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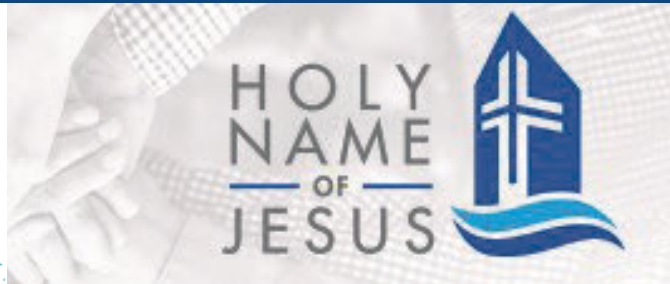
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December 10, 2023 • The Second Sunday of Advent

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and
5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.

Nursery

Sundays during 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Masses

Confessions

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Sign Up for Email!

If you are not receiving our emails, the
sign up link is on hnoj.org under the
contact us information.

Anointing / Funeral Emergency

Please call 763-233-0259 for
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Adoration Schedule

Sign up at hnoj.weadorehim.com

Monday 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



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Happy New Liturgical Year!

By Fr. Mike Reinhardt

“Of every other child that is born into the world, friends can say that it resembles his mother. This was the first instance in time that anyone could say that the mother resembled the Child. This is the beautiful paradox of the Child who made His mother; the mother, too was only a child. It was also the first time in the history of this world that anyone could ever think of heaven as being anywhere else than “somewhere up there”; when the Child was in her arms, Mary now looked down to Heaven.”

Excerpt from ‘The Life of Christ’ by Fulton Sheen

Happy New Year! As we begin a new liturgical year, we are once again given the opportunity to enter into the mysteries of the incarnation. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus invites us to be watchful, to be alert! Jesus uses the image of a gatekeeper alert for his master’s return. I invite us to use the image of a child peeking around the corner and down the stairs watchful for some of the “behind-the-scenes” magic of Christmas. There is a joy, an excitement, a childlike sense of wonder in the child that, to me at least, is not present in the image of the gatekeeper waiting for his master. These are all qualities that we are called to cultivate in our own alertness as we wait for our master.

We have heard these stories from the Gospels year after year, and so we may presume a familiarity with what is going on that we may have only at a surface level. Our presumed familiarity (and our busy-ness!) too often obscures the wondrous strangeness of how God came to meet us as a newborn babe.

That is why I value insights like Fulton Sheen’s. They shake us out of the routine. They help us go deeper than that surface familiarity and see what is happening in a deeper, truer way. They are aids in re-awakening within us that childlike sense of alertness that enters into the wonder and excitement of the season anew year after year.

Happy New Year! May your
Advent be alert, and may your
Christmas be merry and bright!



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Advent at Holy Name of Jesus



The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas.

There are many resources available to help you in your prayer! From FORMED.org or the Hallow App to making a commitment for daily Mass or an hour of Adoration - please check out the article on our website hnoj.org/advent for a list of Advent resources.

Advent Confessions

Saturdays 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Please note: we will have several priests available for confession on Wednesday, Dec. 13, and Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23, at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24, at 9 a.m.

We will be using incense at the 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday liturgies during the season of Advent. For those with sensitivities, you may wish to consider joining us at our 5 p.m. (Saturday) and 8:30 a.m. liturgies where we will refrain from using any incense.

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. Mass in the Church - School Choir with Handbell Choir (piano and organ)

4 p.m. Mass in the GSC - Sunday Evening Band (guitars, keyboard and drums)

6 p.m. Mass in the Church - Sunday Evening Band (guitars, keyboard and drums)

10 p.m. Mass in the Church - HNOJ Choir (string quartet, flute, oboe, timpani, piano, organ)

Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25

9:30 a.m. Mass in the Church - Contemporary Choir (piano and guitars)

Incense will be used at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. There will be no incense at the 4 or 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses, nor the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

School Christmas Break

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Tuesday, Jan. 2

Parish Offices Closed

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25-26

Monday, Jan. 1



National Eucharistic Congress - Join the Group from HNOJ

Through the generosity of one of Holy Name of Jesus's benefactors, efforts are underway to assemble a delegation to the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21.

