cheer Basket”**

The drawing will take place at 1:00 PM.

**Fleece Blankets**

Buy a fleece blanket for yourself, as a gift, or to donate to charity. Come early for the best selection!

**Cookies by the Pound/Baked Goods/Candies**

Buy cookies you love but don't have time to bake. We also have a candy corner and a baked goods table for other delicacies that aren't cookies.

**Dollar Store and Gift Gallery**

Come and shop the **new and gently used** gift areas—there is something for everyone!

**GRILL THE PRIEST**

**Today, Sunday, December 3rd**, in the cozy setting of the Nazareth House, spend 3-4 PM “grilling” our pastor Fr. Joseph Johnson with all your questions on the Catholic Faith! Following the session, join Fr. Joseph for 4 PM sung vespers in church. Open to all those in their 20s and 30s.

**FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY**

Donations will go to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP) which strengthens our community by responding to the basic emergency needs of individuals and families in St. Louis Park. Non-perishable items will be collected in the entryways of church before and after all Masses this weekend. Thank you!

**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 7th** for the December 17th bulletin.

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**HOLY FAMILY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 3:**

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass
- 3:00 PM Young Adults - Grill the Priest
- 5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede

**Monday, December 4:**

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Exercise Class
- 3:00 PM Widows and Widowers Holy Hour
- 5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede
- 7:00 PM Natural Family Planning
- 7:00 PM Respect Life Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5:**

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Weekly Scripture Study
- 10:30 AM Goodtimers 500 Club
- 5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede
- 7:00 PM Young Adults Meeting
- 7:00 PM Neocatechumenal Way

**Wednesday, December 6:**

- 8:00 AM Mass
- After Mass Coffee & Rolls
- 9:00 AM Children’s Eucharistic Adoration
- 3:30 PM Youth Choir
- 5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede
- 6:30 PM Religious Education
- 6:30 PM Confirmation
- 6:30 PM Teen Faith Formation

**Thursday, December 7:**

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Exercise Class
- 1:00 PM Merciful Love Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass: Immaculate Conception

**Friday, December 8:**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:45 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
- 7:00 PM Mass
- 8:00 PM Youth Group: Games

**Saturday, December 9:**

- 4:45 PM Neocatechumenal Way
- 5:00 PM Mass
- 6:15 PM Friendship Club Meeting
- 7:00 PM Spotlight Theater: Pride and Prejudice

**Sunday, December 10:**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass
- After Mass Reception for Deacon Jim Reinhardt
- 3:00 PM Priests Discernment Group
- 2:00 PM Spotlight Theater: Pride and Prejudice
- 5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede

Please see page 1 for the schedule of Confessions.
**Mass Intentions**

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**Intercessions**

*Please pray for:*
- **Walter Ohrbom**: Juliana Irene Skoug
- **† John Doran** (Son of Dennis & Patti Doran)
- **† Kristin Klobe**
- **† Kenneth LaChance**
- **† Linus Thell** (Husband of Mary Jane Thell)

Submit Prayer requests online! 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 on Flocknote for “Prayer Partners” 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 November 18-19, 2017**

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- For the Care Fund: $959.63

**Contributions for November 25-26, 2017**

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**Second Collection:**
- For the Care Fund: $1,227.71

Next week’s Second Collection will benefit the Care Fund.

Thank you for your generosity!

**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 4 days. Visit www.thevenerablebede.org for more information.

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- Mark McCarthy: Knights of Columbus GrandKnight@KofC3949.org
- Mary Anne von Dohlen: 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

**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!
Please click the link on our home page, www.hfcmn.org, to “like” the Holy Family Facebook page and get updates on parish life, Catholic topics around the archdiocese, and upcoming parish events!
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass: Thursday, December 7th, 5 PM
Masses: Friday, December 8th, 8 AM & 7 PM.
We ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title by which we honor her as patroness of our nation. God has many graces in store for each one of us!

ADVENT QUIET DAY
You are invited to a day of recollection and silent retreat this Saturday, Dec. 9th, hosted by the Church of St Bede. Take time to ponder the mystery of the Incarnation, examine your conscience and be drawn ever closer to the author of creation.

DIACONATE ORDINATION AND RECEPTION
Jim Reinhardt, a parishioner of Holy Family for 10 years, is responding to a call to serve as deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. His ordination Mass is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9th at 10 AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

YOU’RE INVITED: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA
On the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10th, you are invited to a parish fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

11 AM: Mass - Blessing of the Bambinelli will take place during this Mass - blessings for the Baby Jesus figures to be placed in nativity scenes at home on Christmas Eve (bring yours!)

