



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekdays 8:00am
Weekday Rosary 7:30am

First Saturday Mass 8:00am
Preceded by Rosary 7:30am
Sung Morning Prayer following Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30-4:50pm
Sunday 8:00-8:50am
Tuesday-Friday 7:30-7:50am

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30pm

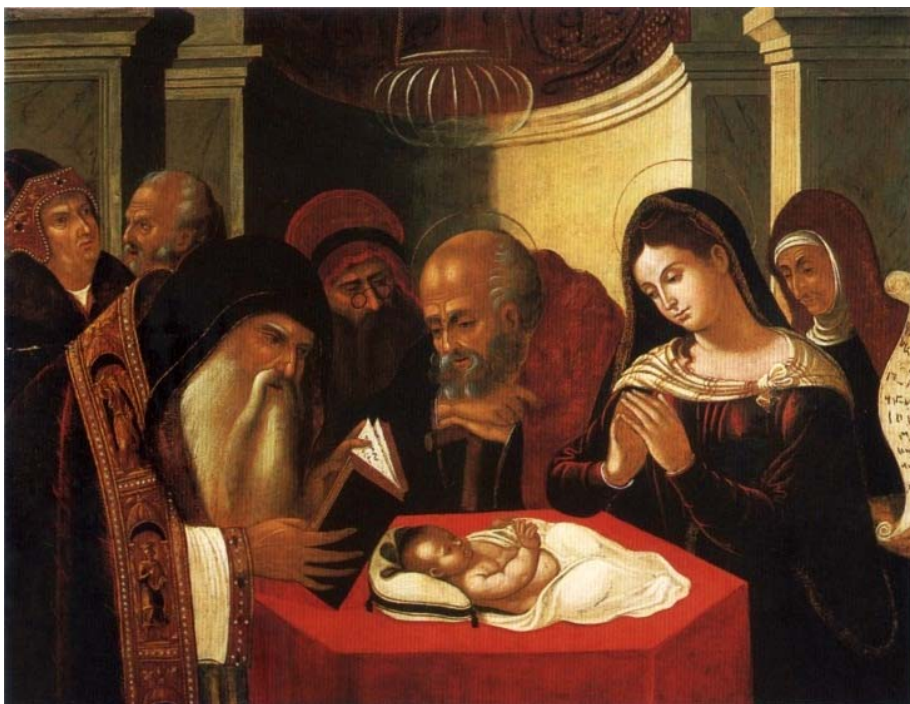


HOLY FAMILY
ACADEMY

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February 2, 2020 *Presentation of the Lord*



TODAY AT HOLY FAMILY

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / CANDLEMAS

Blessed Candles will be at all Masses this weekend for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (traditionally known as Candlemas). Clergy will bless larger taper candles which will be available for you on a first-come, first-served basis after Mass in the main vestibule, so you can bring the light of Christ to your home this year. Suggested offering is \$3.00 per box; use the iPad payment system for debit or credit cards, or place cash/check in envelope in the basket.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets on sale after all Masses in the narthex to benefit Holy Family Academy. Raffle is sponsored by Catholic United Financial (C.U.F.), see page 5 for more details.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY GOSPEL DISCUSSION

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.

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 bin. The bin is located in the entryway of the church by the Adoration Chapel this weekend. Donations go to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP).

CANA DINNER RSVP DUE THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH!

Married and engaged couples won't want to miss "Rebuilding Catholic Culture, One Marriage at a Time" by dynamic guest speaker Andrew Wagenbach. Join us on Saturday, February 8th, for an elegant 4-course dinner in Fr. Moorman Hall and this exciting presentation. See page 7 for more details.

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for contact information for other Apostolates.
If you or someone you know is in need of
emergency assistance, please contact:

STEP Emergency Program: 952.925.4899

Cover image: Presentation of the Lord
by Giovanni Bellini

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“NUNC DIMITTIS”

(also known as *Canticle of Simeon*)

“Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.”

~Luke 2:29-32

At the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, Jesus is recognized as the long-awaited Messiah. He is the Light revealing God's presence to the world which is why candles are blessed on this feast day.

The Church has placed these words of the prophet Simeon in the Liturgy of the Hours to be prayed every night. We pray in thanksgiving that we have lived to see God fulfill His promise to send us a Savior to forgive our sins and open the way for us to Heaven. We can regularly complain about the burdens of discipleship but how often do we give thanks for the gift of Faith?

