February 12th, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Holy Family Church. We have a handicap accessible restroom to the left of the Sanctuary, by the elevator, and downstairs accessed from the Narthex. Please silence all cell phones.

PRELUDE (11:00)
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Anon. 15th c. English

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 Dominus 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. Ps. 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
Lift High the Cross
542 Collegeville Hymnal

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

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
Lumen Christi Missal - Page 378

FIRST READING
Sirach 15:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Cantor, then all; thereafter: all
Lumen Christi Missal

SECOND READING
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lumen Christi Missal

Cantor, then all; thereafter: all

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

℟: And with your spirit.

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

℟: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:


℟: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

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, 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

℟: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (5:00)

Collegeville Hymnal

613 The Church of Christ in Every Age

OFFERTORY MOTET

9:00 Laudate nomen Domini

C. Tye
Praise the name of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord; from the rising of the sun until the same setting. The decrees of the Lord are just, and [their] heart is glad: Praise the Lord ye princes and all ye people.

 Cf. Ps 113:1-3

11:00 Panis angelicus

C. Franck
The Bread of the Angels is made bread for mankind; Gifted bread of Heaven of all imaginings the end; Oh, thing miraculous! This body of God will nourish the poor, the servile, and the humble. Thee Triune God, we beseech; Do us Thou visit, just as Thee we worship. By Thy ways, lead us where we are heading, to the light Thou dwellest in. Amen. St. T. Aquinas

OFFERTORY CHANT (9:00)

Gregorian chant, mode III

Benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: in labiis 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

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

AGNUS DEI

Mass Setting II - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 845
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 saturati 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 MOTETS

9:00 O radiant light
Gregorian chant

O Love of God
C. H. H. Parry

11:00 O Salutaris Hostia
C. Saint-Saëns

O saving Victim, open wide the gate of heaven to man below; our foes press on from every side; thine aid supply; thy strength bestow. All praise and thanks to thee ascend for evermore, blest One in Three; O grant us life that shall not end in our true native land with thee. St. T. Aquinas

11:00 O Saving Victim
Z. Wadsworth

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

CLOSING HYMN
Collegeville Hymnal

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIademata

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

HOLY FAMILY CALENDAR

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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 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 AM**
**Thursdays: 2 - 3 AM**
**INTERCESSIONS**
Please pray for those of our community who are ill, have loved ones who are ill, have suffered the loss of a loved one, or who have died.

- Tom Backman
- Joshua Berry
- Becky Cashin, daughter of Kathy Cashin
- Mary Chalmers, mother of Nicholas Chalmers
- Patricia Cronick
- John Deneen
- John Paul Donahue
- Tom Dupont
- Sheila Ewer
- Ag Feterer
- John Flesher
- Nancy Gehl, mother of Warren Gehl
- Angela Kearby
- Ralph Koenig
- Bob Lanie
- Connie Looft
- Elsie Ludford, mother of Louise Ludford
- Barbara Memelo
- Floyd Nerheim
- Victor Novak, son of Florence Novak
- Lillian Ritter, mother of Ann Longtin
- Amy Rubins
- Marcella Samuelson
- Eileen Schaefer, mother of Donna Jacobs
- Bob Schoenecker
- Judy Sicora
- Father James Stromberg
- Linda Wandrei
- Bill Wertzler
- Jim Williams

**SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Contributions for February 4-5, 2017**

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**Second Collection**

- The Care Fund: $1,092.25

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

Thank you for your generosity!

The people rejoiced over these free-will offerings, for they had been contributed to the LORD wholeheartedly.

*I Chronicles 29:9*

**DIRECTORY**

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**Liturgy and Pastoral Staff**

- Deacon Jim Meyer: Sacramental Preparation, 952.999.4881
- Sharon Pero: Liturgy & Pastoral Ministry, 952.999.4890
- Scott Turkington: Director of Sacred Music, 952.999.4887
- Nicholas Chalmers: Assoc. Director of Sacred Music, 952.999.4892

**Faith Formation Staff**

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

**Apostolates**

- Lee Flesher: Pastoral Council, pc@hfcmn.org
- Mike Zwack: Perpetual Adoration, 612.710.5007
- Linda Wandrei: Altar & Rosary Society, 952.926.8087
- Ryan Skoug: Knights of Columbus, GrandKnight@KofC3949.org
- Dawn Klassen: Home Educators, jdklassen@usfamily.net

**Natural Family Planning**

- Lorena Dillon: Billings Ovulation Method, 612.396.4019
- 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

**TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE**

This Sunday, the Chalice can be picked up by the *Timothy & Lynn Heeren Family* after 9 AM Mass.

