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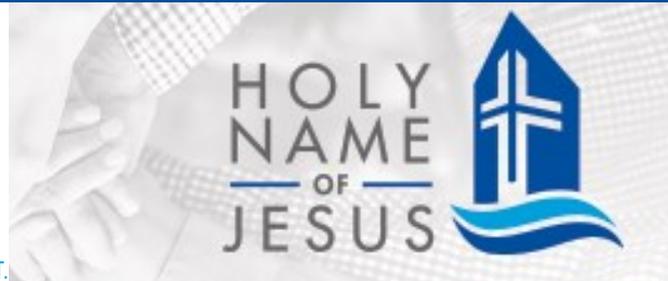
Sharing in the body of Christ,
we seek to:

KNOW

SEE

BE

THE HEART OF CHRIST. THE FACE OF CHRIST. THE HANDS OF CHRIST.



December 8, 2024 • Second Sunday of Advent

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.



Give Online:

<https://www.hnoj.org/online-donations>

Make Straight the Path

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI

Ten to fifteen years ago the
Department of
Transportation decided that
it would be fun to give
everyone in my zip code
something to complain
about and replaced most of
our major intersections with
roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so
irksome, I suppose, if I
understood how to navigate
a roundabout. In theory I
do, I've read all the rules

and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which
car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different.
And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep,
anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure
what my next move should be.

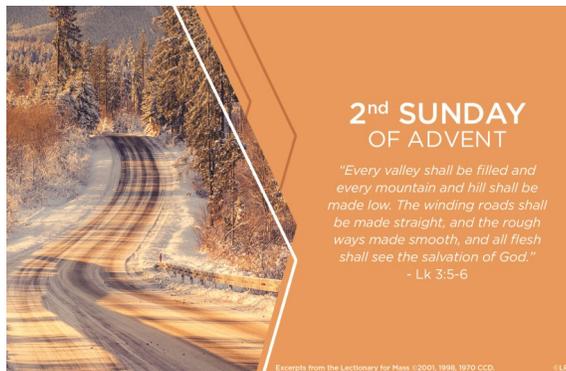
I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the
Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord.
See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass.
I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. *You go here, God,
and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane,
and I stay in mine.* Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the
road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us.
He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we
have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.



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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 18
5:45-8 p.m.
With several priests available

Experience God's mercy

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, Dec. 18

Why go to Confession? Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Confession (or Reconciliation) when He breathed on the Apostles saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:22-23). This authority to forgive sins has been passed on from the apostles to the priests of our own time through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Confession is the only ordinary means of forgiveness for mortal sins committed after Baptism. Though other extraordinary means are possible, they are never guaranteed and shouldn't be presumed upon. As all sacraments do, it also bestows an increase of grace.

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 Wednesday, Dec. 18. We will have several priests available from 5:45-8 p.m. in the church.

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

Advent Resources

Hallow App - The Complete Guide to the Season of Advent: <https://hallow.com/>

Dynamic Catholic - Best Advent Ever: www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html

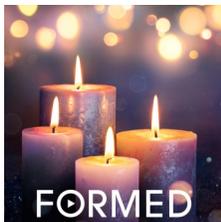
Word on Fire - Bishop Barron's Daily Advent Reflections: <https://www.wordonfire.org/reflections/advent>

USCCB Advent Calendar - www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/advent

FORMED Advent Calendar:

At FORMED.org you'll find a seemingly endless list of engaging Catholic formation content. FORMED has video series, movies, talks, music and more for children, teens and adults too. FORMED is free for HNOJ parishioners and can be accessed online or via their app for all devices and smart TVs. Convenient, free and full of great content.

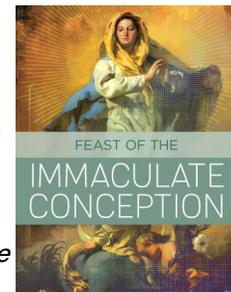
If you visit FORMED.org, you will grow in your faith, understand Catholicism better and feel greater confidence in living an authentic way of life!



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Transferred to Dec. 9

Since this solemnity falls on a Sunday, we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent on Dec. 8, and the solemnity is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Please join us for Mass on Monday, Dec. 9, at 8 a.m. or the school Mass at 9:15 a.m. *Those who are able to observe the solemnity by participation at Mass are strongly encouraged to do so.*



Christmas Schedule at HNOJ

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024

Join us as we prepare for Mass with Congregational Carols and Anthems prior to each Mass

4 p.m. Mass in the Church - School Choir with Handbell Choir

4 p.m. Mass in the GSC - Sunday Evening Band (guitars, keyboard and drums)

6 p.m. Mass in the Church - Sunday Evening Band (guitars, keyboard and drums)

10 p.m. Mass in the Church - HNOJ Choir (string quartet and organ)

Christmas Day - Wednesday, Dec. 25

9:30 a.m. Mass in the Church (organ, piano and cymbells)
Join us for a 15-minute prelude before Mass (no nursery)

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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

Blessing of Our Holy Family Statue, Dec. 29

This fall, we installed a new statue of the Holy Family at the east entrance of the parking lot. In honor of the Feast of the Holy Family, we will do a special blessing of the statue after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 29.

We invite all parishioners to join in this blessing of the statue at 9:45 a.m. Space will be blocked off and all are welcome to participate in this blessing.



