March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”
~ Matthew 17:5

TODAY AT HOLY FAMILY

AFTER WEEKEND MASSES: TESTIMONIES OF FAITH
Each one of us has a unique story of how God’s grace has been active in our lives. After weekend Masses during Lent, various parishioners will share a personal story of conversion and spiritual growth. Come to be inspired and get to know the people who share the pews with you and whom God has sent to be His particular blessings to our community. This weekend’s speakers:

Saturday 3/7: Mary Shapiro “Friendship Club: Including People with Disabilities” 6:15-7pm (Fr. Wilkins Room)
Sunday 3/8: Theresa Klinkhammer “He Has Done All Things Well” 10:15-11am and 12:15-1pm (Fr. Wilkins Room)

For a complete list of speakers go to www.hfcmn.org/news/witness-faith-2020

DONUT SUNDAY
On Sunday, March 8, after the 9&11am Masses, come to Fr. Moorman Hall (lower level of the church) to enjoy Donut Sunday refreshments while visiting with fellow parishioners.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY GOSPEL DISCUSSION (Following 9am Mass)
All young adults (20’s-30’s) are invited to the Nazareth House (behind church, across the parking lot) for refreshments and to reflect together on the Gospel from today’s Mass. No preparation or RSVP is required for this casual discussion! See page 7 for more details about this and other young adults events.

SAINTS & SINNERS DINNERS IN MARCH
Augment your Lenten small group by attending a Saints & Sinners dinner on Saturday, March 14th! Get to know a group of 6-8 parishioners in an intimate setting and build up our parish family. Hosts are always appreciated! It’s a potluck evening, so the work is shared by all! Even if you cannot host, sign up to attend! Sign up on the website, hfcmn.org by tonight!

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 today, Sunday, March 8, from 6-8pm for pizza, snacks, night prayer, etc.

CLAIM YOUR LOST & FOUND ITEMS TODAY!
The items from the narthex Lost & Found closet are placed out on tables in the back of church; please claim your items today; all remaining items will be donated tomorrow, March 9.
“BEAR YOUR SHARE OF HARDSHIP FOR THE GOSPEL WITH THE STRENGTH THAT COMES FROM GOD.” ~ 2 Timothy 1:8

Our self-imposed penances during Lent fall far short of the real sufferings which often creep into our lives. These crosses appear from time to time or sometimes form an enduring part of our journey home to Heaven. They can be physical or emotional sufferings at home or work-related. Thankfully, in our nation the sufferings directly connected to being Christian are few and far between.

Not so for many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world! The media rarely gives much attention to the rabid persecution of Christians happening today in so many parts of the world. In particular, we want to offer our prayerful solidarity to the Christians of Syria and Nigeria who have already suffered years of aggression with a still mounting death toll every day. Our consolation is that “the blood of Christians is the seed of the Church” as Tertullian prophetically wrote in 197 AD. More martyrs were killed in the past 100 years than in all the previous centuries combined! (Read Robert Royal’s “The Catholic Martyrs of the Twentieth Century” for a gripping and heart-wrenching account.)

In my own experience, I have been blessed to meet numerous Christians who have suffered for the Gospel. I knew a number of people who were imprisoned or tortured under the communists in eastern Europe. The remembrance makes me shudder when I hear Americans speak positively of socialism or communism! One of my classmates spoke of the Muslim raids on her Christian village in Africa with the butchering of young children who resisted conversion to Islam. Another priest colleague from school in Rome was martyred in Iraq and his cause for canonization has been opened. These examples help bolster my resolve to be faithful to Jesus!

Saint Paul’s admonition to Timothy in today’s second reading reminds all of us to be ready. Worrying about losing our tax-exemption for donations to church is small potatoes compared to the experience of others. There are certainly much graver dangers lurking on our own horizon and we shouldn’t be naïve that vicious things couldn’t happen here. The coercive actions taken against Christians who refuse to support same-sex marriage or provide abortifacients to their employees are the thin end of the wedge. Thank God for the Little Sisters of the Poor who are again before the Supreme Court this month to defend our religious liberty!

So many of the things that commonly vex us are truly “first world problems.” We live in a stable and affluent society and take far too many things for granted. We can stretch ourselves through our Lenten practices to be ready for the battles and temptations to deny our Catholic Faith that may come. If I can’t give up television or chocolate for forty days, then I have little hope of fidelity in a crisis. In the end, it will be the power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to remain steadfast even unto death. Our prayer lives need to reflect that sincere dependence upon God. Our fasting and almsgiving need to curb our self-indulgence and prepare us to be witnesses to the truth of the Gospel before all the powers of the world.

