

Church of the Holy Family

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Mass Times:

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Saturday 5:00 PM
Weekdays 8:00 AM
Weekday Rosary 7:30 AM

Confessions:

Sunday 8:00 AM to 8:50 AM
Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:50 PM
Tuesday through Friday 7:30 AM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Church of Saint Bede the Venerable
(Parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the
Chair of Saint Peter):

Sunday Mass 5:00 PM
Daily Mass: Mon. - Thu. 5:30 PM

See page 4 for details.



HOLY FAMILY
ACADEMY

Offering Pre-K through 8th Grade
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January 14th, 2018 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Holy Family! Reserved seating is available in the front pew and at the cross-aisle for those who are mobility impaired. A handicap-accessible restroom can be found on this level off the west side vestibule adjoining the adoration chapel. Proceed downstairs from the Narthex for the main restrooms. For those who wish to receive the Precious Blood only due to a gluten intolerance, please check in before the start of Mass in the sacristy. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.

PRELUDE TO MASS (9:00 & 11:00)

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

INTROIT (9:00)

Gregorian chant, mode IV

Omnis terra adoret te, Deus, et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nomini tuo, Altissime.

Ps. Iubilate Deo omnis terra, psalmum dicite nomini eius: date gloriam laudi eius.

Let all the earth worship you and praise you, O God; may it sing in praise of your name, O Most High. *✠* Shout joyfully to God all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of his name; praise him with magnificence.

Ps 66:4 & 1, 2

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Collegetown Hymnal

489 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

GREETING

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *R:* And with your spirit.

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 335

FIRST READING

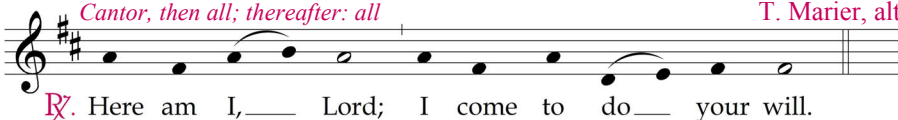
I Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Cantor, then all; thereafter: all

T. Marier, alt.



SECOND READING

I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lumen Christi Missal

Cantor, then all; thereafter: all

VII

A L- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

Deacon: The Lord be with you.**R:** **And with your spirit.***Deacon:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.**R:** **Glory to you, O Lord.***At the conclusion of the Gospel:**Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.**R:** **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,

(All bow while saying:)

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**R:** **Lord, hear our prayer.****THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****OFFERTORY HYMN (5:00)**

Collegeville Hymnal

514 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

NEWMAN

OFFERTORY CHANT (9:00)

Gregorian chant, mode I

Iubilate Deo universa terra: iubilate Deo universa terra: psalium
dicite nomini eius: venite, et audite, et narrabo vobis, omnes qui
timetis Deum, quanta fecit Dominus animæ meæ, alleluia.

*Sing joyfully to God all the earth; let the entire earth cry out
with joy to God; sing a psalm in honor of his name. Come and
hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what the Lord has
done for my soul, alleluia.* *Ps 66:1, 2, 16*

OFFERTORY MOTETS9:00 *Cantate Domino*

R. Führer

*Sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**Ps 95:1*11:00 *Ego sum panis vivus*

G. P. da Palestrina

*I am the living bread. Your fathers ate manna in the desert, and
are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven: if
any man eat of it, he will not die.* *Jn 6:48-50*

INVITATION TO PRAYER*Celebrant:* Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.**R:** **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 XII - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 874**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

R: We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess
your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

R: A - men, — a - men.

SIGN OF PEACE*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be with you always.**R:** **And with your spirit.****AGNUS DEI** Mass Setting XII - Lumen Christi Missal, p. 875**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 VIII
 Dicit Andreas Simoni fratri suo: Invenimus Messiam, qui dicitur
 Christus: et adduxit eum ad Iesum.
*Andrew said to his brother Simon: "We have found the Messiah"
 (which means Christ); and he led him to Jesus. Jn 1:41, 42*

COMMUNION MOTET
 9:00 *Be Thou My Vision* trad. Irish, arr. T. Marier
 11:00 *Tu solus* J. des Prez
*Thou alone art the Wonder-worker, thou alone art the Creator, who
 created us, thou alone art the Redeemer, who redeemed us with thy
 most precious blood. In thee alone do we take refuge, in thee alone
 do we trust, none other do we adore, O Jesus Christ. To thee do we
 pour out our prayers: hear what we beseech, and grant what we
 ask, O benevolent King.*

