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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.

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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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Twelve Days of Christmas

By Fr. Tim Wratkowski

A Merry Christmas to you and all your loved ones! How good it is to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus, the eternal Word of God, who "humbled himself to share our humanity, in order that he might enable us to become sharers in his divinity" (Ceremonial of Bishops). This is such a beautiful mystery of Faith that the Church gives us a full twelve days to celebrate Christmas, from Dec. 25 up to Jan. 6, the traditional day for the celebration of the Epiphany when the magi visited the Christ child. In fact, this is the origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas song.

Practically speaking, this isn't often how we experience the celebration of Christmas. For us, the celebrations among friends as well as work and school communities start immediately after Thanksgiving and continue up to the climax of family celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The day after, we succumb to exhaustion from all the preparations and celebrations, in what can be likened to a Christmas hangover. We are simply too "partied out" to party more

Thus, I do not necessarily believe that the solution is to hold more Christmas celebrations after Dec. 25. Although, I would not stop anyone from doing that! Might I suggest that the lull after Christmas day can be an invitation to enter the silence. Perhaps that tiredness that we feel in the lull is an invitation to rest in deeper contemplation of the magnificent truths of faith we celebrate. There is a story of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, who, as she was dying in 1231, asked those around her to be utterly silent as the clock approached midnight, the traditional hour in which Jesus was born. Pope Benedict XVI spoke about this moment, saying, "In the hour of her dying, she entered the silence of Christmas night. In the night of her dying, she entered the night of light."

We can see the twelve days after Christmas as an invitation to celebrate in a more profound way: By entering the silence of Christmas night. We can do this

by re-reading the Christmas narratives in the Gospels and meditating on them. Perhaps we can make a couple extra visits to our Adoration Chapel to adore our Lord in the manger of our tabernacle. Perhaps we can leave our manger scenes up a little longer and spend quiet time just gazing upon the scene. Such quiet celebrations bring great delight to our Lord and refresh our souls more deeply than three French hens or five golden rings ever could.





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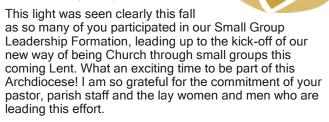
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Parish News

A Christmas Message From Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Merry Christmas to you and to your loved ones! Please know of my prayers for each of you as we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In gratitude, I ask you to join me in reflecting more deeply on the Psalm for Mass on Christmas morning, "A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us." (Ps 97).



Please know of my continued prayers for you, your loved ones and your parish. I ask that you also pray for me, our clergy and the amazing parish staff members who serve so many in so many ways.

With Christmas blessings and joy, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda

Archdiocesan Synod Implementation at HNOJ

Thank you to the 125 parishioners who participated in our Fall Synod Small Group Formation seven-week series! We are excited to form new small groups this upcoming Lent with our newly formed leaders. These small groups will be held at many times and locations from the new parish meeting rooms, school classrooms, coffee shops, homes, etc. Every parishioner will be invited and encouraged to sign-up this January, which will include two dedicated weekends of preaching and registrations before we start the week of Ash Wednesday.

The goal of these small groups is twofold:

- To offer a time and place that meets regularly that fosters Catholic friendship and formation in the teachings and life of our Lord Jesus Christ for current as well as new parishioners.
- To offer a "shallow entry point" into which we can invite non-Catholics as well! A. neighbor, a family member, your mailman, etc... Have a friend that's curious about the faith but is unsure about the next step? Invite them to "come and see" your small group.

Contact Tim at tlyngdal@hnoj.org if you have any questions or want to register early!

Welcome Visitors!

When you come to Holy Name of Jesus, we want to make sure you have the best



worship and fellowship experience possible. Here are a few items that may be of interest to you:

- •Nursery During the School Year: Children of all ages are welcome at Mass indeed, these youngsters recall Jesus' very words, "Let the children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). Our nursery is another option for parents of children ages nine months and up, where children can play and learn about God while parents are participating in Mass. Our nursery is open during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses from September to May.
- •Gluten-Free Hosts: If you would like to receive communion but require a gluten-free host, please drop by the sacristy located down the hall immediately before the Good Samaritan Center (social hall), across from the bathrooms, and inform a clergy member or sacristan of your need.
- •Large Print Worship Aids: Several large print worship aids are available on the table outside the main doors to the worship space for those who would like one.
- Hearing Aids: If you have difficulty hearing the Mass, you
 can request a hearing aid at our front desk, immediately
 to the right as you enter through our church's main
 doors.
- •Coffee and Donuts: After our 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses, we invite you to come to the Good Samaritan Center (across from the worship space) and enjoy coffee, donuts and great conversation with others in our community.

Interested in learning more or becoming a member? Contact us at 763-473-7901 or email@hnoj.org. Or ask for a new member packet at the welcome desk!