"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?"

~ Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

**Grateful Hearts – Forward in Faith**

View from Alabama Avenue

God hears the prayers of the little children! We got walloped in October and November with extra cold temperatures but now I am optimistically hearing predictions for an early spring. The ground is already thawing and the weather forecast for the next two weeks is unseasonably mild. Our students have been praying for our new facility to be completed as soon as possible and the Lord seems to be answering them by clearing the way for construction to begin early!

Our contractor foresees bulldozers on site in early April. We have to wait for MNDOT to lift the heavy equipment restrictions on the roads, but then it is clear sailing. Pray that April and May are not very rainy so much progress can be made even before summer. We will soon need to add prayers for the safety of workers as the heavy-lifting begins!

This work will mean some discomfort with drop-off and pick-up for our students as school is in session. Let’s be sure to exercise our patience with one another especially in those morning and afternoon hours. Please be particularly attentive to showing courtesy to our neighbors during this entire process. Driving and parking will be challenging at times—don’t selfishly let your frustration ruin someone else’s day.

Pray also that we can close the gap to finish our fundraising efforts! Thanks for all of your prayers and sacrifices so far—God is blessing our parish abundantly!

~ Fr. Joseph

**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 our news, upcoming events, and updates on Catholic topics around the archdiocese! For the church, click the “f” icon in the upper right corner of the website header at www.hfcmn.org. For HFA, click the “f” icon (same location) at www.hfamn.org.

**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 FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1, 2020**

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Next week’s Second Collection will benefit the Altar & Rosary Society which goes toward the upkeep and care of the altar.

Thank you for your generosity!

**ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD**

Many thanks to the over 350 parishioners, who participated in the online “Disciple Maker Index”, as requested by Archbishop Hebda. This survey is meant give the archdiocese a good overall snapshot of all the parishes. We will eventually obtain survey results that will enable us to have some indication of the spiritual health of our own parish. We will then study this data in the pastoral council to see how we can continue to serve you better—God bless you!
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Gain free access to Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, by registering at www.hfcmn.formed.org!

This week’s recommendation:

FORMED: ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle.

LENT AT HOLY FAMILY

Fridays of Lent

⇒ Fish Fry
5-7pm in Fr. Moorman Hall
Cost: $4 Kid’s Meal / $8 Adult’s Meal
Entrée: Battered Fish, Baked Fish or Mac ‘n Cheese ♦ Sides: Mac ‘n Cheese, Garlic Cheddar Biscuit, Coleslaw or Green Beans
Additionally: Homemade desserts will be for sale as a fundraiser by Holy Family Academy families
Credit Cards Accepted ♦ All proceeds go to Holy Family Academy ♦ Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

⇒ Stations of the Cross Followed by Benediction
Every Friday at 7pm in church

⇒ Discuss the Upcoming Sunday’s Gospel (following Benediction)
Meet with other parishioners in a small group format to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel. Parishioner Mark Croteau will lead the discussion:
7:45–8:30pm in Fr. Moorman Hall. Walk-ins welcomed.

Lenten Lecture Series: The “Confessions” of St. Augustine with Small Group Discussion
Every Tuesday in March at 7pm in Fr. Moorman Hall, John Hartnett, is hosting a Tuesday evening adult faith formation series on the “Confessions” of St. Augustine. Walk-ins are welcome. After the lecture, attendees will be able to reflect upon and share insights on the spiritual life and its common struggles in a small group format after the lecture. While encouraged, it is not necessary to read the “Confessions” at this time. We will refer to the translation by Frank Sheed, but other translations are acceptable.

Lenten Retreat for Women
“Covered in the Dust of My Rabbi: How Sitting at the Feet of Jesus Can Bring Balance to Your Life”
Presented by Kelly Wahlquist

Saturday, March 14th
Fr. Moorman Hall
Cost: $15/person
RSVP online by Thursday, March 12, by noon at www.hfcmn.org/events/lenten-retreat-women
Confessions and Rosary start at 7:30am, Mass at 8am, followed by elegant brunch, presentation, directed Lectio Divina and meditation, then social. Please join us for a morning of spiritual renewal, refreshment, and friendship. Open to all women—invite your friends! Sponsored as a gift to our hard-working moms, daughters, and sisters by the appreciative men of the parish!