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

CLOSING HYMN *Collegetown Hymnal*
519 Ye Servants of God LAUDATE DOMINUM

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HOLY FAMILY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14 : **2nd SUNDAY**
 8:00 AM Confessions *New Member & Donut Sunday*
 9:00 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Mass
 12:30 PM Vocations Committee Meeting *See below for details*
Cancelled Youth Group
 5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede *See p. 4 for details*

Monday, January 15
 8:00 AM Mass
 8:30 AM Exercise Class *Fr. Wilkins Room*
 3:00 PM Widows and Widowers Holy Hour *Adoration Chapel*
 5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede *See p. 4 for details*

Tuesday, January 16
 7:30 AM Confessions
 8:00 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Weekly Scripture Study *Fr. Wilkins Room*
 10:30 AM Goodtimers 500 Club *Saint Joseph Room*
 5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede *See p. 4 for details*
 7:00 PM Young Adults Meeting *Nazareth House*
 7:00 PM Neocatechumenal Way *Fr. Wilkins Room*

Wednesday, January 17 : **SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT**
 7:30 AM Confessions
 8:00 AM Mass
 After Mass Coffee & Rolls *Fr. Moorman Hall*
 9:00 AM Children's Eucharistic Adoration *Adoration Chapel*
 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Disciple Mtg. *Saint Joseph Room*
 3:30 PM Youth Choir *Fr. Moorman Hall*
 5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede *See p. 4 for details*
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class *Fr. Moorman Hall*
 6:30 PM Religious Education *HFA*

Thursday, January 18
 7:30 AM Confessions
 8:00 AM Mass
 8:30 AM Exercise Class *Fr. Wilkins Room*
 1:00 PM Merciful Love Prayer Group *Church*
 5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede *See p. 4 for details*
 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal *Choir Loft*
 7:00 PM RCIA *HFA 305*

Friday, January 19
 7:30 AM Confessions
 8:00 AM Mass
 After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction *Church*

Saturday, January 20 : **SAINT FABIAN, POPE & MARTYR;**
SAINT SEBASTIAN, MARTYR
 3:30 PM Confessions
 4:45 PM Benediction
 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 21 : **3rd SUNDAY**
Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast - After Masses *See p. 5 for details*
 8:00 AM Confessions
 9:00 AM Mass
 10:30 AM Blessing of Expectant Mothers
 11:00 AM Mass
 3:00 PM HFHE Family Event *Nazareth House*
 5:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede *See p. 4 for details*

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

TODAY AT HOLY FAMILY

Donut & New Member Sunday
After Sunday Masses - Fr. Moorman Hall

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Today, Sunday, January 14th, 12:30 PM in Fr. Wilkins Room.
 Our parish is blessed with many young people in seminary,
 religious life, or actively discerning. We invite members of our
 parish to join the Vocations Committee to continue efforts in
 promotion of and support of vocations. Please join us for an
 informational and brainstorming meeting!

WEDDINGS

Please pray for
Mark Korf & Christen Howell, Banns III
as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

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 to www.Formed.org, and sign up using our parish code: 2QCG4F.*
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 being a mere fan of Jesus to a
 disciple in this inspiring audio talk.
 Access "Fan or Follower?" at
www.Formed.org: hover over the
 LISTEN tab, choose "TALKS"
 from the dropdown menu, and (after
 scrolling down) choose "Fan or
 Follower?" from the CATHOLIC
 LIFE section.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 15 th	Jerry † and Pat Morton	8:00 AM
Tue., Jan. 16 th	Fr. Alphonse M. Kubat †	8:00 AM
Wed., Jan. 17 th	Msgr. Baumgaertner †	8:00 AM
Thu., Jan. 18 th	Msgr. Francis J. Fleming †	8:00 AM
Fri., Jan. 19 th	Kenneth Miller †	8:00 AM
Sat., Jan. 20 th	Harry Geraty †	5:00 PM
Sun., Jan. 21 st	Msgr. Stanley J. Srnec †	9:00 AM
Sun., Jan. 21 st	For the Parish	11:00 AM

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:

*John Browne, son of Tim & Colleen Browne;
Fulton Burril, son of Katherine Burril;
Carmelo, father of Daniela Malkasian;
Tim G.; John & Josephine Jacobs; Thomas McDermott;
Jim Sicora; Judy Sicora; Lois Sicora; Bonnie Wall*

† *Connie Nerheim*
† *Phyllis Turner, mother of Norma Treco*

Go to www.hfcmn.org and click on "submit prayer request" or call the parish office. You need permission from the person for his/her name to be listed in our prayer intentions. Sign up for "Prayer Partners" on Flocknote to receive notifications. Prayer intentions will be sent by email and listed in the bulletin for one week. Birth and death notices (with meal calendars) will be sent to those signed up for "Prayer Partners."