For information on the Traveling Vocation Chalice, please contact Phyllis Galarneault at thegconnec@aol.com or at 612.702.3735 (call or text). Thank you!
Pester the Pastor This Wednesday!
All are welcome! This Wednesday, February 15th, following the 8 AM Mass, Father Joseph will host “Pester the Pastor” during the normal Wednesday Donuts. Pester the Pastor is a great opportunity to ask all your faith-based questions while eating a fun breakfast! Make sure to save these dates for upcoming Pester the Pastor Wednesday Donuts: March 8th and May 17th. Deacon Jim Meyer will also lead a “Drill the Deacon” session in April, date to be announced!

Spiritual Bouquet for Pope Francis
The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is Wednesday, February 22nd. This feast day honors the authority of the papacy, first given to St. Peter by Christ. In support of our current Holy Father, we will collect a spiritual bouquet to be sent to him. If you have any prayers (rosaries, holy hours, Masses, Hail Marys, etc.) you plan to offer on Pope Francis’ behalf, please let us know by contacting Holy Family’s office at staff@hfcmn.org or calling 952.929.0113 by February 16th.

Fatima Pilgrimage Informational Meeting
For all prospective pilgrims: Sunday, February 19th, following the 11 AM Mass, there will be an informational meeting in the Fr. Wilkins Room; Fr. Joseph will provide more details and answer questions about the upcoming Fatima Centennial and Shrines of Spain Pilgrimage, Sept. 30th - Oct. 13th, 2017.

Mother’s Morning of Renewal
All mothers: Please join us for a morning of faith and friendship on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 8:30 AM - 1 PM at Holy Family. This event will give you a chance to be refreshed and cured of “cabin fever.” We will begin with the Rosary, confession, and the highest form of prayer, the Holy Mass, followed by a delicious (and well-deserved) brunch in Fr. Moorman Hall. We will also be inspired by the wisdom of our speaker, parishioner Dr. Nancy Miller. Join us as we renew our spirits and lift our hearts to God! Please see www.hfcmn.org for more details and to register!

Father Stromberg’s 60th Anniversary
After the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, February 26th, we will be having a celebration to honor Fr. Stromberg’s 60th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Father has asked that the celebration be a simple one, and we will do our best to honor that request. A small luncheon celebration will take place on the 26th and all parish members are welcome. We really ask to make this a special day for him; and as a token of our appreciation and affection we would like to present him with a parish scrapbook of memories. For your convenience we will provide materials so that you will have a chance to include a picture, write a story, a letter, or if you have small children, even hand drawings are all ways you to express your thanks and gratitude for Father’s vocation. Plastic sleeves will be available at the back of the church for you to use. Please make sure that you: do not fold the paper or sleeve, and please return them to the church no later than Friday, February 17th, so that we can compile them in a book to be presented to Father Stromberg on the 26th. Thank you!

The Seven Sisters Apostolate

25th Anniversary of our Adoration Chapel
Holy Family is proud to announce that March 8th is the 25th Anniversary of our Adoration Chapel! All are welcome to celebrate with us:
• On Wednesday, March 8th, following the 8 AM Mass: we will pray the Litany of the Eucharist and have Benediction. A “Pester the Pastor” edition of Wednesday Donuts will follow.
• On Sunday, March 12th, following both morning Masses, a display detailing the history of the chapel will be available for viewing, and cake and donuts will be served. At the same time, check out other displays made by the students of Holy Family Home Educators during their St. Bridget’s Project Fair!

Save the Date: Annual Spring Dinner
Please plan to attend Holy Family’s Annual Dinner: Springtime in Paris on Saturday, April 22nd!
This fun event is one of the main fundraisers for our church and allows us to keep our facilities running on a daily basis. If you are able to help fill coordinator positions, sponsor an event, or donate to the live auction, please contact Ashley Hughes at 952.926.2103.

