



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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*Truth, Beauty, and Goodness:
the hallmarks of a Catholic, classical
education that never go out of style.*

February 4th, 2018 Fifth 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 *The Call* R. Vaughan Williams
11:00 *Call to Remembrance* R. Farrant

INTROIT (9:00)

Gregorian chant, mode II
Venite, adoremus Deum, et procidamus ante Dominum: ploremus ante eum, qui fecit nos: quia ipse est Dominus Deus noster. *Ps.* Venite, exsultemus Domino: iubilemus Deo salutari nostro. Come, let us worship God and bow down before the Lord; let us shed tears before the Lord who made us; for he is the Lord our God. *V.* Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise unto God our Savior. *Ps 95:6, 7, & 1*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

510 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* Collegeville Hymnal
fulda (walton)

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

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lumen Christi Missal - Page 369

FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
T. Marier

Cantor, then all; thereafter: all



R: Praise — the Lord, who heals the bro-ken-heart - ed.

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor, then all; thereafter: all

Lumen Christi Missal

VII

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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, 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)

Collegetown Hymnal

498 Come Down, O Love Divine

OFFERTORY CHANT (9:00)

Gregorian chant, mode IV

Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis, ut non moveantur vestigia
mea: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea: mirifica
misericordias tuas, qui salvos facis sperantes in te, Domine.
*Render secure my footsteps in your paths so that my feet do not
slip; incline your ear and hear my words; display your wonderful
mercies, O Lord, Savior of those who place their hope in you.*

Ps 17:5, 6, 7

OFFERTORY MOTET (9:00 & 11:00)

Laudate Dominum (from Vesperae solennes de confessore, K. 339)

W. A. Mozart

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For
his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord
remaineth for ever.*

Ps 117

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

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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

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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 II

Multitudo languentium, et qui vexabantur a spiritibus immundis, veniebant ad eum: quia virtus de illo exibat, et sanabat omnes.
A multitude with diseases, and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, came unto him, because a power emanate from him which healed them all. Lk 6:17, 18, 19

COMMUNION MOTET

9:00 Ave verum

E. Elgar

Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary; who truly suffered, immolated upon the Cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood; may we taste thee before we enter the trial of death. O sweet, O faithful, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Trope to the Sanctus, 14th c.

11:00 O salutaris Hostia

M. Dupré

O Saving Victim, Who opens the gate of heaven; Hostile attacks oppress us, give us strength, bring us aid. To the One and Triune God be eternal glory Who gives us life without end in our native land above. Amen. St. Thomas Aquinas, from the Matins hymn Verbum supernum prodiens, Corpus Christi

SECOND COLLECTION

The Care Fund

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

CLOSING HYMN

Collegetown Hymnal

446 Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing nettleton

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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@hfcmm.org by February 8th for the February 18th bulletin.

TODAY AT HOLY FAMILY



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our parish is conducting the
2018 Catholic Services Appeal
this weekend at all Masses.

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE

Please have the Chalice in the sacristy immediately after the 9:00 AM Mass. Here is the schedule for February:

- ◆ February 4: Eric and Lorena Dillon family
- ◆ February 11: Brian and Karen Mahon family
- ◆ February 18: Rob and Phyllis Galarneault family
- ◆ February 25: Greg and Claire Roden family

HOLY FAMILY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday

8:00 AM	Confessions	Food Drive Sunday
9:00 AM	Mass	
11:00 AM	Mass	
5:00 PM	Mass: Church of Saint Bede	See p. 4 for details
5:00 PM	Youth Group–Football Party	Nazareth House

Monday, February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 AM	Mass	
8:30 AM	Exercise Class	Fr. Wilkins Room
3:00 PM	Widows & Widowers Holy Hour	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Mass: Church of Saint Bede	See p. 4 for details
7:00 PM	Respect Life Meeting	St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:30 AM	Confessions	
8:00 AM	Mass	
9:00 AM	Weekly Scripture Study	Fr. Wilkins Room
10:30 AM	Goodtimers 500 Club	St. Joseph Room
5:30 PM	Mass: Church of Saint Bede	See p. 4 for details
7:00 PM	Neocatechumenal Way	Fr. Wilkins Room

Wednesday, February 7

7:30 AM	Confessions	
8:00 AM	Mass	
After Mass Coffee & Rolls		Fr. Moorman Hall
9:00 AM	Children's Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:30 AM	"Drill the Deacon"	Fr. Moorman Hall
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, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

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, February 9

7:30 AM	Confessions	
8:00 AM	Mass	
After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction		Church
7:00 PM	Men of God Series	Fr. Moorman Hall

Saturday, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin
World Day of Sick