12:15 PM: Free-will offering Mexican Fiesta Luncheon (in Fr. Moorman Hall, the lower level of the Church). If you plan to come to the luncheon, please RSVP to the Parish Office (952.929.0113) by noon on Tuesday, December 5th.

1:00 PM: Family activities in Fr. Moorman Hall following lunch

ADVENT 2017: ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE
During Advent, in addition to our normal confession times (see p. 1), we will offer a special Parish Advent Confession Night on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM with more priests available to hear confessions. Please take advantage of these opportunities to prepare yourself for Christmas!

“MEN OF GOD” SERIES
All men of the parish are invited to a Friday evening meal once a month with a reflection on how to grow in faith, enrich family life, and provide Christian witness in the world. Form friendships with other parishioners as we support one another in discipleship! Our pastor Father Joseph Johnson will give the first talk, “How to celebrate Christmas as a Christian,” on December 15th starting with dinner at 7 PM in Father Moorman Hall. Free for everyone, but donations are gladly accepted to cover the meal costs. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their sponsorship!

ADVENT CONCERTS AT HOLY FAMILY
- Rose Ensemble: Back by popular demand! Sun., Dec. 17th 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-premiere recording of this incredible music. Tickets are $38, $28 and $15, at RoseEnsemble.org.
- Mirandola Ensemble, Holy Family Artists-in-Residence: Fri., Dec. 22nd, 7:30 PM - In collaboration with the Chamber Singers of Chesterton Academy, this delightful Advent concert will showcase the works of Renaissance titans as well as early American music and 20th century composers. Artistic Director Nicholas Chalmers, so well known to Holy Family, leads both ensembles as they guide us through the rich repertory of the season. There will be a free-will offering at the concert followed by a wine and cheese reception for all.

ADVENT ANGELS
We have a number of parishioners who are not able to afford to buy Christmas gifts for their families. If you would like to help them in this season of giving and become an Advent Angel, read on!
- New this year: you can purchase for a single person or commit to an entire family
- To participate, you may pick angels on display during Sugar Plum Days near the Fleece Blankets, or respond to adventangels@hfcmn.org.
- If you have questions, email adventangels@hfcmn.org.
- If you find yourself in need of assistance this season, contact Deacon Jim at deaconjim.meyer@hfcmn.org.

Thank you for your generosity!
**PHOTO DIRECTORY: REMINDERS**

A special thank you to everyone who had photos taken for Holy Family’s Photo Directory! A reminder that for anyone who did not have their complimentary 8x10 portrait mailed to them, it can be picked up in the Church office.

**Attention all military, active and retired:** If you would like to be recognized in the Military Section of the directory, please contact Moe Aschenbeck with your military branch information at 612.205.1136 or maschenbeck12@gmail.com before Monday, December 4th.

**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.

**POINSETTIAS!**

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. 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 weekend or indicate online on the donation page. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

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 **Monday, December 18th**, we will put up all the trees, large and small! Many hands are needed to shape the trees and put lights on them (men, you are particularly needed)! Please meet in Fr. Moorman Hall after 8 AM Mass (adults only please, due to the nature of the work.) After coffee and a donut, you will be given instructions, and we will begin at approximately 9:15 AM.

On **Sunday, December 24th**, help is needed to finish the remaining decorating: the wreaths, banners, poinsettias, and Nativity figures. Work will begin in Church at 9 AM and must be completed by 3:30 PM. Thank you for your time and assistance!

**FORMED.ORG: A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT**

To access Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, go to www.Formed.org, and sign up using our parish code: 2QCG4F. As Advent begins, we reflect on Christ’s birth, and expectantly await His return. In this enlightening audio recording, renowned speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron presents a series of homilies that correspond to each of the Sundays of Advent in 2017. Access “A Journey Through Advent” on www.FORMED.org by hovering over the “LISTEN” tab, selecting “Talks” from the dropdown menu, and choosing it from the “Advent & Christmas” section.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- The school’s Pre-K through 5th grade will host an Advent Concert on Thursday, December 21st, 2 PM in the Church.
- The 6th - 8th graders will treat you to a Christmas Concert on Friday, January 5th, 5 PM in the Church.
- Word of mouth is Holy Family Academy’s strongest advertisement! Spread the word: The next Open House will be on the morning of Friday, January 12th, right after Mass through 12:00 - come when you can.

**Registration for Returning Families** opens January 8th and **for New Families** on Jan. 12th - Contact Mary Finken (952.999.4803) if you would like a reminder on your day!

