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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.

#### 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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# The Most Important Miracle By Fr. Mike Reinhardt

One of the most memorable episodes in Jesus' ministry is the healing of the paralytic. Four buddies bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. The crowd was so great that they couldn't reach Jesus, so they opened a hole in the roof and let him down that way. That's bold! Jesus sees their faith, and forgives the paralytic's sins. Then He says those memorable words, "So that you know that the Son of Man has



authority to forgive sins, I say to you rise, take up your pallet, and go home."

Notice that Jesus is performing the most important work first. First He forgives the paralytic, and then He heals him. Most of us see the healing miracle and think that is more important (or at least more impressive) than God's forgiveness.

A lady came up to me after Mass to introduce herself. She said that she had been sick for a while and had asked Fr. Wratkowski to pray for her, and he prayed and she was healed. Praise God! That is no small thing. But it is a smaller thing than what happens in the confessional. God forgiving us our sins is a greater miracle than any healing miracle. Nevertheless, I have never had anyone come up to me to introduce themselves, and say, "Guess what! My sins were forgiven me." This woman, I suspect, is like each of us. Through my human perspective, I get more excited about the whiz-bang miracles. I suspect most of us are like that.

I remember hearing with pleasure and excitement about the young lady whose blindness was healed at World Youth Day this summer. That is the sort of thing that understandably attracts our attention and excitement. But that isn't where the real action happens. That isn't the most important stuff. The miracle of forgiveness that happens in the confessional is, properly understood, greater than any miracle of bodily healing. The miracle of Jesus coming to us in the flesh in the Eucharist is greater still. But there is no whiz-bang factor there, and so our human perspective gets it backwards. We tend to unthinkingly rank the flashy miracles as more important than the quiet miracles God offers us through the Sacraments.

Jesus purifies our vision. He shows us how God sees. Jesus performed the most important miracle first. Until our awe at the altar and in the confessional exceeds our awe at seeing someone whose paralysis was healed, or even someone raised from the dead, we are not yet seeing as God sees.



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## Parish News

# Baking for Babies, Pro-Life Cinnamon Roll Sale This Weekend

A Community Caring for Life (ACCL) is hosting Baking for Babies Pro-Life Cinnamon Roll Bake and Sale event this weekend, Jan. 19-21. This will be the 32nd year the ACCL has put on this event.



#### Make sure to stop by hospitality after the Sunday morning Masses for cinnamon rolls in place of donuts!

The ACCL committee will give the money raised from our Baking for Babies event to both national organizations and local pregnancy centers who offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, education, counseling and supplies for mothers to make that life choice an easier one. **Cost of the rolls is a free-will donation.** 

We look forward to having parish members come together for a great cause. Any further questions can be directed to Melisa Eckert eckertmelis@gmail.com or Angie Paske angie.paske@gmail.com.

# Family Retreat: Winter Weekend Registration Closing Soon!

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! 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



#### **Lenten Small Groups**

All parishioners are invited to sign up for a six-week Lenten Small Group that will begin the week of Feb. 11.

Under the direction of Fr. Wratkowski, we have decided to study a curriculum based on "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" by John Mark Comer. This book is a teaching moment on how to reclaim what has been stolen from our lives by excessive technology use, busy-ness, the grind, the hustle, you name it. God wants our whole hearts and wants us to flourish rather than just "grind" away at the duties and tasks of life. (You don't even have to read the book to be in a small group).

Please join us on this Lenten journey. If you have questions or want to sign up, email Tim Lyngdal at tlyngdal@hnoj.org or visit our website's Lenten Small Group page at www.hnoj.org/lentensmallgroups where you can view small group descriptions and times. Or use the QR code to find a group.



# Senior High 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 Day weekend)

Where: Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN

Who: 9th-12th grade students

Cost: \$275

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

### Parish News

### Now Hiring: Director of Sacred Music

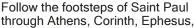
We are seeking a highly skilled Director of Sacred Music. This full-time position will inspire and lead the music ministry for the parish. The HNOJ music ministry has a long tradition of excellence and includes opportunities for parishioners of all ages and a variety of liturgical music styles. HNOJ incorporates several part-time directors of various musical ensembles as well as eight professional section leaders in its Adult Choir.



This position can be tailored to Choral Director, Principal Organist or Organist/Choirmaster models depending on the skill sets of the successful applicant. Whichever model is chosen, the management and vision of the entire music program is expected. Find out more at https://www.hnoj.org/Careers

#### 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.



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.