7:30 AM	Rosary and Confessions	Church
8:00 AM	Mass	
9:00 AM	Mothers Morning of Renewal	Fr. Moorman Hall
3:30 PM	Confessions	
4:45 PM	Benediction	
5:00 PM	Mass	
6:00 PM	HFA Sock Hop	Fr. Moorman Hall

Sunday, February 11

6th Sunday

8:00 AM	Confessions	New Member & Donut Sunday
9:00 AM	Mass	
11:00 AM	Mass	
After Mass Young Adult Brunch		Nazareth House
3:00 PM	Concert–Flos Forum Ensemble	See p. 5 for details
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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Feb. 5 th	Ray and Kathy Whelan	8:00 AM
Tue., Feb. 6 th	Joe and Teresa Lahti	8:00 AM
Wed., Feb. 7 th	Gabe Cooper	8:00 AM
Thu., Feb. 8 th	Gene Dokken †	8:00 AM
Fri., Feb. 9 th	Elsie Marie Ludford †	8:00 AM
Sat., Feb. 10 th	Jim Walsh †	5:00 PM
Sun., Feb. 11 th	For the Parish	9:00 AM
Sun., Feb. 12 th	Alvin Rogalla †	11:00 AM

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:

Dr. Don Briel
Fr. Mark Dosh
Rosalie Dixon

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 27-28, 2018

Plate	\$ 4,341.67
Member Envelopes	\$ 11,304.68
Online Giving	\$ 3,502.55
Total Contributions	\$ 19,148.90

Second Collection:
The Care Fund \$ 1,493.70

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!

*"Stewardship is not about raising money;
it's about raising Christians who willingly trust God."*

— Unknown

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

WEDDINGS

Please pray for

Brody & Page Brumwiede, Banns I
as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.



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

SINGLE SENIOR (55+) VALENTINE BREAKFAST

Please join us in Fr. Moorman Hall on **Tuesday, February 13th** following the 8:00 AM Mass. There is no cost, however, we do need you to **R.S.V.P.** Please call the Parish Office 952.929.0113 no later than **Wednesday, February 7th**.

CONCERT OF SACRED CHORAL MUSIC

On **Sunday, February 11, at 3:00 PM**, our own Ensemble Flos Florum will present its second concert at Holy Family and will be the fourth in our series of nine Sacred Music Concerts this year. Specializing in music of the 15th to 17th centuries, the EFF is offering a varied program of choral music of the masters. While there is no admission charge, there will be a free-will offering; a wine and cheese reception will follow.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

JOB OPENING!

Holy Family Academy is looking for a development assistant to help the principal with general development work including, but not limited to: the implementation of a new CRM database - Salesforce, and to help design a planned giving program. This is a 10 hour a week position that will last until the end of 2018. Previous experience working with a CRM database as well as in planned giving would be helpful. Hours are flexible except to accommodate event preparation and attendance (some odd hours work would be necessary). Please contact Jim Grogan to apply or ask any questions at jim.grogan@hfamn.org or call 612.247.5203.

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 hfamn.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 \$12.00, and will soon be available online.



“DRILL THE DEACON” EDITION OF WEDNESDAY DONUTS!

On Wednesday, **February 7th**, following the 8:00 AM Mass, Deacon Jim Meyer will host “Drill the Deacon” during the normal Wednesday Donuts in Fr. Moorman Hall. “Drill the Deacon” is a spin on our traditional “Pester the Pastor” with Fr. Joseph. Both events are great opportunities to ask all your faith-based questions while eating a fun breakfast!

HOLY FAMILY SPRING DINNER

Calling all disciples! Are you using the talents God gave you? Holy Family Church spring dinner committee would like to help you use them. We need you! Please prayerfully consider serving in any small or large way. Areas include, but not limited to silent auction, live auction, publicity, ticket sales, clean up and printing. We also need sponsors who are willing to underwrite the cost of different expenses related to the event. If you are willing to help or have questions please call Chris McDonald 952.215.4142 or Linda Rubi 612.845.6682.

MEN OF GOD SERIES

“MAN UP THIS LENT, FOLLOW CHRIST TO CALVARY: PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR A FRUITFUL LENTEN SEASON”

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!

This month, Fr. Marcus Milless, Chaplain at Hennepin County Medical Center, and associate pastor here at Holy Family, will give the talk “Man Up This Lent, Follow Christ to Calvary: Practical Ideas for a Fruitful Lenten Season” on **Friday, February 9th** 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.



