The Young Adult Gospel Discussion will meet today following the 9am 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.

RSVP Deadline Today!

PASTOR’S COLUMN

“TO BRING ABOUT THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH”

Saint Paul writes to the Romans of his mission to preach the Gospel. This mission flows from the gifts of God. First, it is a response to the gift of Jesus our Savior. Further, it is a response to the gift of Saint Paul’s particular call to be an apostle. He realizes that the gifts he has received demand of him a generous response of love.

In this time when it is our custom to exchange gifts, can we take a moment to inventory the gifts God has offered us? The same gift of the Incarnation that brought joy to Saint Paul and his listeners has to rank as the first gift we ourselves acknowledge. What other gifts have we received from God?

- the gift of faith that enables us to see clearly the beauty of Jesus as our Savior
- the gift of Jesus Himself who still comes as Emmanuel to be “with us” in Holy Communion and waits for our visits in the adoration chapel
- the gift of the forgiveness of our sins first through baptism and then through confession
- the gift of the Church to teach and guide us with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit
- the gift of our parish where we are a family of faith nurtured by beautiful liturgies and rich faith formation in both church and school

What about the particular gifts of your own vocation and life story? And how can we, like Saint Paul, offer a generous and joyful response to God in return? What does it look like for us to give ourselves to God in return?

Don’t forget to give the Christ-child the very best gift: your heart fully consecrated to live in His love and spread the good news of His coming for our salvation!

Grateful Hearts – Forward in Faith

A PRAYER FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Loving Father,
our grateful hearts are filled with joy as we remember your blessings.

We look forward in faith,
trusting your providence to guide us by the light of the Holy Spirit.

Make us generous in your service and direct our present efforts to build a parish life center where your family of faith may continue to flourish for generations to come.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

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!

This week’s and next week’s Second Collection will benefit the Care Fund which meets the emergency needs of Holy Family parishioners and the wider community.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Closes Tuesday, Dec. 24th at Noon
Opens Thursday, Dec. 26th after the 8am Mass

Closes Tuesday, Dec. 31st at Noon
Opens Thursday, Jan. 2nd after the 8am Mass

Parish Officers will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Dec. 26th; then again on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

Check our website www.hfcmn.org for more details.

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.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 14-15, 2019

The contributions for this weekend were not available at the time of this bulletin printing. Look for it in the next bulletin.

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  - 9:00am

- **Sun. Dec. 22nd**
  - For the Parish
  - 11:00am

- **Mon. Dec. 23rd**
  - Father George Welzbacher
  - 8:00am

- **Tues. Dec. 24th**
  - For the Parish
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  - For the Parish
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- **Wed. Dec. 25th**
  - For the Parish
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- **Thu. Dec. 26th**
  - Mala Samaratunga †
  - 8:00am

- **Fri. Dec. 27th**
  - Melvin & Bette Koopman †
  - 8:00am

- **Sat. Dec. 28th**
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**FORMED.ORG**

Gain free access to Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, by registering at www.hfcmn.formed.org!

This week’s recommendation:

**FORMED: The Juggler of Notre Dame**

Enjoy this story, dating back to at least 12th century France, in which Barnaby, a juggler, learns about how to give gifts to the Lord at Christmas. To access this video, click on the search tab at www.Formed.org, and enter “Juggler Notre Dame.” Enjoy!

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**HERE AT HOLY FAMILY**

**NOTICE ABOUT STOCK DONATIONS**

Some people generously donate either to the capital campaign or to the normal parish operations by selling stock. Please be advised that your brokerage firm may not automatically inform Holy Family about the identity of the donor or the purpose of the gift. The best course is always to inform Ross Yates at 952.999.4889 that you intend to make a stock donation and let us know who will be contacting us so we can properly identify and acknowledge your contribution. Many thanks for your generosity!

**CHARITABLE GIVING YEAR END REMINDER**

In keeping with IRS rules, only contributions RECEIVED in the collection basket and online on or before December 31st—or received in the mail with a postmark that is on or before December 31st will be included in your 2019 Contributions Statement. Our parish offices will be closed on December 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st and January 1st but our first priority when we return will be to process all contributions that meet the requirements for being listed on the 2019 Contribution Statement. God bless!