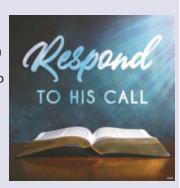
Find out more information and the registration link with Magi Travel at www.hnoj.org/pilgrimage2024

# Scripture of the Week



"Jesus said the them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" (Mark 1:17)

Jonah's ministry to the people of Nineveh is our First Reading today. Jonah famously was called but ran away to avoid having to answer the call. Although not related in today's passage, we are familiar with the story of him being swallowed by a "great fish" where he spent three days and nights before being regurgitated on dry land



where he then listened to the call of God and headed into Nineveh.

Our Gospel is Mark's version of the calling of the first disciples. In both stories we readily focus on the call from God or Jesus and the decision of the ones called to follow. And then Mark 1:18 says: "Then they abandoned their nets..." Jonah, too, abandoned something to finally follow. In fact, every day every single one of us will abandon something to choose something else. It might be as simple as which book to read, which TV show to stream or what to make for dinner. Or it might be more profound if we allow it to be. Can we challenge ourselves to abandon something for Jesus? Can we challenge ourselves to abandon everything for Him?

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.

#### 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,

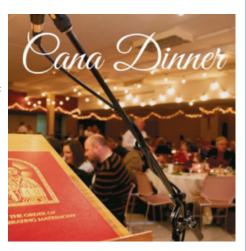
blessing, remembering vows and fellowship **Speakers:** Nathan and Heather Maehren

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.



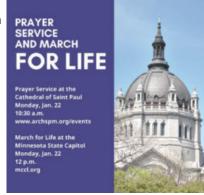
# In Our Parish and Our Community

# Prayer Service for Life and the March for Life, Jan. 22

All are welcome to join in praying for the unborn at both the Respect Life Mass and at the March for Life on Monday, Jan. 22.

The Respect Life Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. This Mass commemorates the millions of lives lost to

abortion and the many



women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. It is also an opportunity to recognize those who exemplify pro-life work in our local communities with the Saint John Paul II Champion for Life Award.

The March for Life is organized by Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (MCCL) and will take place at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 12 p.m. on Jan. 22.

Questions? Contact Melissa Eckert at eckertmelis@gmail.com.

## Grief Group for Children

The Grief Club of Minnesota is offering a Winter Family Grief Support Series. The series is for families with kids ages 4-17 who have



experienced the death of a parent/caregiver. Children and teens will participate in age appropriate groups while the parent/caregiver will simultaneously participate in an adult group.

#### Details:

When: Every Monday (except Feb. 19), meeting

Jan. 22-Feb. 26, from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Where: The Grief Club of Minnesota, Chanhassen To register: Contact Cara at 952-224-4859 ext 1 or

cara@griefclubmn.org

## Known By God: A Retreat for Mothers Grieving the Loss of an Unborn Baby

All mothers grieving the loss of an unborn baby through miscarriage or stillbirth are invited to the fourth annual Known By God unborn child loss retreat.

The retreat includes small group sharing, discussion, large group talks on spiritual growth in grief, personal prayer time, lunch, shared resources and more. Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in St. Paul. Preregister on the Cathedral events webpage at cathedralsaintpaul.org/events-news

### Knights of Columbus Update

Fr. Wratkowski may have spoken unknowingly about the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus in his 8:30 a.m. Mass in last Sunday's sermon. The Knights are a 'band of brothers'. A group of men who come together, form friendships, develop common support and be a benefit to others. We are always welcoming new and inactive brothers to join us to become a greater 'band of brothers'.

Watch for upcoming meetings and events on our website: www.hnojkc.com. Special prayers and reach out to our Grand Knight, Tom Murphy, in his current battle are being requested.

Your humble servant, E. Dust, past GK

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We are starting up our prayer shawl ministry again! If you or someone you know needs a prayer shawl (ex. after a death of a loved one, before a surgery, during an illness, etc) please contact LeeAnn Silver at leeann.silver@yahoo.com or 612-790-3114.

Needed: people to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Please contact LeeAnn if you can help this ministry with your talent.

## Small Group Apostolate for the Dying

We all pray for peace in the world, but we know that the greatest peace starts in our hearts and souls. Please consider joining The Apostolate for the Dying small group. Once a week we gather to pray a set of prayers compiled in a booklet for this mission. You will walk away with peace in your heart. Please email Cathy Deeney at cathydeeney@msn.com for



more information. Remember, our prayers matter.

Cathy Deeney (long time parishioner)

#### **Cursillo Encounter**

Do you want to expand and enhance your prayer life? Do you want to progressively grow in your journey of faith? And do you want to build God's kingdom through bonding friendships? Then the Cursillo Encounter is for you!

Hosted at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Loretto: Men's Weekend is March 7-10 Women's Weekend is March 14-17

For more information and to register, go to tc-cursillo.org or contact Sheryl Tufo at 612-868-3363.

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