LENT AT HOLY FAMILY

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES - *Prayer*

Have you ever wondered about questions like: What is the best way to pray? Or how much should I pray each day? Or how often should I pray the rosary? Our Lenten Friday night lecture series this year will attempt to answer those questions and many others regarding prayer. Prayer is a personal response to God's presence. God loves us more than we can imagine. We respond to that love by loving him back. People in love want to spend time together. Prayer is a person to person communication with God.

Come and learn about things like Lectio Divina, Ignatian contemplation, Liturgy of the Hours, novenas and many other prayer related topics.

The schedule will be as follows *however subject to change*:

- 02/16/18 Overview, impediments and posture to prayer, etc.
- 02/23/18 Carmelite spirituality
- 03/02/18 Benedictine Spirituality
- 03/09/18 Liturgy of the hours
- 03/16/18 Lectio Divina/ Ignatian Contemplation
- 03/23/18 Franciscan Spirituality

TUESDAY ADULT FORMATION LENTEN SERIES

Loving God with Your Whole Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength

This series will explore the divine call to give our entire self to God in love. We will explore what it means to truly do so and look at the lives of several saints who embody these qualities richly.

All of these presentation will be in Fr. Moorman Hall at 7:00 pm and last about an hour.

Tuesday February 20th: *Loving God with Your Whole Heart* with Sts. Mary Magdalene and Brigid of Ireland

Tuesday February 27th: *Loving God with Your Whole Soul* with Sts. John of the Cross and Josephine Bahkita

Tuesday March 6th: *Loving God with Your Whole Mind* with Sts. Jerome and Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday March 13th: *Loving God with Your Whole Strength* with Sts. Mary and Isaac Jogues

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES at Holy Family Academy

We have many opportunities to be a disciple at our parish school. Please consider helping with the following:

- ◆ Sledding Day
- ◆ Lunch Worker
- ◆ Library Worker
- ◆ Spring Dinner – some of the proceeds benefit the school
- ◆ Donut Sundays
- ◆ Reading with students at school
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ Veteran's Breakfast
- ◆ Crusader Cup
- ◆ Smoker Poker
- ◆ Parish Festival
- ◆ Fall Fundraiser : Cookie Dough, (counting money, handing out orders)
- ◆ Teacher/Staff Christmas Party

Please contact Jim Grogan (jim.grogan@hfamn.org) or Mary Finken (mary.finken@hfamn.org) if you are interested in helping out or have any questions. You can also call us at 952.925.9193.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39)



BRUNCH & REFLECTION

Please join Holy Family Young Adults for a brunch and Gospel Bible Study, **Sunday, February 11th**. We will be reflecting on our personal faith journey through the Sunday Gospel. Eggs,

meat, coffee, and juice will be provided. Please bring donuts/bread/cake to share. Nursing Babies are welcome. We will meet in the Nazareth House, 3144 Zarthan Avenue, after 11:00 AM Mass.

FORMED.ORG

FORMED.ORG: POPE FRANCIS' BACKGROUND

To access Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, go to www.Formed.org, and sign up using our parish code: 2QCG4F.

Have you ever been curious about what has influenced our Holy Father Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio? This documentary film, produced in the early days of his papacy, gives insight into his life, thought, and work, and relives the conclave that led to his election. Access "Who is Pope Francis?" on www.FORMED.org: hovering over "WATCH" choose "Documentaries" from the dropdown menu, and find it (scroll down) in the "POPES" section.



IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2018

- Saturday, February 10th, 2018
- 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda
- Saint Joseph Parish, 1154 Seminole Ave, West Saint Paul, MN 55118

Following Holy Mass there will be optional blessings with Lourdes Water. There will also be a reception with refreshments and a talk given by Fr. Robert Altier.

The World Day of the Sick always takes place around the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In a special way the church invites everyone, including the sick, caregivers, healthcare professionals and chaplains to come together to pray for each other under the mantle of Our Lady and to honor those who serve the sick. If you are not able to attend, please let us know so we can pray for you and your family; email curatioevent@gmail.com or call 651.373.5369. Sponsored by Curatio and the Order of Malta American Association Minnesota Area.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



Our parish is now conducting the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal for the 18 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own.

The CSAF recognizes each parish itself as a ministry integral to the daily life of the Archdiocese. Our parish really is our second home; we see our brothers and sisters in Christ every week as together we celebrate the Mass. It is also where we are prepared and supported as disciples to go forth to preach the Gospel. Thus, our parish is a benefited ministry of the CSA; we receive 25% of the dollars we collect in our parish if we reach our parish goal. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us reach our goal!