These words also remind us to be ready for the Heaven at all times. We say that we are ready in this canticle and pray “Thy Kingdom come” every time we recite the “Our Father.” Do we mean it? The sudden death of Kobe Bryant last Sunday reminds us that we never know when our earthly journey will end. Are we ready for what comes next? What a consolation to Kobe's family that he and his daughter had just attended Sunday Mass before that tragic accident. They received Jesus in Holy Communion and then saw Him face to face!

May we nourish our faith through prayer and study so that we can be Christ's light to the world and be ready to greet Him when He calls us to our true home in Heaven!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.*

Amen.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas (13th century)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Holy Family Catholic Church & Academy

Grateful Hearts – Forward in Faith

Heating is important in Minnesota! (And we kind of like cooling too!) there is both good news and bad news from the construction committee. For the good news: the HVAC system for the new addition is coming in at \$200k under budget! Bad news: the current building's system is past its useful life and needs to be upgraded and replaced now so we don't spend money wastefully on accommodating it with the new building.

Bottom line: we don't have exact numbers but it looks as though the savings we can attain by doing it now will bring the system upgrade and replacement costs to just \$155k more than we have already budgeted. This is certainly expensive but it is the right decision considering the scope of what is being done. The parish's Finance Council has agreed with the building committee's recommendation to go forward with this extra element of the project.

So, please help us raise that last \$150k to get to our stretch goal of \$5 million as we need it more than ever—keep your prayers coming! Thank you for the generous sacrifices already made!

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD



UPCOMING PRAYER AND 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:

- ♦ Tuesday, February 11, 6-9pm, Providence Academy, Plymouth
- ♦ Saturday, February 15, 9am-noon, Lumen Christi, St. Paul
- ♦ Tuesday, February 18, 6-9pm, St. Stephen, Anoka

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

PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI) SURVEY FEBRUARY 1ST – MARCH 1

This survey is an official part of the Archdiocesan Synod process to allow parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth. Your confidential results will be used by the Archdiocese and your parish to 1) look at opportunities to support growth in discipleship and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth. The Archdiocese will NOT have access to individual survey responses. The DMI is accessible online via smartphone, tablet, and computer. Alternatively, you can fill out an old-fashioned paper form available from the parish office—but this requires much more work to tabulate, so please go online to www.hfcmn.org/news/dmi-survey, if at all possible.

PARISH CONSULTATION IN THE SYNOD PROCESS

Consultation at the parish level happens this Fall! If you are interested in being a Synod Ambassador for this phase, please sign up for one of the training sessions offered through the Archdiocese in late February and March. Visit www.archspm.org/synod or email Kirby Hoberg at kannekimber@gmail.com with any questions.

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

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

~Deuteronomy 15:10

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WEEKEND OF JANUARY 25-26, 2020

Member Envelopes	\$ 8,396.18
Online Giving	\$ 7,142.05
Plate	\$ 681.32
Total Contributions	\$ 16,219.55

<i>Second Collection:</i>	
Respect Life Group	\$ 1,351.23

Next week's Second Collection will benefit the **CARE Fund** which meets the emergency needs of Holy Family parishioners and the wider community.

Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP NOTE:

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.

FORMED.ORG

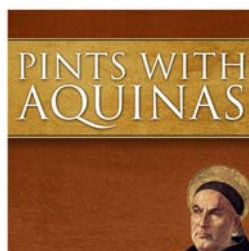
Gain free access to Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, by registering at www.hfcmn.formed.org/!

This week's recommendation:

FORMED: "Pints with Aquinas" Podcast

If you could sit down with Saint Thomas Aquinas over a pint of beer and ask him any one question, what would it be? Every episode of "Pints With Aquinas" addresses a question Saint

Thomas has answered in his written works. Access the audios on www.Formed.org by clicking on the "Search" tab, and searching for "Pints Aquinas." Enjoy!



BAPTISMS

Please congratulate the following families of the newly baptized:

Jacob Jeffrey Rye
(son of Jeff and Sally Rye)

Kolbe Joseph Norton
(son of Paul and Melissa Norton)

WEDDINGS

Please pray for

Nathan Romportl & Rosalinda Rosales Banns I

as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:

Ethon Gustafson

Leif Eric Anderson (son of Pat Anderson)

Steven Girard (son to Joanne Girard)

Mary Harshaw †

(sister of Connie Worthman)

Harold Burke (father of Ann Karels)

John Rosenthal

Francis Williams

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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.

