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March 9, 2025 • The First Sunday of Lent

### 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.

### 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 of the Sick or Funeral

Please call the parish office at 763-473-7901 to schedule. Or for an emergency, call 763-233-0259.

#### **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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# Finding Your *Eremos* - Spiritual Growth 101

By Tim Lyngdal, Coordinator of Mission

Lent is one of the "hinges" of the Catholic faith. No matter one's political orientation or involvement in parish life, everyone agrees that Lent is the time to grow. However, the temptation is to treat it like a "self-help" project instead of spiritual growth as the Lord intends it. It makes us ask the question, "what or who am I growing towards?" Am I trying to be more successful or accomplished in the world's eyes or the Lord's?

Jesus makes clear the purpose of Lent in the famous scene when He goes to the desert to fast and pray. This is repeated in all the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). What strikes me is that the Greek word for "desert" can mean several things. *Eremos*, while often translated as desert, can also mean "quiet place," "lonely place," "wilderness," "desolated" or "uninhabited." With this translation, the point is not the geographical location as much as a place where we can be still/alone with the Father.

While self-improvement isn't a completely vain goal, we are invited to more. What if our Lent is about placing ourself in a quiet place with the Father rather than petty abstinence from things we know are already bad for us? Fasting is about building resilience to temptation so when the ways of this world do come whispering in our ear, we still have our *eremos* where we can hear the voice of the Father. This can look different for each of us whether that's our favorite beach, hiking trail, Adoration chapel or church.

Go find your *eremos* and let yourself be found and known by the one who relentlessly pursues us. Every. Single. Day.





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# Parish News

### Fish Fry, March 21

Come enjoy a fish dinner during Lent on March 21 and April 11, from 4:30-7 p.m.! This fundraiser benefits youth and young adult programming at Holy Name of Jesus.

Cost: \$15 Adults and 11+ \$10 Kids ages 4-10 Age 3 and under eat free

Dinner includes:

- · fried or baked fish
- · baked potato
- · mac and cheese
- coleslaw
- · dinner roll
- cookie
- · water or lemonade (other beverages available for a free-will offering)



Get your tickets online at hnoj.org/fishfry

Please note, you can drop off March Food Drive donations at the March 21 Fish Fry.

### Stations of the Cross

Please ioin us on Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross, to commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross.



### NPH Walking Taco Fundraiser, March 9

Please join us this Sunday evening, March 9, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the GSC for a Walking Taco dinner. Your meal will include a walking taco, dessert and a beverage. ALL proceeds help support the children at the home of NPH which stands for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos "Our Little Brothers and Sisters".



A \$5 suggested donation welcome to attend for free.

will be collected at the door. Confirmation students are

Muchas gracias for your support of NPH Mexico which has transformed the lives of so many children for over 70 years. For more information, visit nphusa.org or contact Ann Benson at abenson@hnoj.org.

This is also your last chance to join the mission trip this June! Please reach out to Ann Benson for more information.

### March Food Drive, March 20-23

Please save the date for our annual March Food Drive, March 20-23, that benefits our neighbors in need at the IOCP Food Shelf.



On March 15-16, you will have the

opportunity to stop by the table in the Gathering Space and speak with one of the HNOJ Outreach Committee volunteers to learn more about our partnership with Interfaith Outreach.

On March 15-16, you'll be able to take home an empty grocery bag (or two) and return it the following week, March 20-23, with your donations of food, baby formula, diapers, paper products, toiletries and more. For a full list of needed items, please visit hnoj.org/fooddrive

### **Senior Events**

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

Gentle Transitions Speaker, March 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We will have a special guest speaker, Senior Move Specialist, Ellen Meier, who is an expert about what items you should keep and what items you should dispose of in case you need to downsize your living arrangements. Our children only want a small portion of what we have so she will give us information on where and how to dispose of various items no longer needed. There will be a question/ answer segment at the end. Bring a friend! Soup and sandwich lunch is \$12. Please sign up at the welcome desk.

Lenten Parish Mission with Dr. Ed Sri, March 27, 9-11 a.m. There will be a special two-hour session for Seniors and those who prefer to come during the day on March 27, from 9-11 a.m. Feel free to attend whichever sessions you like.

### Lenten Resources

Get more out of Lent this year! Here are some great resources to check out. Direct links found at hnoj.org/lent

**Dvnamic Catholic** Check out Divine Mercy this Lent with Matthew Kelly at dvnamiccatholic.com/lent.html



Word on Fire

Check out Lenten Retreat with Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB at wordonfire.org

**Ascension Press** 

Go to ascensionpress.com for resources and the Lenten Companion book available for purchase

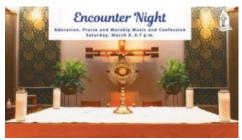
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Formed.org Check out "How to Lent"

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### **Encounter Night**

You are invited to join us for our Encounter Night! Beginning this Saturday, and continuing once per month, we will offer an hour of Adoration, some praise and worship



music and the opportunity for Confession.

Please join us on Saturday, March 8, after the 5 p.m. Mass, from 6-7 p.m. This is a great way to add a little more prayer and Adoration into your first week of Lent. Please mark your calendar for April 5 and May 10 for our upcoming Encounter Nights.