Lenten Concert
"The Crucifixion" by Sir John Stainer
Sunday, March 29 at 3pm
Enjoy this magnificent meditation on Our Lord’s suffering and death as we begin the last period of Lent, traditionally known as Passiontide. The combined choirs of Holy Family Catholic Church will present this masterpiece under conductor Scott Turkington, along with guest soloists.
Free Admission but donations gratefully accepted to support our sacred music program. Wine and cheese reception following.

Lenten Confession Night
Wednesday, April 1, 7-9pm
There is no better preparation for Easter than to go to confession! Avoid the long lines—we will have a number of priests available to hear individual confessions.

BAPTISMS

Please congratulate the following families of the newly baptized:

Soren Sebastian Hodgen
(son of Kyle & Stephanie Hodgen)

Barron Ramon Gidaya Bonine
(son of Brent and Nicole Bonine)

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:

Marian Kerg
Connie Looft
Theresa Brey †
Denise Chapman †
Harold Burke (father of Ann Karels)

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.
**HERE AT HOLY FAMILY**

**Pester the Pastor!**
Please join other parishioners in Fr. Moorman Hall at 9:30am on Wednesday, March 11th for a "Pester the Pastor" edition of Wednesday Donuts! Enjoy attempting to stump Fr. Joseph with your hardest questions about the Faith!

**Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Friendship Club**
Saturday, March 14
6:30-8pm
Moorman Hall
Come and celebrate St Patrick’s Day with Friendship Club. There will be a dramatic presentation about an Irish saint, “Father Malachy and the Ghost.” No, it’s not Halloween, but the Irish enjoy a good ghost story. After the play, we will have a sing-along of traditional Irish songs with our pianist Robert O’Donahue. We will also have time to play games and socialize. A light supper that includes some Irish treats will be served at 6:30pm. Wear something green if you have it. The Friendship Club is a social group for people with disabilities and without disabilities who are interested in making friends and having fun. RSVP to Mary Shapiro 612.759.0952 or Mary Hanson at maryh6053@gmail.com.

**Blessing of Expectant Mothers**
All expectant mothers are invited to receive a special blessing next Sunday, March 15th at 10:30am. Please come to the communion rail. Loved ones are welcome to attend!

**Celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph**
Thursday, March 19th
Celebratory breakfast after the 8am Mass in Fr. Moorman Hall
Lenten austerity is lifted for only two great feasts during this penitential season: St. Joseph and the Annunciation of the Lord. If these two days fall on Fridays, the Lenten abstinence from meat is even lifted! For us, the solemnity of St. Joseph is a particular occasion of rejoicing because he is the head of the Holy Family. Thus, join us as we honor St. Joseph as a special patron of our parish! (Since this is a large celebration, the normal Wednesday Donuts will be cancelled on March 18.)

**Pilgrimage in Honor of Divine Mercy and the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of St. John Paul II**
You are invited to join our pastor, Fr. Joseph Johnson, on a 12-day pilgrimage to Poland and Lithuania this October 4-15, 2020. Walk in the footsteps of St. Faustina and ponder the Divine Mercy legacy! Retrace the early life of Pope John Paul II and see the places that formed his spirituality. Pray at the great Marian shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and the monastery of St. Maximillian Kolbe. A very spiritually rich experience! You may obtain a brochure from the parish office or contact Peter’s Way Tours at www.petersway.com or 1.800.225.7662.

**Proper Disposal of Blessed Palms**
Because blessed palms are sacramentals, they cannot be thrown away. They must either be burned or buried to be disposed of correctly. For your convenience, you are invited to bring your last year’s blessed palm branches to church for disposal. Baskets will be placed at the church entryways the weekend of March 28 & 29 and through March 31.

**TEENS (AGES 13-18)**

**Calling All Parents of Teens!**
Are you interested in helping design an exciting new program for our teens for next year? We are looking for parents interested in forming a team to brainstorm and implement an engaging program for our parish’s high school youth. Please contact Wendy Haney (wihaney@yahoo.com) or Joelle Lash (lash.scott@gmail.com).

**Vocations Corner**

**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 thegconnec@aol.com to sign up. Thank you for praying for vocations! The exchange is at the 9am Mass.
- Mar. 8 Brian & Karen Mahon
- Mar. 15 Greg & Claire Roden
- Mar. 22 Thomas & Sarah Wheeler
- Mar. 29 Vince & Linda Fahnlander

**Message from Vocations Director:**
“God has called us with a holy calling… according to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 651.962.6890 or email Fr. David Blume at fblume@stthomas.edu.