HERE AT HOLY FAMILY

BLESSING OF THROATS

In honor of St. Blaise (Feast Day: February 3rd), a Blessing of Throats will take place after the 8am Mass on Monday, February 3.

HELP THE HANDMAIDS MAKE A HOME!

Friday, February 7, 3-8pm and Saturday, February 8, 8am-1pm

The sisters need assistance to renovate the St. Gabriel's convent. Projects include, but are not limited to: painting, installing the wood floor, demolishing and repairing plaster walls, demolishing bathroom walls, taping and mudding sheetrock, leveling flooring, staining wood, cleaning, and serving the potluck! No prior experience necessary! Some tools you may want to bring: sawzall with plaster and metal blades, sheet rocking tools, drill with extension cord, knee pads, gloves, other tools, and painting supplies. 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** after the work is done.

MISCARRIAGE OUTREACH : TEA & ROSARY

Have you suffered a miscarriage? Whether it was last week or years ago, you are invited to join other women of Holy Family for an afternoon Tea & Rosary to honor our babies and to develop ideas for ongoing miscarriage outreach. Attend one or both Sundays, February 9 and 16, 1:30-3pm in the Nazareth House. Questions may be directed to the hostesses: Kirby Hoberg at kannkimber@gmail.com or Linda Wandrei at boysnlinda@msn.com.

WITNESS TO GOD'S GRACE IN YOUR LIFE

We all have a story. Are you willing to share how God has been active in your life? Holy Family is looking for twelve parishioners to share their personal testimonies during this upcoming Lenten season after Sunday Masses. If you attended the "Testimonies of Faith" workshop last November, this is the perfect opportunity to put your new knowledge into practice! Even if you didn't go to the workshop, if this interests you, contact Anne-Marie Klobe at ak.948@rocketmail.com for more information.

HOLY FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE

It's time to schedule your appointment to donate blood at the Holy Family Blood Drive on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 from 2-6pm. To sign up, visit www.mbc.org/searchdrives, click on Schedule now mbcherohub.club, and enter Sponsor Code 0183 or call Sharon at 952.999.4890 to schedule your appointment.

YOUTH GROUP (AGES 13-19)

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS

You: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body is a unique program which reveals to teens their value as a person: their bodies, their sexuality, and their individual call to love. Filmed on location all over the world, the program features teens as well as respected Catholic leaders. It addresses, head on, many of the issues teens are already exposed to via entertainment media, societal pressures, and their own interactions with each other.



This exciting and dynamic program is being offered again for teens grades 10-12. Ten Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 19, 6:30-8pm in the Nazareth House. Cost is \$25 and includes workbook and online access to videos at home. This program will give teens the answers and the tools they need to successfully and safely navigate through life. **Contact Elizabeth.Brown@hfcmn.org with questions and to register.**

YOUNG ADULTS (THOSE IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S)

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@hfcmmn.org for more information about any of the following events:

VESPERS / FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

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

ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

* **Friday Evenings** "Indoor Sports Night" hosted by West Metro Young Adults. Friday, February 7th, 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** about the Scriptures from Mass following the 9am Mass in the Nazareth House. No homework – just show up! www.facebook.com/pg/holyfamilyya/community/

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE

Holy Family Academy students are selling \$5 raffle tickets giving you an opportunity to win a 2020 Buick Encore (or take the cash option of \$20,000) through March 2nd. There are also other great prizes cumulatively totaling \$40,000 in value. Best of all, every penny of every ticket sold stays at Holy Family Academy thanks to the Raffle's generous sponsor, Catholic United Financial. The St. Paul-based company provides all the prizes and promotion materials for the Raffle at no cost to the participating schools. Please consider supporting HFA in this fundraiser – you might even win the grand prize as someone here did the first year we participated!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING

Every lady in the parish is welcome to come and learn more about this group on Tuesday, February 4th at the small group meeting in Fr. Wilkins Room from 7-8pm.



FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE

ALL ladies of the church are welcomed to coffee and social time in Father Moorman Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Friday, February 7th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Feb.	1	For the sins of the clergy	5:00pm
Sat.	Feb.	1	Fr. Damien Cook	5:00pm
Sun.	Feb.	2	For the Parish	9:00am
Sun.	Feb.	2	Richard Borg †	11:00am
Mon.	Feb.	3	Paul Morrisette †	8:00am
Tues.	Feb.	4	Bob Audus †	8:00am
Wed.	Feb.	5	Lyle L. Zitzman †	8:00am
Thu.	Feb.	6	Ralph Paulson †	8:00am
Fri.	Feb.	7	Altar & Rosary Society	8:00am
Sat.	Feb.	8	Patricia Possage †	5:00pm
Sun.	Feb.	9	For the Parish	9:00am
Sun.	Feb.	9	The Ahlquist Family	11:00am

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

- Feb. 2 Lou & Louise Mitera

MESSAGE FROM VOCATIONS DIRECTOR:

"Consider your own calling..." and do not be discouraged by others when considering the consecrated life or priesthood. If you feel called, contact the Vocation Office at 651.962.6890 or email Fr. David Blume at frblume@stthomas.edu.

