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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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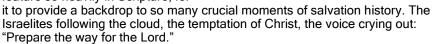
What We See in the Desert

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI

I've always wanted to see a real desert.

I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for



Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest?

I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert.

Why? What are we expecting to see?

If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be.

So go.



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Parish News

Advent Reconciliation Service, Dec. 16

If it's been a few weeks or a few years since your last Confession, you are invited to experience Christ's healing power of forgiveness and mercy! Please join us for our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 5:45-7:45 pm. We will have several priests available.



Don't worry if you don't remember the prayers. We will have examination of conscience available and the priest can walk you through the process.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Schedule 2025

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025 Join us as we prepare for Mass with congregational carols and anthems prior to each Mass

- 4 pm Mass in the Church School Choir with Adult Handbell Choir
- **4 pm Mass in the Good Samaritan Center** Sunday Evening Band (guitars, keyboard, and drums)
- 6 pm Mass in the Church Sunday Evening Band (guitars, keyboard, and drums)
- 10 pm Mass in the Church HNOJ Adult Choir, string quartet, and organ

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec. 25 9:30 am Mass in the Church (organ, piano, and cantor) Join us for a 15-minute prelude before Mass

Incense will be used at the 10 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There will be no incense at the 4 or 6 pm Christmas Eve Masses, nor the 9:30 am Mass on Christmas Day.

Parish Offices Closed

Dec. 24-26

Dec. 31 closing at noon

Jan. 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass - New Year's Day

Wednesday, Dec 31, at 5 pm Thursday, Jan. 1, at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Senior High Life Night, Dec. 21

Life Night (Youth Group) will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 6:30-8:30 pm. No RSVP required. We will begin in the Emmaus Room for dinner then head to the gym and youth room.

All senior high teens of the parish are welcome to join us for an Advent themed Life Night. We will play festive games, eat cookies, and prepare our hearts for the upcoming celebration of Christmas!

Virtus certified parents are welcome to attend to help serve food, clean up, and chat with teens! Please contact Eve Washburn at eedwards@hnoj.org if you are interested.

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

Rise and Lead: Empowering Small Group Leaders for Mission

Have you been impacted by a small group? If the answer is "yes," join Holy Name of Jesus for a five-week series that forms disciples to be stronger leaders in prayer and fellowship. No commitment required! At the end of the series, you will have all the skills you need to lead a group closer to the heart of Jesus.



Please register today for this Tuesday evening, 6:30-8 pm series that will take place at HNOJ from Jan. 6-Feb. 3. More information and registration may be found at hnoj.org/smallgroups

Parish News

Career Transitions Group, Dec. 18

Most of us have been unemployed, in between jobs, or interested in career development opportunities at some point in our lives. The Holy Name of Jesus Career Transition Group meets people where they are at. We provide a variety of tools, resources, and support to help people navigate through whatever stage they're currently in.



The Career Transition Group meets the third Thursday of each month. Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 7:30-8:30 am at HNOJ. Information about the Career Transition Group and how you can become involved can be found at hnoj.org/career-transition-group

Let us know if you'd like to help our Career Transitions Group by contacting Deacon Dennis Hanson in the church office.

Pilgrimage to Italy 2026 - More Spots Added!

A second bus has been added in our pilgrimage in Italy, so we have opened up more spots. Join Fr. Wratkowski and other parishioners on a pilgrimage to Italy, with stops including Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome.



The dates of the pilgrimage are Oct. 26 - Nov. 6, 2026. All details at hnoj.org/pilgrimage

Scripture of the Week



"Be strong, fear not! Here is your God" (Isaiah 35:4)

Last week we heard John calling us to prepare, to repent and shape up. This week begins with a beautiful vision from Isaiah that speaks of beauty, restoration, and deliverance. James, in our Second Reading, encourages us to be patient for what is to come. And Jesus, in the Gospel, tells us John is the



messenger promised in the prophecies of old who would prepare the way for the one to come. Good news, indeed, for the time is upon us.

The gift that is Advent continues to invite us to prepare, to make an internal conversion filled with the joy of the Lord. The joy that Jesus Himself speaks of in John 15:11 - "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

Winter Weekend Family Retreat, Feb. 6-8

Great Christmas gift idea! Give your family an opportunity to get away on retreat together!

