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November 23, 2025 • The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and
5:30 pm

Nursery

Nursery is offered for the Sunday
morning Masses

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8 am

Confessions

Wednesdays: 5:15-6:15 pm

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 am

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 am-9 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am-9 pm

Thursday 8:30 am-9 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm



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The King Who Hangs Beside Us

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI

We love to hate the bad thief.

Ancient Christian tradition has
called him by the name
“Gestas.” In contrast to
Dismas, “the good thief” who
recognized and repented of his
own sins, Gestas goes down
bitter and swinging. With his
last breaths he taunts Jesus,
poking fun at the absurdity of a
deity who allows Himself to be
crucified by mortals. “Are you
not the Christ?” he sneers.

But his final words betray an
undercurrent of desperation. Of terror. In the end, Gestas just wants Jesus to
save him.

It’s taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally
understand a painful truth: I am Gestas. I hang from my own cross – we all do,
in this life. But I’m lucky enough that my cross is right beside Jesus, because
the Sacraments bring Him as close to me as He was to Gestas – closer, even.
How unfathomable is the mercy of God.

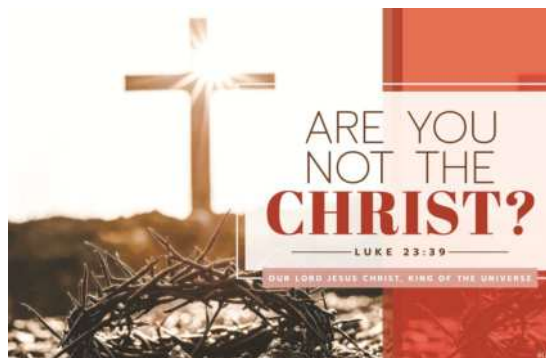
And yet, I am not grateful. I don’t rejoice at my proximity to my Lord, to the flesh
and blood that have bought my salvation. I don’t do what I should do, and what
Dismas does. I don’t say, “Wherever you are King, please, let me be Your
subject. Wherever You are going, please, take me with You.”

“Are you not the Christ?” I say instead. And what I mean is exactly what Gestas
meant: “Get me down. Take this cross away. I don’t want it. I can’t take it.”

What a tragedy it would be, if all Christ had to offer us was an easier life.

None of this looks like anyone thought it would. The long-foretold Messiah,
whose majesty and might would eradicate violence and establish peace. The
guy who was going to make everything okay again. The King of the Jews. And
here He hangs: bleeding and dying and doing what looks like nothing. Staring
at Gestas. Staring at me. Staring at you.

What will you say to Him?



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Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 8 am. What a great way to start off your day of gratitude. The church and school offices will be closed on Nov. 27-28. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Nov. 27.



Advent Schedule 2025

Our Advent Season begins next Sunday, Nov. 30. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation and there are many resources available to help you in your prayer! From FORMED.org or the Hallow App to making a commitment to daily Mass or an hour of Adoration - please check out the Advent Resources section at hnoj.org/Advent

Advent Confessions

Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 pm
Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 am

Our Advent Reconciliation Services will be held on the following days:

Friday, Dec. 12, from 9:30-11:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 5:45-7:45 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 8

Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are as follows:
6:30 am, 8 am, and 6 pm

Advent Night of Reflection, Dec. 9

Save the date for this year's Advent Night of Reflection that will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Dr. Pamela Patnode will speak on "Reclaiming Sundays: Why Worship, Rest, and Leisure Matter in a Fast-paced, AI World." Dr. Patnode is a gifted presenter and well known international speaker, author, and HNOJ parishioner. In addition to the talk, we will have a time of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration and a reception to discuss the topic with fellow parishioners.

Women's Night at HNOJ, Dec. 4

Women of HNOJ – you are invited to Women's Night. We offer an evening (generally the first Thursday of the month) for socializing, prayer, and growing in faith. What to expect: a speaker, small group discussion, fellowship, laughter, snacks, and drinks. No cost to attend, but we will have a free-will offering to cover snacks, wine, hot chocolate, hot cider, and sparkling water.



What the evening will look like:

7 pm Social time
7:20-8:30 pm Speaker and smaller group discussion
8:30-9 pm Adoration in the Church (stay for 5 minutes or 30 minutes)

The December speaker will be parishioner Angie Paske sharing about how to settle our hearts in this busy season with Saints Mary and Martha. No RSVP needed – please invite a friend!

Come Sing for Christmas with the Adult Choir

If you would like to join the Adult Choir and sing for Christmas only, rehearsals are held on three Wednesdays preceding Christmas. The Christmas Mass is the late Mass on Christmas Eve (10 pm). This group is accompanied by organ, piano, and strings.



Choir is open to all those who wish to serve through the gift of music. Rehearsals are Wednesday night, 7-8:30 pm. Please reach out to Kraig at kwindschitl@hnoj.org for more information.

Luke 18 Retreat, Registration Closes Soon

Luke 18 invites middle school youth into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is not a God who requires us to be perfect in order to be in a relationship with Him. He wants to love us in our fallen nature and He wants to invite us to become saints by relying on His strength. He understands us and carries our crosses with us throughout our entire lives. We have Jesus by our side, prayers of angels and saints, and friends to accompany us on the way.



Luke 18 takes place Friday, Dec. 12, 6:30-10 pm AND Dec. 13, 9 am-8:30 pm. Please note that this retreat does not have an overnight option.