Formed.org: Learn More About Married Love
To access Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, go to www.Formed.org, and sign up using our parish code: 2QCG4F.
During February, check out a new six-part video series: BELOVED: The Meaning & Mystery of Marriage. Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, Beloved speaks to the very heart of every husband and wife, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life. Find it on www.Formed.org under PROGRAMS in the Sacramental Preparation section.

Congratulations to Parishioner Emma Arachtegi
Emma, a soprano, debuted this weekend in Project Opera’s performances of The Nightingale, based on a classic fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Project Opera is an important component of MN Opera’s award-winning education department.
Good work, Emma!

FORMED.ORG: LEARN MORE ABOUT MARRIED LOVE
**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY**

**THIS FRIDAY: OPEN KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM & RECITATION PRESENTATION**

*Are you or loved ones future Kindergarten parents?* Come to our Open Kindergarten Classroom / Recitation Presentation on **this Friday, February 17th** from 9:00-10:00. Enjoy watching our Kindergarten perform one of the key components of classical education: the recitation period. There will be an opportunity to meet with Jim Grogan and Mrs. Ann Wesley toward the latter part of the hour. RSVP to jgrogan@hfamn.org where possible. Walk-ins welcome!

**SUPPORT HFA: SCHWAN’S CARES FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to those who are working diligently to get to our required fundraising level! We have the opportunity to raise funds through Schwan's Cares, a fundraising campaign that brings back a percentage of all gift and food sales to Holy Family Academy! You, or someone you know, may purchase food from Schwan’s anyway! Please consider buying on behalf of HFA!

2. Click *Shop to Give*

Buy a gift card, or order whatever food items you’d like delivered to your front door! Thank you! -Principal Grogan

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**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS: FLOCKNOTE**

**WE RESPECT YOUR TIME!**

We’ve received feedback that our weekly Flocknote message is hard to read due to length. So, we’ve added an “In this issue” table of contents at the top of the message so you can see at a glance what contents interest you, saving you valuable time!

**How to join Flocknote:**

1. Visit [www.flocknote.com/HFC](http://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!

**PRAY FOR EACH OTHER IN 2017!**

Our parish has had a lot of changes lately: several births, deaths, visit and meal requests, health concerns, and other intentions. To be notified with these prayer requests, please sign up for the group “Prayer Partners” on Flocknote (see instructions above)! If you have an intention to share, please send it to prayer@hfcmn.org. If you send a prayer request on behalf of someone else, please first verify with that person that it is acceptable to share their intention with the parish.

**HOLY FAMILY’S 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!

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**IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**WOMEN’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP COZZENS**

**Saturday, February 18th, 8 AM – 4 PM**

Nativity of Mary, Bloomington. Join us to gain a deeper understanding of consecrated life! Bishop Andrew Cozzens will celebrate Mass and give a talk. The retreat day will include consecrated women sharing their vocation stories, along with many opportunities to chat and ask questions. Discover the steps of discernment, learn more about yourself, and listen to God speak to your heart. Lunch will be provided. There is no retreat fee, but a free – will donation is welcome to cover the cost of lunch.

*Register online by February 15th at www.10000vocations.org/events.*

**WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS AGAPE DINNER**

All widows and widowers are welcome to the third annual Widow/Widower Agape Dinner on **Saturday, February 18th** at the Church of St. Peter in Forest Lake. Attendees can register and pay the event fee ($10 a person) at the door 9:30 AM. The event will then begin with Mass at 10 AM followed by a talk, "How to Deal With Loneliness as a Widow/Widower", by Fr. Don DeGrood. An Agape Dinner (communal meal) will then be served. Please RSVP and direct any questions to Deacon Terry Moravec (651.295.4444 or moravecsr@yahoo.com).

**SAVE THE DATE: CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

All women are invited to a Catholic Women’s Conference “Small Things, Great Love: It’s What We Do,” sponsored by WINE (Women in the New Evangelization) on **Saturday, February 25th** from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. The event, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville, will feature inspirational talks, music, lunch, prayer, shopping, confession, chocolate, and more! For more information and to register, visit CatholicVineyard.com (under EVENTS).

**OPERATION ANDREW DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 9th, 6 - 8 PM**

This dinner is hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, for men ages 16 - 50 who have a genuine interest in the priesthood or religious life.