Join Fr. Wratkowski and other families from HNOJ at our annual Winter Weekend at Bugbee Hive Resort, just over an hour away in Paynesville, MN, on the shores of Lake Koronis. Indoor pool and hot tub, extra large play set, snowshoeing and skiing trails, and plenty of fun during free time for the whole family.

New this year, VBS style programming for the younger kids and more advanced activities for the older elementary aged kiddos. Adults get their own retreat time each morning and then during men's and women's socials each evening. Mass, Confession, and Adoration for all!

Many of our families call this the highlight of their winter. An amazing weekend with family, faith, and new friends from HNOJ.

Give a great gift to your family this year by signing up for the HNOJ Winter Weekend.

For more information or to register visit www.hnoj.org/winterweekend or email Chris Kostelc at ckostelc@hnoj.org.



In Our Parish and Our Community

Blankets Needed for Sharing and Caring Hands

Dear Friends at Holy Name of Jesus,

The weather is turning cold and every day I meet someone who is need of a blanket to help them keep warm. Could you spare a blanket or quilt? It would be greatly appreciated. They do not have to be new; used blankets are fine. They just need to be clean. Many thanks for your continued support of Sharing and Caring Hands. Please bring them to HNOJ and parishioner Teresa Walker will take them to Sharing and Caring Hands.

Peace and God Bless! Teresa Walker on behalf of Mary Jo Copeland, Founder of Sharing and Caring Hands

Retirement Fund for Religious

They gave their lives in service – now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a



donation – it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. You may use the envelope in your packet or pick up an envelope on the bulletin stand in the Gathering Space this weekend, Dec. 13-14. Thank you!

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!



Interfaith Outreach Items Needed

Sugar Diapers (size 6) Pull-Ups (sizes 4T and 5T) Canned chicken Hearty soups (cans) Spaghetti sauce (jars)

Paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons

*Winter outdoor gear is also needed – please drop off clothing donations at the Resale Store

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

A Praiseworthy Offering - Thank You!

As we come to the end of the year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has responded to our 2025 stewardship invitation, *A Praiseworthy Offering.* Your prayer, participation, and generosity strengthen our



parish community and help us continue growing in faith together.

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Form, there is still time. Forms may be submitted to the parish office or completed online at hnoj.org/stewardship2025.

For those who indicated interest in serving with a ministry, ministry chairs will be reaching out. Thank you for your willingness to share your gifts!

Jacob's Well Cursillo, Dec. 20

Kristine Callaghan will be witnessing to the Cursillo Ultreya on Saturday, Dec. 20, after the 5 pm Mass. The title of her witness is "Be still and know that I am God."

I am here to witness to what God is asking of me on my journey of grief and healing, how God speaks to me, how I have responded, and what I have learned.

There will be potluck that night, so plan on bringing a dish to share. We will meet in the Emmaus Room. All are invited.

Year-End Giving

As we reflect on the many blessings of the past year, we are deeply grateful for your continued support of your HNOJ parish family. If you're considering making a special year-end gift, here are a few important details to keep in mind:



- Checks: must be received by 6 pm on Dec. 31, 2025, to count for the current tax year.
- Stock Transfers: must be transferred by the end of day Dec. 23 for tax credit in 2025. Please notify Janna Webskowski, parish business administrator, before transferring stocks to ensure prompt processing.
- Matching Gifts: check with your employer to see if they offer matching gifts to double your contribution.
- IRA QCDs: Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA may offer tax benefits. Contact your financial advisor and notify us if you make a QCD so we can provide the proper receipt.
- Estate Planning: consider including HNOJ in your estate planning to leave a lasting legacy.
- 2026 Donations: contributions postmarked or received after Jan. 1, 2026, will be credited to tax year 2026.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and commitment to the life and mission of HNOJ Parish. For more information or assistance, please contact Janna Webskowski, parish administrator, at 763-745-3480 or jwebskowski@hnoj.org. Thank you again for all the ways you help make HNOJ a vibrant, thriving community!

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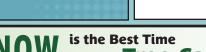
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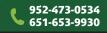








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