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January 26, 2025 • The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

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

Nursery

Nursery is available for children ages
nine months to kindergarten during the
Sunday morning Masses.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.

Confessions

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

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

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If you are not receiving our emails, the
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Anointing of the Sick or Funeral

Please call the parish office at
763-473-7901 to schedule. Or for an
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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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A Gospel Reflection

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPi

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't
come to fix the brokenness of
the world. He came to fix *our*
brokenness. He offers us not
relief from the trials of life, but
an answer to the question of
how to live in joy, in love and in
purpose in the midst of these
evil days.

These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days
should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world – violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos – are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18



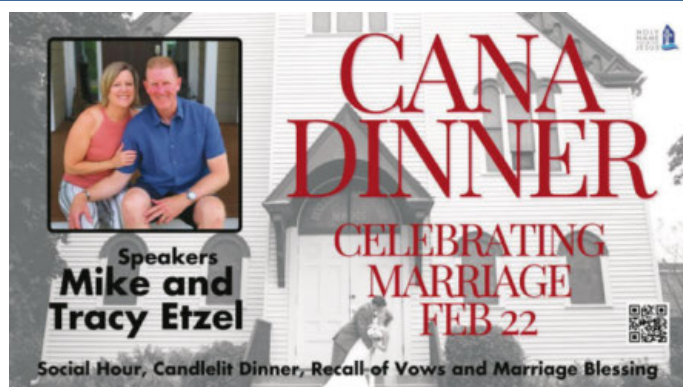
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Cana Dinner, Feb. 22

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. 22. 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. 22, 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

Speakers: Mike and Tracy Etzel

Cost: \$65 a couple

Registration: hnoj.org/cana

If you have any questions, or if you would like to serve at this event (volunteers have just as much fun as those attending) please contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.



Senior Events

Seniors 55+, please join us for the following events:

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to this Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. No signup - just come. We are planning to meet for lunch on your own at Robert's Cafe in Medina after the Mass.



Valentine Making Party on Friday, Feb. 14, from 9-11 a.m. Additional bonus activity in February! Our cards will be brought to the elderly in the nursing home. No sign up required. All seniors are welcome to stop in anytime from 9-11 a.m.



The Presentation of the Lord and the Blessing of the Candles (Candlemas), Feb. 2

Next weekend, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we also have a special blessing of the candles, also known as Candlemas.

All parishioners are welcome to bring in devotional candles to Mass next weekend for the blessing which will take place during all weekend Masses.

Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

Feb. 2 is exactly forty days after Dec. 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals and processions throughout the church year. Thus Feb. 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

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Senior High Sport Nights

Senior high youth are invited to join us for sport nights at HNOJ, from 7:45-9 p.m.! We will play basketball, soccer, etc. in the gym. We may have a few surprise



appearances from our priests! No RSVP, just come and bring a friend. We will meet on the following upcoming Wednesdays: Feb. 5, 19, 26.

Please contact Eve Anders with any questions at eanders@hnoj.org.



Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 26-31

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! At the Sunday morning Masses, you will see our HNOJ School students as greeters, gift bearers and serving hospitality. At the 8:30 a.m. Mass, the school choir will be signing.

It's a special week at HNOJ School as our students participate in an IOCP service project, we have the Science Museum presentations, medallion hunt, the famous Sock Hop and much, much more. We spend the week celebrating Catholic Schools and especially, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School.

Fine Dining and Faith Formation Activity Night, Jan. 29

Wednesday nights can be busy! All are welcome to join us for Fine Dining at HNOJ on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 5 p.m. We will be serving "picnic food" (i.e. hot dogs, beans, chips, cookie). Cost is a free-will donation.

Then our Faith Formation families will play BINGO for our activity night.

Scripture of the Week



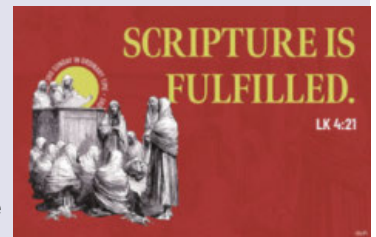
"Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not lament, do not weep!" (Nehemiah 8:9b)

Today's First Reading comes from the prophet Nehemiah. Some of the Jewish people have returned to Jerusalem after the Babylonian Captivity. The city is in ruins, and it is a hard time for those who have

returned. Yet we hear today of Ezra - a descendant of the last High Priest of the Temple prior to the exile - reading the Book of the Law to the people to encourage them to celebrate, not mourn what is gone.

