

Dear Confreres,

Join Minnesota Area members for First Saturdays Morning Prayer and Mass at the Church of the Holy Family, 5900 West Lake Street, Saint Louis Park. Holy Mass is at 8:00am, with Morning Prayer following Mass (from September onward).

Our Prayer Intentions will include:

1) Minnesota Area Confreres, living and deceased

2) The Order of Malta around the world and that our members will faithfully live out the charism of the Order

3) Reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary\*

Those who plan to attend will need to use the form located at <u>https://hfcmn.org/mass-times</u> to inform the parish that they will be there, by noon the day before.

As the coronavirus restrictions allow, we will also add a brief social period and sometimes a reflection from one of our Chaplains afterwards.

\* Sister Lucia, one of the children to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared at Fatima in 1917, reported that on December 10, 1925, the Virgin Mary appeared to her at the convent in Pontevedra, Spain, and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was the Child Jesus. According to Lucia, Mary requested the Devotion of the Five First Saturdays in reparation to her Immaculate Heart:

"Look, my daughter, at my Heart encircled by these thorns with which men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, strive to console me, and so I announce: I promise to assist at the hour of death with the grace necessary for salvation all those who, with the intention of making reparation to me, will, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the beads, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."