Men's Night, Dec. 17

Men's Nights are back at HNOJ. Please join us on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 6-8 p.m. We will have food, a talk and manly things.

We will hear from Fr. Chris Yanta on "What is it like to say Mass?" 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.



Sunday Night Lectors Needed

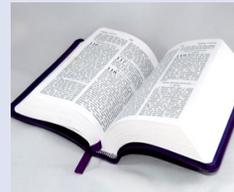
We need lectors to help proclaim the readings at Mass especially the Sunday evening Mass. This is a vital part of our Mass and if God is calling you to this ministry, please consider signing up.

Lectors are scheduled for the Mass time(s) that they are available and there is rehearsal the Monday night before you lector.

If you are interested and 16 years or older, please contact Jan at the church office at 763-473-7901 or jstumpf@hnoj.org.



Scripture of the Week

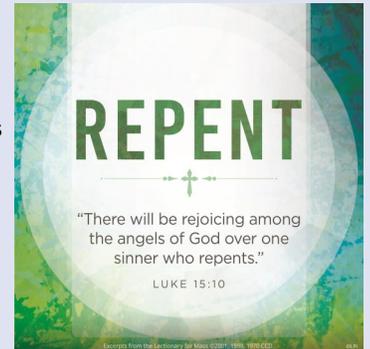


"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever." (Baruch 5:1)

Our readings today call us to more. Baruch encourages us to move from mourning to God's splendor. St. Paul shares his confidence that "the one who began a good work" in us "will continue to complete it" and prayers that we might be "pure and blameless for the day of Christ."

Finally, St. Luke in his Gospel tells us of the ministry of John the Baptist proclaiming a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And then quotes Isaiah's prophesy that is fulfilled in the person of John. Each reading calls us to do better, to move from mourning to joy, to recognize the good work He began in us, to repentance and forgiveness of our sins. No wonder Fr. Arnold would refer to this Sunday of Advent as "Shape Up" Sunday!

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.



Advent Night of Reflection, Dec. 12

Take a break this December and fully enter into the Advent Season with HNOJ's Advent Night of Reflection. Sr. Marie Caeli, a religious sister from the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, will present on "The Incarnation and the Eucharist." We will also have Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour with silence and Advent hymns. Come and pray, rest and be renewed with a meaningful Advent message!

Basic Info:

When: Thursday, Dec. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Where: Main Church at Holy Name of Jesus

Talk: Sr. Marie Caeli of The Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will speak on "The Incarnation and the Eucharist." With Eucharistic Adoration with Advent hymns to follow

Cost: Free!

Registration: No RSVP necessary. If you'd like to help with the evening, email Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.



In Our Parish and Our Community

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 the three Wednesdays preceding Christmas. The Christmas Mass is the late Mass on Christmas Eve (10 p.m.). This group is accompanied by organ, piano and other instruments.



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

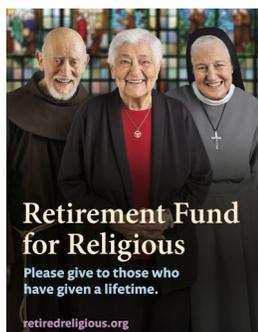
Senior Event, Dec. 13

Seniors 55+, please join us on Friday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Please plan to join us as we are led in song by the Children's Choir. Our favorite Chef Tim will fix us an extra special meal for \$14 per person. Please sign up at the welcome desk.



Retirement Fund for Religious, This Weekend

Please support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service – praying, teaching and caring for those in need – usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.



You may use the envelopes provided in your packets or there are extras in the Gathering Space. More information may be found online at retiredreligious.org.

Experience the Holy Spirit in Your Life!

The Archdiocese is offering three amazing opportunities for you to grow your faith!

1. **Fire on the Hill** every third Saturday of the month at the Cathedral of St. Paul
2. **Life in the Spirit Seminar** in January (three options for dates and locations)
3. **The School of Charism Discovery** (10-week course January to April) held at Our Lady of Grace in Edina

Please find out more and register today at archspm.org/events



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 Dec. 31, 2024 to count for the current tax year.
- **Stock Transfers:** must be transferred by the end of day Dec. 23 for tax credit in 2024. 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.
- **2025 Donations:** contributions postmarked or received after Jan. 1, 2025, will be credited to tax year 2025.

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.

Janna Webskowski:
763-745-3480 or jwebskowski@hnoj.org

Thank you again for all the ways you help make HNOJ a vibrant, thriving community!

Middle School Retreat, Last Chance to Register

We are very excited to offer a middle school retreat to our 6th-8th grade students.



What's the goal of Luke 18? To

empower middle school teens to live as disciples of Jesus Christ today. How? No gimmicks, real faith sharing, fun talks, great small groups, authentic relationships and an entire weekend for and with middle school teens.

Our retreat runs Dec. 13-14, at HNOJ. On Friday, Dec. 13, the retreat will run 6:30-10 p.m. All participants will go home to sleep and return in the morning. On Saturday, Dec. 14, the retreat will continue at 9 a.m. and officially end at 8:30 p.m. with Adoration. The cost is \$75.

Registration may be found at hnoj.org/luke18. For questions, please contact Luke Klavins at lklavins@hnoj.org.

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Bob Weinzierl, Jr. 612-720-9206

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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