VIANNEY VISIT

Feb. 14-16, St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul. A Vianney Visit provides men (ages 16-24) the opportunity to take a closer look and experience college seminary. Attend Mass, prayer and spiritual conferences with SJV priests and hear testimonies from SJV seminarians. There is no charge for the visit and all meals included. Please contact Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations, at 651.962.6890 or stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org to let him know of your interest. To register, please call 651.962.6825 or online at semssp.org/registration-sjv/.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Fridays:

1-2pm
7-8pm
11pm– Midnight

Wednesdays:

5-6am
6-7am
3-4pm

Saturdays:

Midnight-1am

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT

DONALD E. DEGROOD

Celebrate the ordination of Bishop-elect Donald E. DeGrood and his installation as the ninth Bishop of Sioux Falls with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. Paul Sunday, February 16 at 2pm. Due to the limited space in the Cathedral in Sioux Falls, the distance to Sioux Falls, and the unpredictability of weather in February, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will host a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Bishop DeGrood will be the celebrant with all clergy and lay faithful of the Archdiocese invited and encouraged to attend.

SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

A silent retreat for women, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, will be preached by priests from the Miles Christi Religious Order on the weekend of March 13-15, 2020, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. For more information and to register, please email Minnesota@spiritualexercises.net.

ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE:

SCHOOL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Thursdays, February 6–April 30, 7-9pm, St. Andrew's in Elk River

This dynamic course offers participants the opportunity to personally experience the Holy Spirit, and to receive the charisms which God desires specifically for each person. Taught by Fr. Michael Becker and a Spirit-filled team, students learn how to be open to the Holy Spirit, grow confident in the art of prayer ministry and discernment of spirits. The course features a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" on February 28 & 29. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$150/person.

Online registration:

ciholyspirit2020.eventbrite.com.

For more information visit semssp/ci.

FROM PARISH OFFICE

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit written bulletin content to Carrie.Havlicek@hfcmn.org by Thursday, February 6 for the February 16 bulletin.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Blessing of Candles / Food Drive Weekend

8:00am	Confessions	
9:00am	Mass	
10:00am	Young Adult Gospel Discussion	Nazareth House
11:00am	Mass	
5:00pm	Youth Group Football Party (RSVP event)	Nazareth House

Monday, February 3

St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

8:00am	Mass	
After Mass	Blessing of Throats	
8:30am	Lectio Divina	St. Joseph Room
3:00pm	Widow & Widowers Holy Hour	Adoration Chapel
6:00pm	Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Dinner	Fr. Moorman Hall
7:00pm	Respect Life Monthly Meeting	St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, February 4

7:30am	Confessions	
8:00am	Mass	
9:00am	Scripture Study	Fr. Wilkins Room
10:30am	Good Timers 500 Club	Fr. Wilkins Room
3:30pm	Youth Choir	Fr. Moorman Hall
7:00pm	Altar & Rosary Monthly Meeting	Fr. Wilkins Room
7:00pm	Schola	Choir Loft
7:00pm	Neocatechumenal Way	St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:30am	Confessions	
8:00am	Mass	
8:45am	Donut Wednesday	Fr. Moorman Hall
9:00am	Children's Holy Hour	Church
6:30pm	Confirmation Class	Fr. Moorman Hall
6:30pm	Religious Education Class	School

Thursday, February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:30am	Confessions	
8:00am	Mass	
1:00pm	Merciful Love Prayer Group	Church
3:30pm	Youth Choir	Fr. Moorman Hall
6:30pm	Young Adult Vespers	Church
7:00pm	Young Adult Faith & Fellowship	Nazareth House
7:00pm	RCIA Class	School, Rm 305
7:00pm	Parish Choir	Choir Loft

Friday, February 7

7:30am	Confessions	
8:00am	Mass	
After Mass	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	
After Chaplet	First Friday Coffee	See page 5 for details
3:00pm	Help Handmaids	See page 4 for details
6:30pm	Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	Fr. Wilkins Room

