Dear family and friends, Dec 2014
The biggest news of the year is that Margaret (10), William (7), and Jane (6) have started attending Saint Agnes School here in St. Paul. After a year of home schooling, the relative rigors of waking the kids up at 6:30 every school morning, helping Margaret and William with daily homework, and volunteering at school have been challenging. However, Alexa and I are pleased with the significant and growing commitment that Saint Agnes has to a classical education, and we are thrilled that every facet of the school day, and every teacher at the school, informs and inspires our children in their Catholic faith. Lydia (3) has proven mostly delightful, but sometimes exasperating, to both her parents and siblings. At St. Mark’s Church, Alexa attends Bible studies and I’ve started serving on the finance committee. At Macalester College, we’ve almost finished our hiring process for a new chemistry professor. I am sure that, with the so-so record I had as a recently-minted Ph.D. back in 1999, Macalester would not have interviewed me today! I’m therefore most thankful for my career in this holiday season.