December 1st, 2019
First Sunday in Advent

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
- Matthew 24:44

TODAY AT HOLY FAMILY

Food Drive Weekend
Please help feed those in our community who do not have enough to eat by placing donated non-perishable food items in the collection bins. The bins are located in the entryway of the church by the Adoration Chapel, the first weekend of the month. Donations go to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP).

Young Adult Sunday Gospel Discussion
The Young Adult Gospel Discussion will meet today following the 9 AM Mass in the Nazareth House, 3144 Zarthan Avenue. No preparation or RSVP is required for this casual discussion. Please contact Mary Fink with any questions at 763.307.3947 or email mary.stlucy@gmail.com.

Handel's Messiah Concert at 3 PM
The Golden Valley Orchestra and all musical forces of Holy Family, with guests, will present a special concert of Handel's Messiah (Advent & Christmas portion) this afternoon for the benefit of our parish and the local community. Don't miss it! General Admission: $10, VIP Seating: $20. Refreshments to follow. For more information and to purchase tickets online visit gvomusic.org, otherwise tickets available at all the doors.

Theology à la Carte
Youth group activities are open to all current 8-12 graders with a welcome to recent Youth Group alumni. We will meet in the Nazareth House on today, Dec. 1st from 6-8 PM for pizza, snacks, night prayer, etc.
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PASTOR’S COLUMN

Advent is a Time of Preparation

The liturgy and teaching of the Church couldn’t make it any clearer, that Advent is a time of preparation. However, it is also clear that most Christians jump right past the preparations into celebration.

It is a truly wonderful thing that the celebration of the Savior’s birth still prompts our secular society to go crazy with festive lights, music, food, gifts, and parties for six weeks or more. However, the poor Babe in the manger usually gets lost in the hubbub. As the familiar Christmas carol proclaims: “let every heart prepare Him room!” How are we preparing?

We actually do quite a bit of preparation with all the baking, shopping, and writing of cards to loved ones. How can we engage in the more important task of prayerfully preparing our hearts? That takes time—which is why we need a whole season of preparation not suffocated by constant celebration!

The quiet and delicate light of the Advent wreath reminds us to slow down and focus on how each of us needs to let the light of Jesus Christ penetrate more fully into our hearts. What does this great mystery of the Incarnation mean to me? How can I respond to the Savior’s presence with a heart more full of love for God and neighbor?

Father Joseph

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Grateful Hearts – Forward in Faith

Keep praying as we enter into the city approval process for our new facility! If you didn’t get a chance to see the plans at our recent Town Hall meeting, look for a display about the proposed addition in Fr. Moorman Hall sometime soon.

We continue to get closer to our stretch goal of $5 million. We need to close the gap so that we can achieve our remaining goals of upgrading our HVAC system in church and renovating the convent for the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus who will begin serving in our parish next summer.

Thank you for your prayers and financial commitment to this effort! God is never outdone in generosity—you will be amply blessed for your sacrifices!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.”

-Pope Benedict XVI

STAY CONNECTED

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

JOIN FLOCKNOTE:
1. Visit www.flocknote.com/HFC- or -Text HFCMN to 84576
2. Fill in your information and join those groups that pertain to you. Please be sure to join the group representing your regional neighborhood.
3. You can log in anytime to change what groups you follow!

FOLLOW US 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 www.hfamn.org.
FROM PARISH OFFICE

Please submit written bulletin content to carrie.havlicek@hfcmn.org by December 5th for the December 15th bulletin.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS—SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH
The rosary will be at 7:30 AM with Mass at 8AM followed by Sung Morning Prayer. To sign up to serve or lector at any First Saturday Mass, please go to www.hfcmn.org/liturgical-ministries.

HELP THE HANDMAIDS MAKE A HOME!
FRIDAY, DEC 6  3PM—8PM
SATURDAY, DEC 7  8AM—1PM
We are so happy to have sisters from the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus join us in the summer 2020!
They need assistance to renovate the St. Gabriel's convent. No experience necessary. Projects include: painting, removing radiators, demolishing door frames, repairing walls, cleaning, helping serve the potlucks, etc.
You may bring your own painting supplies and tools or use what they have for these projects. They have a lot of work to do and would love to meet you and have you be part of this incredible renovation!
Sign-up at www.hfcmn.org/news/home-handmaids or just show up. Please bring a potluck item to share, for you may enjoy a meal together as well.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE DIACONATE ORDINATION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 10 AM
AT THE ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL
Please keep parishioners Eric Evander, Bill Schroeder and their classmates, in your prayers as they prepare for ordination to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP
One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God. If everything seems to come simply by signing checks, you may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God. ~ C. S. Lewis

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 23-24, 2019
The collection numbers were not available at the time of the printing of this bulletin.

Next week’s Second Collection will benefit: The Care Fund which meets the emergency needs of Holy Family parishioners and the wider community.
Even when the second collection goes to another organization, please fill out all checks to “Holy Family Catholic Church” with the name of the second collection on the memo line; the church then is able to write one check to the organization.

Thank you for your generosity!

