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December 17, 2023 • The Third 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

assistance.

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.

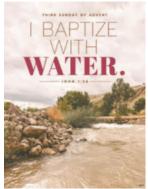


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"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

By Fr. Mike Reinhardt

Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ in the flesh. We know Jesus came as a baby many centuries ago, and we prepare ourselves for Christmas, that season where we celebrate and ponder that wondrous mystery. We are also given the Advent opportunity to welcome Christ ever more deeply into our own hearts.



When we look at God's plan of salvation, at how He was at work in that first Advent to prepare hearts for Christ's first coming in the flesh, we see John the Baptist. Jesus's cousin is the last of the great

prophets. The scriptures record no lengthy sermons of his, and he is mentioned in just a few chapters of the New Testament, and yet Jesus says of him, "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist." It therefore seems to be worth attending to how he prepares the world for Jesus's coming. The very scarcity of the record makes it easy to focus on the heart of John's ministry. John tells us "I baptize you with water for repentance."

His was a ministry of repentance. **Repentance was the final and necessary** element in preparing for the coming of Christ. The Hebrew root of the word 'repentance' means 'to turn' and we often and primarily think of repentance as a turning from sin. It is that, and that is a necessary element of repentance. Holy Name of Jesus offers additional times for the Sacrament of Confession for this element. But repentance is not merely or even primarily a turning from sin; it is always primarily a turning to God. We cannot turn to God, we cannot open our hearts to His grace without first breaking the chains of sin. A heart in bondage to sin is not a heart free to love God. But we repent from sin in order that we might repent (turn) to God.

John the Baptist is clear about this. John does not just say "repent!" He says that one is coming after him, whose sandals he is not worthy to carry, who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire." John offers the baptism of repentance so that we might turn to God to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit and the adoption into God's family.

As we prepare our hearts this Advent season, it is worth spending some time in prayer and reflection on this truth. As we prepare, are we spending time on just that first (and lesser) dimension of repentance of turning from sin. Or do we also turn to Him with open hearts, with expectant faith and with joy? Repentance is not the drudgery of house-cleaning. It is running eagerly towards a Father whose arms are open wide to embrace their dear, dear child.



Parish News

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. 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

Choir with Handbell Choir (piano and

Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24 4 p.m. Mass in the Church - School



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

Winter Faith Camp

What is Winter Faith Camp? It's everything that you love about camp... but in the winter! Our high school youth will be heading to Camp Courage to fortify their faith in a new way. This year's theme is *Memento Mori* which is Latin for "remember your death"; an appropriate theme to reflect on during the first week of Lent.

This camp is open to all 9th-12th graders at Holy Name of Jesus and is intended for youth who are looking to deepen their understanding of the faith and to be reignited in their relationship with Jesus.

Details

When: Feb. 16-19, 2024 (President's weekend) Where: Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN Who: 9th-12th grade students What: We'll have the opportunity to go to Mass every day, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participate in small group discussion, pray in Adoration... as well as go sledding, play broomball, dodgeball, glow in the dark ultimate frisbee, crafts and laser tag just to name a few activities. You will not go away feeling bored or empty!

For more information and to register, please visit www.hnoj.org/winterfaithcamp

If you have questions, please contact Eve Anders at eanders@hnoj.org.

Family Retreat: Winter Weekend Register Today!

"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

Parish News

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. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

National Eucharistic Congress

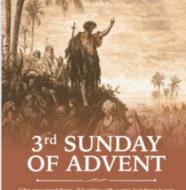
Through the generosity of one of Holy Name of Jesus's benefactors, efforts are underway to assemble a delegation to the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17–21. More information about the conference: https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/

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

Scripture of the Week



Today's Gospel is an amazing revelation of exactly who John the Baptizer IS NOT. He is not Elijah. He is not Moses. He is not the Messiah. St. John, in his Gospel, says John the Baptizer was sent from God, he came for testimony, to testify to the light, but he was not the light.



"The spirit of the Lord God is

upon me, because the Lord has

anointed me; He has sent me

to bring glad tidings to the

poor..." (Isaiah 61:1)

John preaches light, he preaches clarity of spirit and joy, he preaches that the Christ is coming. And our

John answered them, "I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to unde;" - yi 126-27

responsorial verse today teaches us how to respond just as Mary did when Gabriel visited her - "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked upon His lowly servant." Jesus came to her as a baby, He comes to us as our Savior when He comes again. Reason to Cheerup indeed!

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.

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.

Travel:

- This unique travel opportunity includes transportation from Mexico City to Miacatlan, Mexico for a stay at Casa San Salvador, which is the first home of NPH.
- During the week, we will travel to Cuernavaca, Mexico where we will tour the first chapel of Fr. Wasson, founder of NPH.
- We will visit Casa Buen Señior and the high school in Cuernavaca.
- We will include a stop at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe to see Juan Diego's tilma and tour the grounds of Tepeyac Hill before departing from Mexico City.

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. You can learn firsthand about the mission and vision of NPH and see how our support transforms lives.



In Our Parish and Our Community

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 hsauber@hnoj.org.

 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!

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 shorthanded.

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



Interfaith Outreach Items Needed

In addition to food, toiletry and household donations, IOCP is currently in need of paper grocery bags. These are expensive to purchase and offer you an opportunity to recycle the bags you don't need. Thank you!

Brand name cereals

Hearty soups

Healthy snacks (e.g. popcorn, crackers, granola bars) Healthy beverages (e.g. sparkling water, tea, juice boxes) Paper grocery bags

Learn more about our Food Shelf "SuperShelf" at iocp.org/outreach-services/food-shelf.

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.

Retirement Fund for the Religious Thank You

Our women and men religious offer gratitude for your generosity in our second collection last weekend. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

You may still give by using the envelope provided in your packet or you can make an online donation at hnoj.org/give, and select Retirement Fund.

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