Plan to attend with your pastor, a religious brother, or youth director. *Register by March 6th* at 10000vocations.org/events.

“The Lord continues to call by name, just as He once called the Apostles on the shores of the Sea of Galilee to become ‘fishers of men,’ that is, His closest collaborators in the proclamation of the Gospel and the service of the Kingdom of God in our time.”

Pope Benedict XVI

**SILENT RETREATS FOR WOMEN**

Silent retreats for women based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius will be preached by priests from the Miles Christi Religious Order on the weekends of **March 10th - 12th, 2017**, and **June 2nd - 4th, 2017**, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. For more information and to register, please contact Karen Hastreiter at minnesota@spiritualexercises.net or 651.451.1132.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

If you have a parish-related or archdiocesan event or announcement you'd like included in the Holy Family weekend bulletin, please submit the item to andrew@hfcmn.org at least two weeks in advance. Thank you!
**God is in the Details**

To appreciate a piece of art is to see a collection of details that comes together in harmony. Sometimes, if you change just one detail, then the whole artwork’s quality is diminished. Think of a painting where your eyes tell you that the shade of blue just isn’t right; it jars you instead of bringing a peaceful feeling. Or perhaps you’ve seen a statue of a person where everything is perfectly accurate, except for one skewed anatomical detail; it leaves you disappointed.

True masterpieces reward the careful observer on several levels. The integrity of the whole work is admirable and results in an overall impression of beauty in one’s mind. Delving into the details prompts wonder at how the smallest aspects are crafted to contribute to the whole. Sometimes the details are works of art in themselves—such as the rich embroidery in the Madonna’s dress, the shimmering light of an angel’s wings, or the intricate delicacy of a flower in the background. It takes more than a cursory glance to discover these little treasures.

Sacred art and architecture place a high value on using details to convey an important message: the sanctity of the place being decorated or the subject being depicted. This value is characteristic of the Gothic style in particular. The roof of the Cathedral of Milan is a veritable forest of carved pinnacles despite the fact that when they were created no one was allowed to climb up there to admire them! (Now they charge admission and you can see them up close!) In future Faith & Art columns, I will begin to draw your attention to various details of art and architecture in our church.

I start today with three simple medallions. They were carved just last year as part of the decoration of the simple “choir screen” which outlines the front part of the sanctuary and sets it apart from the side aisles. Holy Family is unique in possessing choir stalls with screens in the front of the sanctuary. This was a common feature of English monastic and cathedral churches. It provided the place for the monks or canons to chant the psalms antiphonally (i.e. side to side) as part of the Liturgy of the Hours—thus the designation “choir” for that part of a church’s layout despite the singers being situated upstairs in the loft or gallery!

Each choir screen’s exterior possesses five medallions facing the side doors. They are arranged in a repeating pattern of A-B-C-B-A reflecting the importance of symmetry in sacred art. The Cross is in the middle. It is flanked by English (Tudor) rosettes on both sides. The pattern begins and ends with a French fleur-de-lys.

How can one interpret the symbolism of these details? The fleur-de-lys is the symbol of the French royal dynasty of St. Louis—patron of our city. The Tudor rosette is a nod to our English Gothic style of architecture. The Cross is a particular form of cross taken from the Crusades—reminding us that St. Louis was a crusader.

That said, we could also give the same pattern a Marian interpretation. As a stylized form of lily, the fleur-de-lys is often used as a symbol for the Blessed Virgin’s purity. The rose represents her love. The Cross of Her Son shows us where she waited in Faith for the Resurrection and the fulfillment of the Messianic promise made to her at the Annunciation.

We can just as easily give the pattern a Christological interpretation. The Cross represents the self-gift of the Savior. Roses have thorns and the head of Jesus was crowned with thorns in humility. The fleur-de-lys can also stand as a symbol of the Resurrection, as flowers spring up after the dead of winter has passed.

Or we could interpret this pattern in a way that connects us to the name of our parish. The fleur-de-lys symbolizes St. Joseph, whose staff, as legend has it, flowered as the sign that he was the one chosen by God from among Mary’s suitors. The rose signifies Mary, who has the title “Mystical Rose” in the Litany of Loreto. The Cross obviously represents Jesus. And there you have it: the Holy Family!

-Fr. Joseph