**Pastor’s Picks**

From a bookish priest, some recommended reading:

**“The Way of the Cross”**
by Caryll Houselander

This is a great Lenten meditation on the Lord’s Passion by the early twentieth century English mystic who isn’t nearly as well known as she should be. Her autobiography “A Rocking Horse Catholic” is also a great read in which she shares her compelling story of God’s grace at work in her heart.

**From Parish Office**

**Bulletin Submissions**
Please submit written bulletin content to Carrie.Havlicek@hfcmn.org by Thursday, March 12 for the March 22 bulletin.
GEORGE WEIGEL PRESENTS
“EVANGELIZATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY”
Tuesday, March 17, 6-9pm at St. John the Baptist in Excelsior, Catholic theologian and a leading intellect on the Catholic Church today, will speak on “Evangelization in the 21st Century”. Reception at 6pm in gathering place, speaker in church at 7pm, 8pm adoration and confessions, and fellowship and Q&A at 8:30pm in the gathering place. Free-will offering will be taken.

THE PASSION OF JESUS IN MUSIC,
WORD & LIGHT
March 20&21 (March 19 in Spanish), 8pm
St. Mark’s Church 4th Avenue & Atwood street Shakopee, Fr. Erik Lundgren in the role of Jesus will lead a cast in the performance of the Passion. Former parishioner, Fr. Paul Haverstock, will joining the choir. Admission is free. People of all faiths are encouraged to attend. For more details go to www.shakopeepassionplay.org.

ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
Tuesdays, April 14 - May 26, 7-8:30pm, St. Pius X in White Bear Lake
Join over 1,000 students who are now “activated disciples!” Taught by Jeff Cavins, with special guest teacher Dr. Mary Healy, this course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this 7-week course, students become “activated disciples” and embark on a guided 40-day discipleship challenge to help put what they learn into practice. The course culminates in an interactive social gathering where students share stories of their experience living as activated disciples. The cost for the course, materials, and social gathering is $150. For more information visits semssp/ci.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
DONUT SUNDAY COORDINATOR
Oversee kitchen and disciples during Donut Sunday once a month (or less during school year) usually the fourth Sunday of the month, from 7:30am to 1:30pm and lead parishioners in the prep, serve and clean-up of donuts. The second Sunday of the month, donuts are hosted by school families. You will work with the front office, regarding scheduling. Please call the church office for more information 952.929.0113.

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

**7th Grade STEM Fair Finalists**

Congratulations to the following students for their Science Fair achievements and thank you Mrs. Bryden for running a great fair. The top three students will be able to present their projects at CSCOE’s Big Bang C-STEM Fair in March. Good work, students!

1st Place:  Grace Mitchell
2nd Place:  Eric Franz
3rd Place:  Jacob Pince
1st Runner Up: Gianna Graff
2nd Runner Up: Bernadette von Dohlen
3rd Runner Up:  Eli Edeen

**Dine out for Schools!**

Holy Family Academy will receive 5% of sales from Parkway Pizza, all day on Tuesday, March 10th. Parkway Pizza is located at the corner of Dakota Avenue & Minnetonka Blvd.

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**Save These Dates**

**“A Night in Monte Carlo”**
Saturday, April 25
6-10pm
Our spring parish get-together and fundraiser for 2020 will be a 21+ casino night and online auction! Tickets go on sale starting the weekend of March 14 & 15.

**Disciples Needed**
We need people to sell tickets after weekend Masses starting March 14, through the end of March. We will also need help the night of the event. Please go to the website www.hfcmn.org/events/casino-night and sign up to help with this fun evening!

**All in God’s Plan at Holy Family**
Sunday, April 26 for a father-son and Saturday, May 2 for a mother-daughter "All in God's Plan" program hosted by Holy Family. Boys and Girls in 5th, 6th and 7th grades will learn about the sacredness of human life and the wonder of growing up. More information and a registration link will follow in the coming weeks. Contact Mary Anne von Dohlen at tophervond@hotmail.com with any questions.

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**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:** 1-2pm, 7-8pm
- **Thursdays:** Noon-1pm
- **Tuesdays:** 2-3am, 3-4am
- **Fridays:** 1-2pm, 7-8pm
- **Wednesdays:** 5-6am, 6-7am, 3-4pm
- **Saturdays:** Midnight-Tam

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