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**YOUNG ADULTS**

For those in their 20’s and 30’s, the following are a series of activities designed to promote both fellowship and the faith. Contact Adrian Ahlquist at youngadults@hfcmn.org for more information about any of the following events:

**FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP**

Thursday evening, December 26th, young adults gather from 7-9pm, for hot cocoa and a Christmas carol sing-along. Meet in the Nazareth House (behind the church parking lot).

**ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES**

* **Friday Evenings** “Indoor Sports Night” hosted by West Metro Young Adults. Friday, December 27, 7pm 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/

* **Sunday Gospel Discussion**—We will not meet, next Sunday, December 29th, at the Nazareth House. Be sure to join in the fun in Fr. Moorman Hall for Feast of the Holy Family.

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**INTERCESSIONS**

Please pray for:

**Thomas Whalen & Clare Reinhardt**

**Banns I**

as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

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**WEDDINGS**

Please pray for:

**Our parish**

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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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CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLY FAMILY

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT
At the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve is our children’s pageant, where Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem and the angels guide the shepherds by the star in the night sky to worship the newborn king.

SPECIAL DECEMBER CHRISTMAS POTLUCK: “SAINTS & SINNERS” GET-TOGETHER
RSVP deadline is today, Sunday, December 22nd for this Saturday, December 29th celebration. See page 7 for more details.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION
Sunday, December 29th in Fr. Moorman Hall we will celebrate after both the 9 and the 11am Masses our Patronal Feast Day. Plan on a cake, mimosa and Irish coffee reception. No need to reserve a spot, just come down and join the fun!

EPHANAY PAGEANT
The “Entrance of the Magi” will be Sunday, January 5th, at 10:55am (before the 11am Mass) Children (ages 9 and up) are needed to play the parts of the three Magi, the Bethlehem Star, and the camel leaders. Six people (ages 14 and up) are needed for the camels. We have room for everyone who would like to participate! Rehearsal is Saturday, January 4th at 10am. Costumes are provided. Contact Sharon Pero if you have any questions Sharon.Pero@hfcmn.org.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS
On Monday, December 23rd, the Liturgical Decorating Committee will finish the remaining decorating: wreaths, banners, and poinsettias. After the 8am Mass, come to Fr. Moorman Hall for a cup of coffee and a few instructions. Work will begin at approximately 9am. Thank you for your time and assistance! If you have questions, call Sharon at 952.999.4890.

TREE FOR LIFE
The “Tree for Life” is found in the back of church, and is decorated with ornaments indicating items needed for parents who have chosen life for their babies. If you are able to donate an item, please choose an ornament. Place your new, unwrapped gift, with the ornament attached, under the tree by January 6. The unwrapped donations will be taken to the Robbinsdale Women’s Center and Southwest Options for Women. Thank you for your generosity!

DONATE A POINSETTIA
You are invited to help decorate the sanctuary this Christmas by donating a beautiful poinsettia plant! The cost per plant is $10.00. For your convenience, either put your offering in any weekend collection basket (you can enclose it in the “Christmas Flower Offering” envelope included with your donation envelopes), or go to www.hfcmn.org/donate-poinsettias. Thank You!

OUR GIFT TO YOU

CHRISTMAS GIFT
This Christmas we have two different books we are handing out as a Christmas gift. Choose from either Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah by Brant Pitre or Rediscover the Saints by Matthew Kelly. Each family is welcome to take one book. Available to be picked up near church doors.

FROM PARISH OFFICE

Merry Christmas!

From Fr. Johnson,
Fr. Welzbacher, Fr. Milless
and the Staff of
Holy Family Catholic Church.

VOCATIONS CORNER

ARCHBISHOP’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT
Saturday, December 28 at 5pm – Monday, December 30 at 1pm, Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN
The Director of Vocations offers this annual retreat with talks by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. This is for men discerning priesthood who are seniors in high school to age 50. This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to gain clarity in your discernment process and to meet other men who desire to follow Christ and to know his will for their lives. Register online at 10000vocations.org.

TRAVELING CHALICE
We welcome more families to sign up for the traveling chalice and to pray for vocations in their homes for one week. The chalice with the prayers are exchanged at church on Sunday in the Sacristy. Please contact Phyllis with questions 612.702.3735 or email theconnec@aol.com to sign up. Thank you for praying for vocations!