PASTOR’S PICKS
From a bookish priest, some recommended reading:

“The Day is Now Far Spent”
by Robert Cardinal Sarah
Cardinal Sarah is one of the most insightful and articulate churchmen of today. In a profoundly prayerful way, he addresses the troubling situation the Church currently faces with faith and hope. He is both practical and mystical! A must-read for those looking for a spiritual lens to interpret what’s going with various confusing things at the Vatican as well as the wider crisis in the Church.

Eric & Diane Evander
Bill & Jackie Schroeder

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
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**Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

Advent will begin this weekend. At the 5 PM mass on Saturday, November 30th, we bless the church Advent wreath. Follow instructions below on blessing your personal Advent wreath. Visit www.hfcmn.org/news/advent-2019 to learn about the many opportunities to enter into this holy season of preparation.

**Blessing of an Advent Wreath**

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

*All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:*
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response (R/.)** Who made heaven and earth.

*Then the scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

*With hands joined, the leader says:*
Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/.** Amen.

*The blessing may conclude with a verse from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev’ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

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ADVENT AT HOLY FAMILY

Join in the many opportunities to prepare your heart and share joy this Advent season at www.hfcmn.org/news/advent-2019.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK—WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4TH
Please join us on immediately after the 8 AM Mass, as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The first graces of this Sacrament are of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. The assistance from the Lord, by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the person to healing of the soul, and also of the body, if such is God’s will.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—MONDAY, DEC. 9TH
8 AM & 5 PM Masses
We ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title by which we honor her as patroness of our nation. Like with Mary, God desires to give us many graces! Because Dec. 8th falls on a Sunday, this year, the solemnity is not obligatory.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA—SUNDAY, DEC. 15TH
You are invited to traditional festivities in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe! (feast day: Dec. 12th)
11 AM Mass: Bring the Baby Jesus figurine from your nativity scene for the “Blessing of the Bambinelli” during Mass so it will be all ready to display come Christmas Eve!
12:15 PM: Enjoy a free-will offering Mexican Fiesta Luncheon in Fr. Moorman Hall (lower level of the Church). Please RSVP for the luncheon at www.hfcmn.org/events/lady-Guadalupe by noon on Monday, Dec. 9th
1-2 PM: Family activities in Fr. Moorman Hall after lunch.

PARISH ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT—WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18TH
We will offer a special night of confessions from 7-9 PM.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

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, now is your chance! You can purchase for a single person or commit to an entire family. To participate or to find out more, please contact Lori Gonzales at 612.426.8254 or email adventangels@hfcmn.org Thank you for your generosity!

MUSIC:

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY ADVENT CONCERTS—THURSDAY, DEC. 19TH
Come enjoy the sounds of the seasons from the students of Holy Family Academy. Concerts are in the church, light refreshments after each concert.
2:30 PM  Pre-K thru 3rd Grade
3:30 PM  4th Grade thru 8th Grade

YOUTH GROUP CAROLING—FRIDAY, DEC. 20TH
All Holy Family teens and friends are invited to our 4th annual neighborhood caroling party on. Come warmly dressed and meet in the church for Vespers at 6:30 PM. We will then carol, visiting the nearby homes of parishioners and Fr. Joseph! Song sheets provided. Hot chocolate and snacks provided afterwards in Fr. Moorman Hall. Parents, you are invited to bring cookies and help serve! Email Elizabeth at elizabeth.brown@hfcmn.org with questions/to offer cookies.

SUGAR PLUM DAYS

SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH
NOON – 6:30 PM
SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH
9 AM -1 PM

Even though it is Advent, we can look forward to the coming Christmas festivities by stocking up on treats and gifts for our loved ones. All proceeds will benefit our altar and sacristy needs.

We have more details and links to sign up for helping on our website: www.hfcmn.org/events/sugar-plum-2019.

Any questions about Sugar Plum Days can be directed to Mary Barron 952.405.9737 or kbarron1313@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS COOKIES and CANDY CORNER & BAKED GOODS
Bake 8-10 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie and other delicacies that aren’t cookies; Deliver your donation Friday, Dec. 6 or anytime Saturday. No need to package your donations, bring your items in marked or disposable containers

DELICIOUS FOOD
Delicious homemade Chili, hot dogs and Caramel rolls for an entire day’s worth of meals!

RAFFLE BASKETS
Buy your chances for our “Gift Cards Galore” basket, Wine baskets or the Beer and Spirits basket; Drawing is at 1 PM on Sunday, Dec. 8th

FLEECE BLANKETS
You can purchase many different sizes for either personal use or to donate to charity!

ST NICK’s DOLLAR STORE and GIFT GALLERY
We are looking for new or gently used items that can be given as gifts, donations may be brought directly to the Fr. Wilkins Room, this week, during parish office hours. Stay to help set up the store. Contact Kathy Rennie at 952.884.3414 or email kdrennie@gmail.com for more details.

Come shop some of the best Christmas Cookies and Treasures!
**Holy Family Academy**

**Giving Tuesday,** December 3rd, when you make a donation to Holy Family Academy, you are making an investment in not only our children but in our children’s children. Your gift will extend the opportunity for our young people to grow in faith, self-discipline, and knowledge, while helping build the next generation of Catholic leaders: www.hfcmn.org/hfa-giving-tuesday. Thank you!