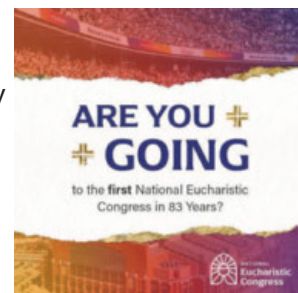
Cost is \$100 which includes the following:

- Transportation
- Lodging in a historic mansion near the heart of downtown Indianapolis
- Eucharistic Congress ticket, which includes access to the nation's top Catholic speakers like Bishop Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam James, Dr. Mary Healy, Bishop Cozzens, etc.
- Dinner at one of Indianapolis' top restaurants

More information about the conference:

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

The delegates will play an integral role in the visioning and implementation of our Eucharistic Revival at Holy Name of Jesus which is set to take place in the fall of 2024! Serious applicants only. **Applications due Jan. 14 at midnight.** Apply online at hnoj.org/EucharisticCongress.



Family Retreat: Winter Weekend Registration Now Open

"At HNOJ we believe that in the midst of our busy and demanding lives, it is essential to take a break, step away and make room for God to move powerfully in our lives."

And what better way to do this than as a family! HNOJ's eighth Winter Weekend will be held in February 2024! We will have music, games, VBS style sessions for the kids, talks and small groups for the adults, Mass, dinner and Eucharistic Adoration. Families with kids of all ages are welcome to attend. We encourage teenagers to sign up to help out with the younger kiddos, but any confirmed teen may join the adult sessions as well.

Basic Information

When: Feb. 9-11, 2024

Where: BugBee Hive Resort - Paynesville, MN, check it out at <https://bugbeehiveresort.com>

What: Weekend retreat for the whole family

Who: HNOJ families: adults, teens, children - all families are welcome

Cost: \$100 per family; additional costs for housing and shared dinners

Due: Registration is now open! Register today at www.hnoj.org/winterweekend



Donuts with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Dec. 16

The stage will be set and your family will have a chance to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, share Christmas wishes, get a family photo and enjoy donuts. Children can leave a letter for Santa in our special North Pole mail box.

Registration for this free event is open at hnojsanta.eventbrite.com. This event is open to the parish and sponsored by HNOJ School.

Families will also enjoy a book fair by PaperPie so you can get some last minute Christmas shopping done. Or you can order online at L9456.paperpie.com.

In addition, we will be collecting items to donate to *Toys for Tots*. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped gift to add to our collection. Thank you in advance!



NPH Mission Trip, July 2024

We are headed back to NPH Mexico, July 24-31, 2024! And it's open to ALL parishioners: it is no longer a youth ministry trip! During our time there, we will immerse ourselves in the daily lives and culture of the children of NPH Mexico by working, eating and playing alongside the pequeños who call NPH home.



This mission trip is open to ALL parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus. All those interested from 16 years old to adult are welcome to fill out an interest form application to attend.

For more information about this mission trip, and to fill out an interest form application, go to www.hnoj.org/nph.

Scripture of the Week



*"But according to His promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."
(2 Peter 3:13)*

In our First Reading from Isaiah we hear "make straight in the wasteland a highway for the Lord!" We hear John the Baptizer repeat the phrase in today's Gospel as "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." This is the work we are called to on this Second Sunday of Advent. It is that call to "Shape up!" that Fr. Arnold used to refer to the Second Sunday of Advent.



Advent is the time to prepare for the arrival of our Savior. We look to history to remember the readings and remember the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem so long ago. But more importantly, we prepare for His second coming. The call of the prophet, the call of the baptizer harken us not just to the past but also to our present and our future. Each year the Church in her wisdom gives us the Season of Advent to prepare for the "adventus" (the arrival) that is to come when Jesus arrives in Glory as King of the Universe present here on Earth.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.

Advent Virtual Holy Land Tour, Dec. 20

This past January, Fr. Wratkowski led a pilgrimage of HNOJ parishioners to the Holy Land. Now, Fr. Wratkowski is inviting all of us along on this virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land this Advent. Come on this pilgrimage and see, through Fr. Wratkowski's pictures and stories, the real Holy Land where Jesus was born, ministered, died and rose from the dead!

Details

When: Wednesday, Dec. 20

Time: Dinner 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Talk 7-8 p.m.

Cost: Free-will offering for dinner. Talk is free!

Who: All age event.

(Childcare available from 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 9 months to 5 years.)

RSVP: Please RSVP for this event at the link below by Dec. 14.

Walk-ins are welcome!

Registration and full details at www.hnoj.org/virtualholylan

Virtual Tour of the Holy Land
Wednesday, Dec. 20

Presented by
Fr. Tim Wratkowski

Dinner:
5:45-6:30 p.m.
Free-will offering for
dinner

Talk: 7-8 p.m.