It can be hard to understand why one would rejoice in such circumstances. The people come home to a ruined city and a destroyed Temple. In human terms, it is hard to make sense of this, but today's Gospel provides the answer. Luke's Gospel today is of Jesus reading from the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me...". These words from Isaiah were well known to the Jewish people. They are part of the prophecy that points to the Messiah. Jesus's teaching that day was short and simple - "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman



Ascension Outreach Weekend, Feb. 1-2

Ascension Catholic School in North Minneapolis helps to move lives forward through education and spiritual formation. Despite many challenges, Ascension scholars consistently outperform their peers within the public school system on standardized math and reading tests, while also developing leadership skills that blossom in high school and beyond.

As we celebrate Ascension Outreach Weekend at Holy Name of Jesus, please consider how you can help ensure the success of Ascension School. The good people of Holy Name of Jesus have partnered with Ascension for over 30 years, and your support is so important. 85% of Ascension's general operating revenue is generated through sponsorships, individual donations, grant funding and second collection efforts.

Next weekend, you can use the envelope in your packets, pick up a contribution envelope at church or you can simply go to hnoj.org/ascension to access a link to give electronically. This website will also provide you with information on volunteering at Ascension School, or you can speak with one of the friendly staff and volunteers after Mass on Feb. 1-2. We thank you for your prayers, your participation and your generosity.



Ascension Outreach Weekend

Feb. 1-2

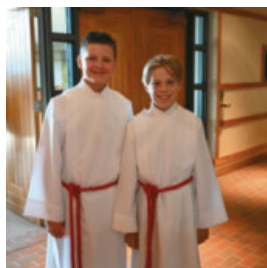
Learn more at hnoj.org/ascension

In Our Parish and Our Community

Altar Server Training, Feb. 1 or 2

Calling all 4th graders through high school students!

Altar Serving is an important part of our weekend Masses as they help the priests and deacon during Mass. This ministry needs more help, and we are calling all individuals 4th grade through high school to consider becoming an altar server.



There will be two training session options, on either Saturday, Feb. 1, or Sunday, Feb. 2, from 12-2 p.m. Lunch is provided at both training sessions.

Please register at hnoj.org/liturgical-ministries

Thank you for your consideration and we hope that you can attend one of these sessions.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Quast at cquast@hnoj.org or at 763-745-3486.



Presentation by Prenatal Partners for Life, Feb. 4-5

Please join us for a presentation by Mary Kellett, founder of Prenatal Partners for Life. Mary and her husband have 11 children, the youngest Peter is in heaven. Peter, who had trisomy 18, was the inspiration for starting Prenatal Partners for Life that has supported thousands of families in every state and 53 countries by offering life affirming support.

Mary will present "The Gift of Peter, A Trisomy 18 Story" at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Excelsior on both Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 6:30-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 8:30-10 a.m. This event is free and no sign up is required.



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Reusable grocery bags

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

Children's Holy Hour

Families of HNOJ, come together for a great hour of family formation on the First Friday of each month during the school year. We meet from 4-5 p.m., starting each session with 20-30 minutes of a faith formation activity, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Our next First Friday Children's Holy Hour is Feb. 7.



This is a chance to pray alongside your kid and teach them the sacredness of experiencing the Eucharist outside of Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration is a form of prayer before Jesus in the consecrated host. Bringing your kids to this is bringing your kids to be with Jesus! This event is for squirmy and noisy families so bring everyone! Please sign up so we can get a count for the activity at hnoj.org/familyholyyhour

Sharing and Caring Hands, Volunteers Needed

Sharing & Caring Hands/Mary's Place in Minneapolis is a compassionate response to the needs of the poor. Volunteer tutors are needed for their After School Tutoring Program. No teaching/tutoring experience is needed, and volunteers are given an orientation training before starting. Contact kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org or 612-596-3418 for more information.



Red Bird Ministries

Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic pro-family grief support ministry that focuses on bereaved families who have experienced child loss of any age and circumstance, including pregnancy loss, infant, child, adolescent or adult. While we operate as Catholics our ministry serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child.

If this is you, please join us for our guest speaker, Anne Reiner, on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at St. Boniface Church in St. Bonifacius. For more information, please email office@saintboni.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Make plans for a getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up!! A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are Feb. 14-16, and May 16-18, in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent and Tracy at 612-234-7440 or applications@twincitieswwme.org.



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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
Lee Ann Silver..... 612-790-3114

Mass Intentions:
Call to have a Mass offered for the intention of a deceased loved one
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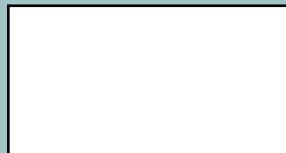


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