**Archdiocesan Synod**

**Upcoming Prayer & Listening Events**

What’s working and what’s not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are:

- **Saturday, Jan. 5, 1-4 p.m.** at Holy Cross (Minneapolis)
- **Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-noon** at St. Peter Claver, St. Paul
- **Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m.** at Pax Christi, Eden Prairie

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Chesterton Academy Advent Concert**

Come and join Chesterton Academy for an opportunity to see our Advent Choir Concert directed by Nicholas Chalmers and Caroline Metzinger, on Friday, December 13, 7 PM at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church-1310 Mainstreet Hopkins, MN. 55343; followed by a light reception. The concert is free and open to the public. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a memorable evening.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, December 1**

- 8:00 AM Confessions
- 9:00 AM Mass
- 10:00 AM Young Adult Gospel Discussion
- 10:15 AM Ski Club Q & A
- 11:00 AM Mass
- 3:00 PM Handel’s Messiah Concert & Reception
- 6:00 PM Theology à la Carte

**Monday, December 2**

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Lectio Divina Small Group
- 3:00 PM Widow & Widowers Holy Hour

**Tuesday, December 3**

- 7:30 AM Confessions
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Scripture Study
- 10:30 AM Good Timers
- 3:30 PM Youth Choir
- 7:00 PM Neocatechumenal Way

**Wednesday, December 4**

- 7:30 AM Confessions
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Donut Wednesday
- 8:30 AM Anointing of the Sick
- 9:00 AM Children’s Holy Hour
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Class
- 6:30 PM Religious Ed Class
- 6:30 PM Gr.10-12 “Lessons with Fr. Mike Schmitz”
- 7:00 PM Mid-Week Oasis—open to everyone

**Thursday, December 5**

- 7:30 AM Confessions
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 1:00 PM Merciful Love Prayer Group
- 3:30 PM Youth Choir
- 6:30 PM Vespers-Young Adults
- 7:00 PM R.C.I.A
- 7:00 PM Parish Choir

**Friday, December 6**

- 7:30 AM Confessions
- 8:00 AM Mass
- After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
- 9:00 AM Set-up & Decorate for Sugar Plum Days

**Saturday, December 7**

- 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass
- After Mass Sung Morning Prayer
- 12:00 PM Sugar Plum Days
- 3:30 PM Confessions
- 4:45 PM Benediction
- 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, December 8**

- 8:00 AM Confessions
- 9:00 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Sugar Plum Days
- 10:00 AM Young Adult Gospel Discussion
- 11:00 AM Mass

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

♦ Sundays: 3-4 PM
♦ Mondays: Midnight– 1 AM, 1-2 PM
♦ Tuesdays: 8:30-10 AM, Noon-1 PM and 5-6 PM
♦ Wednesdays: 3-4 PM
♦ Thursdays: 3-4 PM and 8-9 PM
♦ Fridays: 1-2 PM

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. Please call or text, Mike Zwack, our Adoration coordinator, at 612.710.5007 if you are willing to make an hour (or greater) commitment each week or for information on the other times available.

We **urgently** need adorers to fill the times in red.

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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please pray for:

- Pat Menke
- Maria O’Brien *(daughter of Scott and Kari O’Brien)*
- Hannah Johnston *(granddaughter of Barbara Johnston)*

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

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**INTERCESSIONS**

Please pray for:

- Pat Menke
- Maria O’Brien *(daughter of Scott and Kari O’Brien)*
- Hannah Johnston *(granddaughter of Barbara Johnston)*

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**BAPTISMS**

Please congratulate the following families of the newly baptized:

- Oliver James Bullard *(son of Nicholas and Mallory Bullard)*
- Adam Yosef Coleman *(son of Jacob and Julia Coleman)*

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**VESPIRIS / FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP**

Thursday evening, December 5th, young adults gather for evening prayer ~ open to everyone, in the church at 6:30 PM. From 7-9 PM, they meet in the Nazareth House (behind the church parking lot) for prayer, discussion, and socializing each week. Initial evenings will focus on faith and culture. There is never any homework for Thursday evenings—just show up!

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**ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Sunday Gospel Discussion* about the Scriptures from Mass following the 9AM Mass in the Nazareth House. No homework – just show up! www.facebook.com/pg/holyfamilyyaa/community/

*Friday evenings* “Indoor Sports Night” hosted by West Metro Young Adults. Friday, December 6, 7 PM at St. Gabriel’s (St. John’s Campus) 6 Interlachen Blvd. in Hopkins. Check out their webpage for more events www.facebook.com/pg/westmetroya/events/

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Events to help adult parishioners grow and learn about the Faith take place throughout the year at Holy Family. These engaging opportunities are usually scheduled for Tuesday evenings. Be sure to sign up for the “Adult Faith Formation” group on Flocknote to get updates (see how to join Flocknote on p. 2). All adults are also welcome to sign up for R.C.I.A for a more systematic study of the Catholic faith! Contact John Hartnett with any questions you may have at 952.999.4822 or John.Hartnett@hfamn.org.