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY 6-7, 2018

Plate	\$ 1,885.01
Member Envelopes	\$ 8,766.00
Online Giving	\$ 8,617.55
Total Contributions	\$ 19,268.56

SECOND COLLECTION:

The Care Fund	\$ 1,100.28
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Next week's Second Collection will benefit the Care Fund.

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;" the church then is able to write one check to the organization. Thank you!

Not 'How much of my money will I give to God?', but 'How much of God's money will I keep for myself?' *John Wesley*

CHURCH OF SAINT BEDE

The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter was created by the Vatican in 2012 to assist former Anglicans who wish to become Catholic. Their liturgy is a valid Catholic Mass but incorporates distinctive elements from their tradition. Everyone is welcome, and attendance fulfills the obligation for any Catholic for Sunday and holy days. Visit www.thevenerablebede.org for more information.

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If you or someone you know is in need of emergency assistance, please contact:
STEP - Emergency Program: 952.925.4899



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS: FLOCKNOTE

Stay updated through Holy Family's communication tool, Flocknote! You'll get weekly updates from the parish, as well as any timely updates from the school and any groups you'd like to join (e.g. Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament).

How to hear from Holy Family:

1. Visit 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!

HOLY FAMILY IS 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 hfamn.org.

HERE AT HOLY FAMILY

DAY OF PRAYER

Join staff, students and other Parishioners in the Church on **Monday, January 22nd**, to pray for an end to abortion. After 8:00 AM Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church for the day. Scheduled adorers should still sign in; book will be moved to the church. At 2:15 PM the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will be prayed with the school children.

“MEN OF GOD” SERIES

All men of the parish are invited to a Friday evening meal once per month with a reflection on how to grow in faith, enrich family life, and provide Christian witness in the world. Come to develop healthy friendships with other parishioners as we support one another in discipleship! Fr. Joseph gave a *great* lecture last month about how to celebrate Christmas, which will be available shortly on the new parish website. This month, Fr. Ben Little, Pastor of St. Michael's in Farmington, will give the talk “The Place of Silence” on **Friday, January 26th** starting with dinner at 7:00 PM in Fr Moorman Hall. Free for everyone but donations are gladly accepted to cover the meal and honorarium costs.

CANA DINNER

Married and engaged couples: Plan to attend our Cana Dinner on **Saturday, Feb. 3rd**! Please join us for this special evening to honor Jesus' first miracle and the Sacrament of Marriage, right in time for St. Valentine's Day! The evening includes the regular 5 PM Mass followed by an elegant 4-course dinner in Fr. Moorman Hall, fellowship, and speaker Fr. Kyle Kowalczyk. Purchase tickets on the parish website (www.hfcmn.org). Contact Eugene Karels with questions at 952.463.5281.

SAVE THE DATE! HOLY FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE

The next Holy Family Blood Drive takes place on **Monday, February 26th**. Stay tuned for details!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

A big thank you to all those who helped with the decorating and un-decorating of our church for Christmas. Your gift of time is appreciated by the staff of Holy Family Church.

SUPPORT SACRED MUSIC

It's always possible to make a donation to Holy Family's Sacred Music Program with a donation! Donations can be made online - at hfcmn.org/donate - or mailed or dropped off at the Church office. New: Sacred Music CDs featuring our many ensembles are available from the office for \$12, and will soon be available online.



THIS FALL: A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND!

Registration is now open for our pastor Fr. Joseph's pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **September 30 - October 12, 2018**. Twelve grace-filled days of Scripture study and prayer! Save the dates and sign up soon as there is a limited number of places available. Total cost including airfare, all taxes, and tips: \$4,629. Stop by the office for a brochure or contact Consolidated Travel for more information: tel. 404.767.2727 or email info@ctoinc.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PRO-LIFE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The local Knights council of Holy Family will be hosting a delicious pancake breakfast on **Sunday, January 21st**, with proceeds from the free will donations to be used by the Knights for pro-life purposes. Come downstairs to Fr. Moorman hall after Mass, and leave the cooking to us!