**ADVENT PROJECT: BABIES IN BETHLEHEM**

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!

**NET NIGHT FOR TEENS AT HOLY FAMILY**

All high school students are welcome! Need a spiritual shot in the arm? Need a break from homework pressures and high school drama? This is for you! On **Tuesday, Dec. 12th** from 4:00 - 7:30 PM, come to Moorman Hall for some fun, skits, talks, pizza, small groups, time for prayer and Confession. Bring a friend! RSVP to Elizabeth.Brown@hfcmn.org or visit hfcmn.org/teens-events.

**WORKS OF MERCY AND JOY: CAROLING**

All teens are welcome to join in caroling to local parishioners on **Friday, December 22nd**. We will begin at 6:30 in the evening; more details will be forthcoming!

**KNIGHTS MEETING: AN HOUR EARLIER!**

The next Knight's business meeting is on **Friday, December 15th**, at 5:45 PM in the Fr. Wilkins Room. The rosary will follow at 6:30 PM in the church. Please stick around for the “Men of God” event at 7:00 PM.
**Holy Family Greeters**

We are all called to be Christ’s disciples -- committed followers of Christ who are working with Him to bring about the Kingdom of God! One of the more accessible ways to step into this call is by being a Greeter. Holy Family Greeters are trained parishioners that, along with the Ushers, warmly welcome other parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. We want everyone feel welcome, included and at home at Holy Family. Please consider joining us! Choose your level of commitment – greet only when you are able. Families with children are strongly encouraged to work as a team!

**Vocations**

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD DISCERN THE PRIESTHOOD?**

This discernment group is open to young men who have received the sacrament of Confirmation (sophomores and older). Please share this information to spread the word!

**Taking place next and most Sundays!**

- **3 - 4 PM:** Discussion of the spiritual life, priesthood, and discernment led by Father Joseph Johnson.
- **4 - 4:30 PM:** Sung Vespers

The Holy Spirit is the only one who "recruits" a young man for the priesthood! These gatherings are simply a way to learn more about growth in holiness and how to ask the question in prayer to see if God is calling you. It's an informal format driven by questions and answers rather than a defined topic each week. If you are interested in attending, please email Father Joseph at frjj@hfcmn.org with any questions, as well as your basic information (name, age, school, grade, email, and phone number). A group email will be sent out with details and also in the event of any cancellations.

**ARCHBISHOP’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

Young adults, high school seniors and up, are invited to a retreat, December 29th - 31st, with talks by Archbishop Bernard Hebd. In addition to the talks given by the Archbishop, there will be times of prayer, an opportunity for confession, times of recreation, being a Greeter. Holy Family Greeters are trained parishioners that, along with the Ushers, warmly welcome other parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. We want everyone feel welcome, included and at home at Holy Family. Please consider joining us! Choose your level of commitment – greet only when you are able. Families with children are strongly encouraged to work as a team!

**UPDATE FROM OUR NET MINISTRIES PARISHIONERS**

We are delighted to share with you the work we’ve been doing with NET Ministries. Along with 175 other young men and women, we are spending this year leading youth retreats across the USA. By May, the sixteen NET teams will have shared the Gospel with over 100,000 young people.

Therese Brown is serving this year with a parish team in Ft. Pierce, FL. Molly Laxen is serving with a traveling retreat team all over the Midwest and West Coast. Sophia Horinek is serving with a regional team in Cincinnati.

We will be back over Christmas break and look forward to sharing some highlights from the first half of the year! As missionaries, we were each asked to raise a minimum of $6,000 to offset some of the costs of our training, travel and health insurance. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we have all achieved our minimum obligation! However, each of our teams still have missionaries who are struggling to reach their individual goals. Can you help our teammates in this great mission of evangelization?

Please send your tax-deductible gifts to: NET Ministries, 110 Crusader Avenue, West Saint Paul, MN 55118. Please make checks payable to NET Ministries and indicate that the donation is for NET Teams 3, 7, and 15.

We are very grateful for the support we’ve received from Holy Family. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and know that you remain in ours.

Sincerely,

Therese Brown
Molly Laxen
Sophia Horinek

**LUNCHEON FOR HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL**

Everyone is invited to a luncheon on Saturday, December 9th, hosted by the Order of Malta, to benefit The Holy Family Hospital. The luncheon features Ambassador Michele B. Bowe, president of the foundation. Go to the following website for more information on the archdiocesan event:

https://birthplaceofhope.org/minnesota-luncheon/