Saturday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00am	Help Handmaids	See page 4 for details
3:30pm	Confessions	
4:45pm	Benediction	
5:00pm	Mass	
6:00pm	Cana Dinner (RSVP event)	See page 7 for details

Sunday, February 9

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut Sunday –Hosted by HFA Grades 3 & 4

8:00am	Confessions	
9:00am	Mass	
10:00am	Young Adult Gospel Discussion	Nazareth House
11:00am	Mass	
1:30pm	Miscarriage Outreach	See page 5 for details

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

HERE AT HOLY FAMILY

CANA DINNER FOR ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

"Rebuilding Catholic Culture, One Marriage at a Time" with guest speaker Andrew Wagenbach

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
6PM SOCIAL AND DINNER
FATHER MOORMAN HALL
\$75 PER COUPLE
RSVP BY FEBRUARY 4

Named after Cana, the place of Jesus' first public miracle during a wedding feast (Jn. 2: 1- 12), this annual dinner is a special opportunity to celebrate married love—just in time for Valentine's Day! Enjoy an elegant 4-course dinner with fellow parishioners and grow spiritually through the after-dinner presentation. Register and pay online at www.hfcmn.org/pay-cana-dinner.

"No marriage is an island; you need others to help you grow in faith so that you can pass that faith on to your spouse, children, and grandchildren. God wants to use marriages to help build up and strengthen the Church through helping to build Catholic culture. Join us as we talk about concrete steps to build Catholic culture in your home and in the homes of those around you!" ~ *Andrew Wagenbach*



SINGLE SENIORS (55+) VALENTINE BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
FOLLOWING THE 8AM MASS
FATHER MOORMAN HALL

You don't need a date to celebrate Valentine's Day—join us for a special brunch! There is no cost, but we do need you to register at www.hfcmn.org/events/seniors-valentine or call the church office 952.929.0113. RSVP due by noon on February 12th.

SUN SAILOR ANNOUNCES ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS:

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



St. Louis Park Voted:

Best Place of Worship
 Best Choir/Music Program
 Best Vacation Bible School
 Best Youth Group

Hopkins Voted:

Best Place of Worship
 Best Choir/Music Program



St. Louis Park Voted:

Best Private School
 Best Preschool
 Best Childcare
 Best Montessori
 Best Principal – Jim Grogan
 Best Teacher – Jean Bullard

PASTOR'S PICKS

This past Tuesday was the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, our greatest theologian! Popes over the centuries have often exhorted the faithful to look to Aquinas. Your pastor weeps at the thought that some of you are unaware of the great gift that the "Angelic Doctor" is to the Church. That said, St. Thomas can sometimes be intimidating to read, so here are a couple of books to introduce you to his thought:

The One-Minute Aquinas

by Kevin Vost

This introductory overview to Aquinas presents his major themes in short and readable chapters without watering down the richness of his thought.

Practical Theology: Spiritual Direction from St. Thomas Aquinas

by Peter Kreeft

Any book by Dr. Kreeft makes my recommended list, but put him together with Aquinas and you have a surefire winner! It is subtitled "358 ways your mind can help you become a saint from the Summa Theologiae." Get through some of the most profound and useful sections of his masterpiece in just under a year. Each day you only have to read 1-2 pages which have direct quotes from the Summa along with helpful commentary from Kreeft to explain the meaning and help you apply the thought to your life.

Living the Good Life: A Beginner's Thomistic Ethics

by Steven Jensen

A former student of Fr. Stromberg has written this introduction to the moral theology of St. Thomas. He credits our beloved Fr. Stromberg for the inspiration to write it. For this one, you still have to be ready for some deep thinking!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

MERCIFUL LOVE PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group was formed after reading the book and watching the DVD series, 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael Gaitley in the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2016. We learned that praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy HELPS SAVE THE WORLD by drawing down God's mercy into the wounds of humanity and the Chaplet is a kind of extension of the prayer of the Mass (Day 26). We meet on Thursdays in the church at 1PM to pray the Rosary, the Chaplet and other prayers. All are invited to join us for all or part of the hour anytime. For questions or a copy of the prayers call Ann Juberian 612.807.3811 or Betty Rockwell 952.929.7188 or bettyrockwell@comcast.net.

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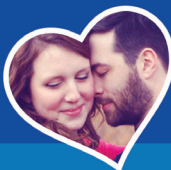
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