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: JANUARY 18-25, 2018

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power," is taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. The resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean by an ecumenical team of women and men under the leadership of His Grace Kenneth Richards, Catholic Archbishop of Kingston, the Antilles Episcopal Conference, together with Mr. Gerard Granado, General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC).

Throughout the Biblical narrative of salvation, an unmistakable motif is the unrelenting determination of the Lord to form a people whom He could call His own. The formation of such a people, united in a sacred covenant with God, is integral to the Lord's plan of salvation and to the glorification of His name. The prophets repeatedly remind Israel that their covenant demanded that relationships among its various social groups should be characterized by justice, compassion and mercy. Reconciliation often demands repentance, reparation and healing of memories.

As Jesus prepared to seal the new covenant in His own blood, His earnest prayer to the Father was that those given to Him by the Father would be one, just as He and the Father were one. When Christians discover their unity in Jesus, they participate in Christ's glorification in the presence of the Father, with the same glory that He had lived in the Father's presence before the world existed. Therefore, God's covenanted people must always strive to be a reconciled community that serves as an effective sign of how to live in justice and peace for all the people of the earth.

Today, the Bible continues to be a source of consolation and liberation, inspiring Christians to address the conditions that currently undermine the Body of Christ. The Church, like Israel, is called to be a sign and an active agent of reconciliation.

O God, your right hand is glorious in power. Extend your hand to help us discover new ways that unite your people in the Body of Christ, the Church. May the strength of your hand take away all misunderstanding and prejudice that hinder our calling to be one in body and spirit. Draw us together in the bond of peace, faith and charity that we may be one in Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

FINE ARTS PROGRAM NIGHT

Friday January 19th: Holy Family Academy will host an evening of enlightenment with light desserts and sparkling beverage. Both school families and parishioners are invited at 7:00 PM to come to Kattar Hall and enjoy the fruits of our children. Be delighted by: art from all ages; song from select groups; music from our 2 strings programs and some brief announcements from School Advisory Council. No RSVP needed!

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun! Please call the front office 952.925.9193 to enroll! Pre-Kindergarten offerings will be the same as this year: every day, M-W-F, or Tuesday and Thursday (1/2 or full day for each). Tuition and other information about our classical curriculum is available online. Please spread the word about Holy Family Academy!

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:

Wednesdays: 1 - 2 PM; Thursdays: 12 - 1 PM;

Saturdays: 8 - 9 PM; Sundays: 12 - 1 AM;

Sundays: 9 - 10 PM

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Saint Cecilia Academy for Strings

The St. Cecilia Academy for Strings, a program of Holy Family Church, is a Catholic string orchestra for youth ages 12 to 18. Unique in our archdiocese, the Academy rehearses weekly and plays repertory from the great treasury of Sacred Music at Masses and in concerts. Founder and Director Michal Sobieski, recently retired from 35 years with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, leads the ensemble and teaches techniques and specialties of chamber music. For more information, call or email Scott Turkington, 952.999.4887, Scott.Turkington@hfcmn.org.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have a parish-related or archdiocesan event or announcement you would like to include in our bulletin, please submit in writing to communications@hfcmn.org by

6 **January 18th** for the **January 28th** bulletin.

IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MARCH FOR LIFE

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalized abortion on demand nationwide. Each year, pro-life Minnesotans mark the anniversary of Roe and Doe with the MCCL March for Life at the state Capitol in St. Paul. The purpose of the March is to commemorate the lives lost to abortion (and the women and men who have been hurt as a result) and to call for renewed respect and protection for all members of the human family, including unborn children and their mothers. **The 2018 MCCL March for Life will take place on Monday, Jan. 22, beginning at 12:00 noon on the Capitol Mall south of the Capitol building.** It will be followed by a brief program on the Capitol steps at 12:30. MCCL will introduce its legislative agenda for the upcoming session during the program. Many pro-life elected officials are expected to attend the March and will be introduced to the crowd.

PRO-LIFE ACROSS AMERICA

Join Mary Ann Kuharski, or Pro Life Across America, on **Friday, January 26th**, as she prays and recommits herself to the pro-life efforts that will end the horror of abortion and promote a "Culture of Life"! Fr. Spencer Howe will celebrate a memorial Mass, at 6:00 PM followed by social hour of refreshments and snacks, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Minneapolis.