The 18 Collective Ministries supported by the Catholic Services Appeal are:

- ◆ American Indian Ministry
- ◆ Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
- ◆ Campus Ministry – Newman Center
- ◆ Campus Ministry – Saint Paul's Outreach
- ◆ Catholic Charities
- ◆ Deaf Ministry
- ◆ Elementary School Subsidies and Scholarships
- ◆ Evangelization and Catechesis
- ◆ High School Scholarships
- ◆ Hospital Chaplains
- ◆ Latino Ministry
- ◆ Marriage, Family and Life
- ◆ Parishes
- ◆ Prison Chaplains
- ◆ Saint John Vianney College Seminary
- ◆ The Saint Paul Seminary
- ◆ Venezuelan Mission
- ◆ Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities

2018 FINANCIAL PLEDGE PROCESS FOR HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS

Some parishes and other organizations ask for annual pledges to indicate support for their mission. This weekend the Catholic Services Appeal is conducting such a pledge drive across the archdiocese. It has not been the custom at Holy Family to ask our parishioners to fill out annual pledges. This year, I'd like to do something different.

As your pastor, it is my responsibility to make sure that our parish finances are sound. A pledging process helps with budgeting though it doesn't give a full picture. A greater concern is actually my spiritual responsibility to assist parishioners to become better disciples of the Lord Jesus. That's why I propose that we undertake a pledging process that is—to say the least—a bit unconventional. *I would like everyone to fill out this pledge form... and then keep it!* That is, I don't want you to turn this in to me or the parish office. As I said, a pledge is only partially helpful in budgeting, so go ahead and keep it. No need to be shy or creative with the numbers as no one else will see them! Maybe some year in the future we might ask for a formal pledge card but I think the spiritual purpose of this effort is more important.

This pledge form is simply a tool for you to conduct an at-home spiritual health self-evaluation. You are accountable only to yourself and God. It is part examination of conscience and part "values clarification." One of my professors taught me a long time ago that any budget is a theological document! Taking a close look at the budget of how you spend your time and your money will reflect what is important to you. If God isn't at the top of your priorities, then ask yourself how you are attempting to live the greatest commandment to love God with your ALL.

Jesus has asked me as your pastor to help you become saints. It isn't easy to free ourselves from our wounded nature's self-indulgence or our affluent culture's materialism. We often talk about the importance of how we spend our time in order to pray, to be faithful to the duties of our vocation, or to serve our neighbor. Right now, let's take a hard look at how we spend our money. Jesus said it is impossible to serve both God and Mammon—a strange ancient word for wealth. He identified money as God's chief rival for our affection in this world. How are we doing in facing this temptation? Please pray to the Holy Spirit and then challenge yourself with this pledge form.

Version One of Financial Analysis

As you prepare IRS forms for your taxes, please enter your 2017 income here: _____
Please review your 2017 contribution statement sent this past week by Holy Family and enter here: _____
Calculate the percentage of your income that became your support to the mission of our parish: _____

Does this percentage reflect at least 8% of your income? Scripture says our "tithe" should be 10% of our worldly goods. This reflects the attitude of offering God our best—that is, our "first fruits" rather than leftovers after we have paid for everything else. It is something that we freely give out of gratitude for the 100% which God gives us. It is not extracted by a church tax and it is not simply a way for us to create a charitable deduction to lessen our tax burden with Uncle Sam.

We can learn a lot from Wichita, Kansas, which has a wonderful diocesan stewardship program which encourages tithing. The results are spectacular: free Catholic school tuition for every student in the entire diocese! They suggest giving 8% to your local parish and then 2% to other Catholic entities—such as the diocese or seminary, etc. Other charitable giving to non-Catholic organizations or to individual neighbors in need would be a separate category known as alms-giving above and beyond. It is not accurately accounted as a portion of the tithe we owe out of gratitude to God. Imagine what we could do in our own parish and archdiocese if we took the same approach!

Version Two of Financial Analysis

How much do I spend on Caribou/Starbucks coffee (or other small luxuries) per week? _____
How much do I spend on Internet/cable television/Netflix? _____
How much did our last vacation cost? _____

Expand this analysis on your own by examining how much money is spent on all non-necessities, ranging from ice cream and steaks to home square-footage, type of car, and designer clothes.

Take the amount from your 2017 contribution statement sent this past week by Holy Family and enter here: _____
Divide that amount by 52 to arrive at a weekly amount and enter here: _____
How do those numbers compare to the annual or weekly amounts we spend on non-necessities above? Is God in first place???

Pledge

For 2018, I have prayerfully considered my financial resources and wish to demonstrate my gratitude to God and support for the mission of the Church by pledging \$ _____ in contributions to Holy Family Catholic Church.
This represents _____ percent of my income.
This will be contributed weekly/monthly by envelope/online. (Circle as appropriate)

Now place this form in your Bible or prayer book as a reminder of your commitment—God bless you!