Cana Dinner, Feb. 3

Married Couples, remember the first time you fell in love with your spouse? Relive and celebrate that moment at HNOJ's Cana Dinner on Feb. 3. Married couples are invited to an evening of good fun, great food and an inspiring message about the beauty of married love.



The Cana Dinner is one of the premier events of the year at HNOJ and a fantastic night to spend time with your spouse amongst other HNOJ couples.

When: Saturday, Feb.3, 6-10 p.m. Where: HNOJ, following the 5 p.m. Mass

What: A night to celebrate your marriage with your spouse and others; speakers, blessing, remembering vows and fellowship

Who: Married couples, engaged couples and widows/ widowers

Cost: \$65 a couple

Registration: hnoj.org/cana

If you have any questions, please contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.

Parish News

Seniors Birthday Bash, Jan. 17

Calling all Seniors: let's start the New Year with a 12month birthday bash! Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 1-3 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Center. We will celebrate with games, songs, cake and ice cream!

There is no cost for this event. Please sign up at the welcome desk in the Gathering Space with your name and birthday month.



Call Karen Hayes with any questions at 763-476-8921.

Pilgrimage to Greece with Fr. Wratkowski

We are thrilled to announce a Greek Isles Cruise following the footsteps of Saint Paul with Fr. Tim Wratkowski! Join us on this unforgettable journey, Oct. 22 - Nov. 5, 2024.

Follow the footsteps of Saint Paul through Athens, Corinth, Ephesus,

Thessaloniki and Philippi! Set sail on a nine-night cruise through the breathtaking Greek Isles, where you'll have the opportunity to visit ancient temples and idyllic seaside villages in six ports of call: Santorini, Ephesus (Kusadasi), Mykonos, Volos, Thessaloniki and Philippi (Kavala). Enjoy four nights hotel in Athens, the heart of ancient Greece. Experience the best of both worlds with private group tours and free time in Athens and on the cruise.

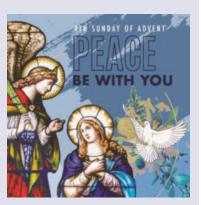
Find out more information and the registration link with Magi Travel at www.hnoj.org/pilgrimage2024

Scripture of the Week



""...to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Romans 16:27b)

In our Gospel for Dec. 24, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, is the story of Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will bear the Son of God. An angel comes down from heaven to speak to a young woman, to announce that God will conceive His only begotten Son in her. Truly amazing stuff!



What always amazes

me most in this story, the part that is often the hardest to understand is not that an angel appears. It is not that the angel reveals the Messiah to come and how He will come. Rather it is that Mary says "yes". In her "fiat" is the literal transformation of everything - Jesus becomes incarnate, God comes down to us to call us back home when we cannot make the journey on our own. But a simple young Jewish girl just says "yes". God's gift then and still today is everything - His total self-gift. Now it is our turn to just say "yes". But, "hurry up", our Fourth week of Advent is but one day long this year!

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.

Year-End Giving, Note Change in Account Information

As you consider your year-end charitable contributions, we hope that Holy Name of Jesus will be at the top of your list. Your contributions directly support the various ministries and liturgical life at our parish.

A reminder that all 2023 contributions must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2023, received in the collection on Dec. 31, or received at the parish office prior to Dec. 31, 2023. Any donations post-marked or received Jan. 1, 2024 or thereafter will be considered 2024 donations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

For stock transfers and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), please contact Janna Webskowski for our new account information.

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



In Our Parish and Our Community



Offices Closed

Please see the following for our holiday office hours at Holy Name of Jesus Church and School.

School Christmas Break

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Tuesday, Jan. 2

Parish Offices Closed

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25-26 Friday, Dec. 29 closes at noon Monday, Jan. 1

Solemnity of Mary, Jan 1

Mass of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, will be Monday, Jan. 1, at 9:30 a.m.



School Open House

Come and check out our school open house on Sunday, Jan. 7, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet some teachers and learn about our preschool - 6th grade programs for the 2024-25 school year.



Communion Outreach

If you or someone you know is homebound in our parish area and would like Communion brought to them, please contact Maureen Laird-Hayes at mymontanamo@gmail.com or 612-723-7001. At Holy Name of Jesus it is our joy and honor to be able to provide this ministry through our Communion Outreach Team.

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.

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!

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!

Cost is \$100 which includes the following:

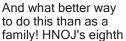
- Transportation
- Lodging in a historic mansion near the heart of downtown Indianapolis
- Eucharistic Congress ticket, which includes access to the nation's top Catholic speakers like Bishop Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam James, Dr. Mary Healy, Bishop Cozzens, etc.
- Dinner at one of Indianapolis' 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. **Deadline extended – applications are due Jan. 14.** Apply online at hnoj.org/EucharisticCongress.



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.





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Winter Weekend will be held in February! 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

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

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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
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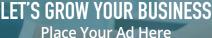












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