MIRIAM DINNER

Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 6 – 8 PM, Church of the Holy Cross, 1621 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis - The Miriam Dinner, hosted by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, is an event for women ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their Pastor, Consecrated Religious, or Youth Minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. Register online before February 1st at www.10000vocations.org. Questions? Call the Office of Vocations at 651.962.6890 or email patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu.

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 8 AM - 3:30 PM, Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, Saint Paul - Join us to gain a deeper understanding of consecrated life! Bishop Andrew Cozzens will celebrate Mass and speak on consecrated life. The retreat is for single Catholic women, ages 16 to 35. The retreat day will include consecrated women sharing their vocation stories, along with many opportunities for discerning women to chat and ask questions. Discover the steps of discernment, learn more about yourself, and listen to God speak to your heart. Retreat fee is \$20. Scholarships are available, if needed. Register online by February 9 at www.10000vocations.org.

MILES CHRISTI RETREAT

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 9-11 and May 4-6 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. For more information and to register, please contact Karen Hastreiter at 651.451.1132 or minnesota@spiritualexercises.net

“You are not your own - You have been purchased at a price” (I Corinthians 6:20)

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul reminds us of our identity in the Mystical Body of Christ. Through the waters of baptism, we are joined to the Lord and to one another by a bond more profound than mere human relations. We are related to our families by human blood but to fellow Christians by the Blood of Christ!

Too often we look upon God as an imposition. We are supposed to make time in our busy schedules for daily prayer and Sunday Mass. We are “guilted” into helping with activities around the parish or contributing financially to the work of the Church. It all seems like a series of burdens placed upon us by an outsider. This feeling leads us to try to negotiate or evade these apparent “burdens”—but these are not outside demands!

The reality is that we are part of a beautiful spiritual entity known as the Mystical Body of Christ. Scripture tells us that Jesus is the Head and we are the members. Does the heart feel resentment that it has to pump blood because the brain needs oxygen? Does the left foot begrudge a shoe for the right foot? Do our ears complain that the eyes need light? The list could go on interminably and every example would be just as absurd! The human body is an integrated whole and all the parts need each other in order to function smoothly.

The Mystical Body of Christ creates a unity in which we can all share in the blessings of Christ the Head. We receive the new life of grace through His Resurrection. The sacraments transmit this life in Christ to us and promise us eternal life. Along with these newfound dignities come responsibilities: to nourish our souls by prayer, to conduct our bodies in a moral way according to the Commandments, and to commit ourselves to the work of Christ in bringing His salvation to the world.

“It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me!” (Galatians 2:20)

Saint Paul forcefully expressed the reality of what it means to be a Christian. Do our everyday actions express this identity?

- ◆ Do I view prayer as “spiritual homework” rather than an encounter with Christ from Whom I draw my very life and its meaning?
- ◆ Am I just a “consumer” at my parish or do I actively participate in prayer as well as faith formation initiatives, service opportunities, etc.?
- ◆ Do I take my share of personal responsibility for the financial health of the parish where I practice my faith?
- ◆ Do I make conscious choices to live modestly rather than indulge in the great American dream so that I can contribute more generously to the work of the Church and give witness that we are pilgrims here with our true home in Heaven?

How am I a steward of the life of Christ in me?

The way we spend our time, talent, and treasure is the concrete expression of how we give meaning to our lives. Giving God spare time and spare change doesn’t express a mature understanding of my life as a member of the Mystical Body of Christ. God doesn’t need anything from us. We need to give God our best as a sign that we want to live this union of love established by Christ’s gift of His life on the Cross.

Biblical references to stewardship:

“**Tithe**”—the debt of gratitude we owe to God in thanksgiving for all He has done for us. The Bible records this as 10% of our income. It is always directed towards the Church though it may be split between our parish and other Catholic entities.

“**Almsgiving**”—sacrifices freely made out of charity after we have fulfilled our tithe. This can be directed towards any good cause or a particular neighbor in need.

“**Firstfruits**”—the opposite of leftovers! We are supposed to honor God first before we spend time/money on ourselves.

If you give your heart fully to Jesus, then your pastor will never have to beg for your time or your money. Out of gratitude you will naturally seek ways to serve and give more generously. Jesus showed us sacrificial love. Am I showing Him sacrificial love in the way I use my time, talents, and treasure? Do I radiate the life and love of Christ in my life through the everyday choices I make?

In the coming month, Holy Family will invite our parishioners to fill out a pledge card as a sign of our gratitude to God and commitment to the mission of the Church. Please prayerfully begin discerning now what your commitment will be for 2018.

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