### Men's Night, March 20

Men of HNOJ, please join us on Thursday, March 20, from 6-8 p.m. We will have food, a talk and manly things. Our March topic will be "What does it look like to be REALLY prepared for Mass?" by Fr. Wratkowski.



Dinner is provided. Please register today at hnoj.org/mensnight

6-6:30 p.m. Optional Rosary in the Church 6:30-7 p.m. Dinner in Emmaus Rooms

7-8 p.m. Talk, discussion in Emmaus Rooms

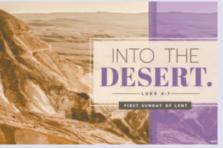
Questions? Please contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.

# Scripture of the Week



"The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." (Romans 10:8b)

Throughout today's readings we hear of the power of the spoken Word of God. Moses speaks of the laws for living as God's people. St. Paul exhorts us to confess



the Lord with our mouths and call upon His Name. And, finally, in today's Gospel from St. Luke, we hear of Jesus being tempted in the desert by the devil.

After 40 days and nights of fasting, the devil appears to Jesus, and three times will challenge Him to turn from God the Father and rely on His own strength, power and will. Three times Jesus responds by quoting Scripture and rejecting the devil's offers. This works for us, too. When we know and speak His Word, He hears and answers us.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

### Lenten Parish Mission, March 26-27

HNOJ invites you to our Lenten Parish Mission on March 26 and 27 with Dr. Ed Sri. Both talks will be held in the main Church from 6:30–8:30 p.m. with nursery-age childcare available. There will be refreshments after in the Good Samaritan Center.

Dr. Sri is going to capture the beauty, majesty and glory of the Mass and help us to see the Mass as it really is - Heaven on Earth. He has studied, dived deep, walked all around and

camped out in the midst of our most Holy Liturgy. He knows the ins and outs, the roots found in scripture and the joy of closeness with the God of the Universe.





To attend his two talks about the Mass is to catch, for a moment, a glimpse of the tremendous, glorious gift of the Mass. If you come and hear him speak, your experience with the Mass will never be the same.

Please invite your friends to this exciting opportunity to grow in faith this Lent. Please RSVP on the website link so we can get a count for hospitality and childcare. More information at hnoj.org/lentenparishmission

# In Our Parish and Our Community

### KC Pancake Breakfast, THIS Weekend

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 9. Breakfast is served from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages and tater tots! Beverages include coffee, tea, milk and juice. The cost is a free-will offering and all proceeds will go to the HNOJ kitchen fund.



Please come enjoy a wonderful breakfast! For more information or questions contact Tom Silver at 612-508-1088 or silvertom1948@yahoo.com.

### Baby Blessing for Expectant Mothers, March 30

Expectant mothers will be recognized and their babies blessed on Sunday, March 30, during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Fr. Wratkowski and Fr. Chris will say a rite of blessing for the expectant mother and preborn child. Please join us for Mass Sunday morning with your families for this special blessing.



#### Watchfire

You are invited to gather with family and friends to tend the watchfire and prayerfully prepare for the coming of our Lord this Easter.

The watchfire is a Holy Name of Jesus tradition that provides an opportunity to pray and ponder our Lord's sacrifice and anticipate His Glorious Resurrection. This fire is lit after the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday Mass and extinguished at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.

Please consider signing up for a two-hour time slot, You can sign up at the welcome desk or online at hnoj.org/holyweek

### 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 March 6-May 29, the West Suburban Grief Coalition is meeting at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins.



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.

# IgNight School Gala

The annual IgNight Gala is Holy Name of Jesus School's largest annual fundraiser. Proceeds



support HNOJ School's general operating budget and essential improvement projects which allow the school to offer the highest quality Catholic education possible. Please help continue our momentum with your generosity and support of our 2025 IgNight fundraising efforts! Here are a couple of ways you can be involved:

#### **Fund-A-Need Donation**

Each year the IgNight campaign focuses on a Fund-A-Need goal to support specific school improvement opportunities. For 2025, help us reach our goal to rebuild our outdoor playground equipment and recess space! Fund-A-Need donations can be made directly on our event website or by check.

#### Browse and Bid on Our Silent Auction

Enjoy the fabulous and unique items featured in our Silent Auction gallery, located on our event website. The Silent Auction will go live at noon on Tuesday, March 11, and closes on Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m. Winners will be contacted for prize distribution.

All details and tickets may be found at www.lgNightGala2025.givesmart.com

For any questions, please contact IgNight Gala Co-Chairs: Whitney Gartland: whitneygartland@gmail.com and Becky Linstroth: becky.linstroth@gmail.com.

# Stay Connected with the My Parish App

Did you know we have an app that can quickly connect you with the current parish bulletin, calendar of events, contact information and more? Online giving and scheduling an hour in Adoration is just a tap away! Find the free My Parish App in your app store and explore the features today!

# Catholic Services Appeal, Thank You

Last weekend was our annual Catholic Services Appeal collection. This year's Appeal focuses on support in four overarching areas in our archdiocese:

- Educating in faith
- Helping those in need
- Faith formation
- Respect for life



Thank you to all who pledged and donated to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal!

If you did not get the chance to give, feel free to go online to love.archsmp.org that gives you access to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal website. You can still turn your CSA envelope into the parish office, but make sure check are made payable to Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your generous support of our archdiocesan ministries!

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