More details and registration may be found at hnoj.org/luke18 and please contact Luke at lkavins@hnoj.org with any questions.

Science and Religion Speaker Series

HNOJ's Science and Religion series is back with more nights on AI, Cosmology, Scientism, and more. Join in the lively discussion on the remaining Tuesday: Nov. 25, from 6:30-8 pm at HNOJ.



Nov. 25 - The Heavens

Declare: The Astronomical Foundation for the Star of Bethlehem with Jon Hickman

Is the Bible myth or history? Is that even a fair question? What is "real" and what isn't in Scripture? Did the Star of Bethlehem really happen or is it simply metaphorical? Jon Hickman makes a scientific case for the Star and for why the Bible is trustworthy.

More information and RSVP at hnoj.org/science

Armchair Advent: A Cozy Zoom Small Group

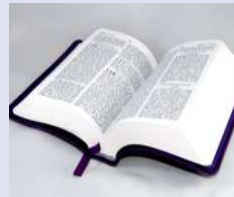
You are invited to explore the beauty and meaning of Advent. Find your favorite chair, pour a soothing cup of tea, and light a gentle candle – because you are warmly invited to Armchair Advent, a small group gathering on Zoom that brings the spirit of Advent directly into the comfort of your home. On the following Tuesdays, we will engage in thoughtful discussion about the beauty and meaning of this special season. Whether you're seeking quiet moments of peace or heartfelt connection, this group is a welcoming space for all.



Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16, from 7-8:30 pm via Zoom

Come as you are and journey through Advent with friends old and new. We look forward to sharing this meaningful season with you! Sign up for this small group at hnoj.org/smallgroups and scroll to Armchair Advent when you get to the list of small groups at HNOJ.

Scripture of the Week

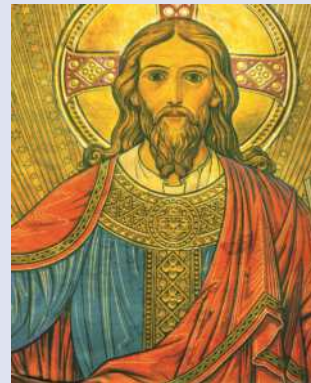


"Above Him there was an inscription that read, 'This is the King of the Jews'" (Luke 23:38)

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the King. And in our Gospel reading we see a most cruel "throne" upon which our King hangs. For as surely as Jesus Christ is our King, He chose to lower Himself to become one of us so that He can bring us to Himself in His everlasting Kingdom.

His cross was the throne humanity offered to Him and He did not run, rather He embraced it! Our King is willing to die for you and me. In fact, He already has! Can we, like Jesus, submit our will to that of the Father and so enter into His Kingdom as full brothers and sisters to the King Himself? That is His invitation to each of us today.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman



**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE
UNIVERSE**

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Lk 23:42-43

Excerpted from the Liturgy for Mass (ROR), 1998, 1970 COC

Cookies with Santa, Dec. 6

Registration is now open for *Cookies with Santa* on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9-11:30 am. This free event is hosted by HNOJ School and is open to all!

Your family will have a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, share Christmas wishes, get a family photo, and enjoy treats. We will also be collecting toy donations for *Toys for Tots*, and we will have a PaperPie Book Fair if you are looking for some great Christmas gifts! Register today at hnoj.org/cookieswithsanta

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In Our Parish and Our Community

A Praiseworthy Offering

As disciples of Christ, we grow together by following Jesus and inspiring one another to live out our faith. We are called to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us through prayer, participation, and our generosity, using them to build His Kingdom.



Thank you to everyone who returned their completed household commitment form. If you have not yet done so, please return your commitment form to the parish office. If you need a form, they are available in the Gathering Space on the bulletin stands. Or you can fill out a form online at hnoj.org/stewardship2025

Extreme Faith Camp

Extreme Faith Camp is a premier high adventure camp packed with incredible activities! High ropes, lasertag, zip lines, climbing walls, and more! Extreme Faith Camp is led by parishes from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, guaranteeing that summer camp is not just a mountaintop faith experience, but one that builds lifelong foundations of faith. Our faith programming is founded in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, and our mission and work is anything but boring. This summer, Extreme Faith Camp will be at Trinity Woods Camp and Retreat Center in Trego, Wisconsin, July 13-17.



Registration for EFC is now officially open. If you would like to secure a spot for your child, register as soon as you can because **spots fill up fast**. Registration can be found at hnoj.org/extremefaithcamp

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, we are called to remember and pray for those who have passed away. One of the ways that we do this is by listing their names in the Book of the Names of the Dead. Holy Name of Jesus' Book of the Names of the Dead can be found on the Gathering Space stand by the church doors. Please add your loved ones' names to the book and they will be prayed for in a special way during the month of November.



Children's Holy Hour, Dec. 5

Families of HNOJ, come together for a great hour of family formation most First Fridays during the school year. We meet from 4-5 pm, starting each session with 20-30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration and

then follow with a family faith activity for all. 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! Advent is our theme on Dec. 5.



Baby Blessing for Expectant Mothers, Dec. 7

Expectant mothers will be recognized and their babies blessed on Sunday, Dec. 7, after the 10:30 am Mass. The priest will say a rite of blessing for the expectant mother and preborn child. Please join with your families after the Sunday morning 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7, for this special blessing. Please meet by the Baptismal Font in the church.



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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, Nov. 23, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. You may go to hnoj.org/give to make an online donation, or use the envelopes in your packets.



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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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