Register at
[hnoj.org/
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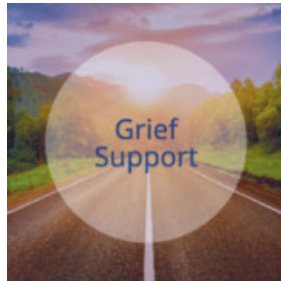
In Our Parish and Our Community

West Suburban Grief Coalition, Thursdays

The West Suburban Grief Coalition meetings are held on Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. There is a speaker for 30 minutes, and the remainder of time will be in breakouts for spouse loss, child loss and family loss grief discussions and healing.

From Dec. 7 - Feb. 29 the meetings will be held at Messiah United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Please feel free to refer new people suffering from a loss to WSGC. For more information, please contact Harley Feldman at 612-840-1774 or harleyfeldman@gmail.com.



Retirement Fund for the Religious This Weekend

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. You may use the envelope provided in your packet or you can make an online donation at hnoj.org/give, and select Retirement Fund.



End of Year Giving

In this season of giving, we know that some of you may wish to make a special calendar year-end gift to your spiritual family, the HNOJ parish community. If you're planning a year-end gift, please note:

- The IRS requires that checks must be received by Dec. 31 or earlier in order to be credited to the current tax year.
- If you plan to "bunch" your charitable donations to HNOJ, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly for our cash flow.
- Gifts of appreciated stock enable you to make a contribution and maximize your tax benefit.
- Stocks must be transferred by Dec. 22 for credit in tax year 2023. Please notify the parish office prior to any stock transfer so that we can ensure your transfer and gift receipt are handled properly. ***Please note that our account information has changed. Please contact Janna Webskowski for our new account information.**
- Check with your employer to determine whether a matching gift from your company can double the value of your contribution to HNOJ School or Church.
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from an IRA account may provide tax benefits. Contact your financial advisor if you wish to make a charitable gift from your account. If you do make such a distribution, please notify us so that we can provide you with a receipt that meets IRS requirements.
- Any donations post-marked or received Jan. 1, 2024 or thereafter will be considered 2024 donations.

For further information or assistance on year-end gifts, please contact Janna Webskowski, parish administrator, at 763-745-3480 or jwebskowski@hnoj.org.

Thank you for the many ways that you support your HNOJ parish home.

Volunteer Opportunity with Fine Dining

The Fine Dining Crew could use a few more volunteers to help. Approximately once a month we serve a meal that is open to the HNOJ Parish Community. The meals are catered so there is no cooking required. We have three shifts that we need help with: prep, serving and clean-up. Prep involves setting out the plates, utensils, napkins, silverware and food. The servers dish up the food and package up any leftovers when done serving. Clean-up involves wiping down the tables and chairs and possibly running the dishwasher. You may sign up for any or all of the shifts you would like to help with or be a substitute if we are short-handed.

If you are interested, please call the parish office at 763-473-7901 and speak with Jan Stumpf. Thank you!

A Festival of Lessons and Carols, Dec. 15

You're invited to join the Festival of Lessons and Carols on Friday, Dec. 15, from 7:30-8:30 p.m., at St. Bart's, in Wayzata. Join us for music, readings and merriment! We welcome all to this beautiful St. Bart's tradition that features choral pieces, carols, scripture and sacred reflections. Light refreshments and beverages to follow. Go to st-barts.org/events/lessonsandcarols for more information.

Now Hiring

We are now hiring for the following two positions:

1. **Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator** – this is a full-time position that works with Sunday School, Wednesday evening Faith Formation, Vacation Bible School and First Sacraments. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume and references to Hayley Jacobson at hjauber@hnoj.org.
2. **Maintenance and Custodial Worker** – this is a full-time position that includes regular cleaning, routine maintenance, grounds maintenance and set up and take down at parish and school facilities. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume and references to Janna Webskowski at jwebskowski@hnoj.org.



For more information, please go to hnoj.org/careers. Please help us spread the word!

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Middle School Youth Minister (Gr. 6-8)
Elliut Fonseca 763-746-8195

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Eve Anders 763-233-0251

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Jennifer Wendt 763-745-3492

Clergy and Liturgy Assistant
Grace Johnson 763-745-3486

Room Scheduling
Jennifer Wendt 763-745-3492

Cemetery/Sexton
Bob Weinzierl, Jr. 612-720-9206

Parish Prayer Line:
As a parish community we hold each other in prayer and commit to praying for those in need. To share your prayer requests confidentially or to join the Prayer Line Email: prayerline@hnoj.org or call Bonnie Roeder..... 763-476-1097

Mass Intentions:
Call to have a Mass offered for the intention of a deceased loved one
Grace Johnson.. 763-745-3486

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Bill Inhofer..... 763-476-6273

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