The exchange is at the 9am Mass
• Dec. 22 Nate & Jenny Bullard Family
• Dec. 29 Daniel & Hope Dobson Family

MESSAGE FROM VOCATIONS DIRECTOR:
“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him,” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? If you feel called to be a priest, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at 651.962.6890 or email Fr. David Blume frblume@stthomases.edu.
CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22
Donut Sunday / New Member Sunday
8:00am Confessions
9:00am Mass
10:00am Young Adult Gospel Discussion
11:00am Mass

Monday, December 23
St. John of Kanty
8:00am Mass
8:30am Lectio Divina Small Group
9:30am Decorate the Church for Christmas
3:00pm Widow & Widowers Holy Hour

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
Parish offices closed
12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Chapel closes
4:00pm Children’s Nativity Pageant and Christmas Vigil Mass
9:00pm Mass of Christmas Night

Wednesday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Parish offices closed
9:00am Mass of Christmas Morning
11:00am Mass of Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26
St. Stephen
Parish offices closed
7:30am Confessions
8:00am Mass
After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
6:30pm Saints and Sinners Christmas Potluck Dinner
Fr. Moorman Hall

Friday, December 27
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
7:30am Confessions
8:00am Mass
After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
6:30pm Saints and Sinners Christmas Potluck Dinner
Fr. Moorman Hall

Saturday, December 28
The Holy Innocents
3:30pm Confessions
4:45pm Benediction
5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 29
Feast of the Holy Family
8:00am Confessions
9:00am Mass
After Mass Holy Family Patronal Feast Celebration
11:00am Mass
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Fr. Moorman Hall
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For this week’s daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home.”

~ G.K. Chesterton
COMMUNITY BUILDING

LAST CHANCE!

RSVP TODAY FOR DECEMBER POTLUCK!

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS ADULT POTLUCK SAINTS & SINNERS DINNER
Building community, one course at a time!
Do you know 50% of your fellow parishioners by name? Recognize 80% by face?
If not, this opportunity is especially for you!
The December “monthly potluck, community-building, small-group dinner” will be
changed to be in Fr. Moorman Hall so that we can all celebrate Christmas together!
Come to re-kindle friendships or get to meet new people and celebrate the
Christmas season as a family of faith! Please note “the host” will not provide the
main dish or beverages, as the guest number will be larger than usual, use the sign
up to indicate main-dishes and beverages as well.

Who: All adult singles and couples of the parish (21+)
What: A fun way for parishioners to meet in a relaxed, informal atmosphere over
a meal
Where: Fr. Moorman Hall, lower level of Holy Family Catholic Church
When: Friday, December 27th at 6:30pm
How: Please sign up online www.hfcmn.org/news/monthly-potlucks
RSVP by Sunday, December 22nd

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

Open House
Sunday, January 26th

After both the 9am and 11am Masses, coffee and donuts will be offered in Kattar
Hall. The 4th-8th Grade Academic Fair projects on display throughout the school
and Pre-K through 3rd Grade tours will be available with opportunity to talk with
teachers in the room.

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HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY REGISTRATION
Parishioner registration for the 2020-2021 school year at Holy Family Academy is
underway! Registration for the general public will open January 6, 2020. For more
information on registration, please contact the HFA office at 952.925.9193.

PASTOR’S PICKS

From a bookish priest, some recommended reading:

The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ
by Brant Pitre

It’s hard to imagine as we celebrate Christmas that some people doubt the
historical reality of the Incarnation. There is a definite current of thought which wants to
reduce Jesus to a “myth” rather than a historical personage. The Bible then becomes
nothing more than a collection of moralizing stories like Aesop’s Fables. Dr. Pitre does a
wonderful job of countering these sceptics. There is a real Jesus who makes real
demands of us and offers us real blessings!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

Currently, the times of our greatest need are:
- Mondays: Midnight-1am, & 1-2pm
- Tuesdays: 8:30-10am, Noon-1pm & 5-6pm
- Wednesdays: 3-4pm
- Thursdays: 1-2am, 3-4pm & 8-9pm
- Fridays: 1-2pm
- Saturdays: 2-3pm

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