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Sunday morning Masses.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.

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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
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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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The Baptism of the Lord

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPi

Mini Reflection: It makes perfect
sense that everyone thought John the
Baptist was the Messiah. He was the
guy pouring the water. But the
Messiah was the man who came to be
baptized. He was the one who
descended into the waters,
submerging himself in our experience
of death and pain and sorrow.

Beneath the Surface

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure
that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a
rough period in my life, and I was having
some intense questions and doubts. It
upset my mother, understandably. She
knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult
moment, I needed the grace of the
sacrament more than ever. So, she called
our priest and asked him to talk to me.

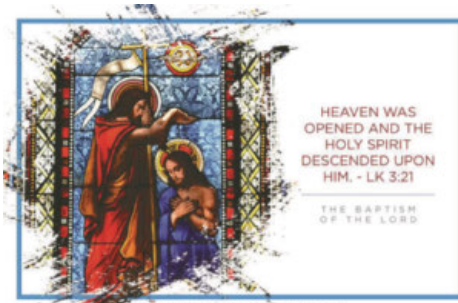
After that meeting, I made the decision
to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything
he said to me. All I remember is that he
sat with me. He listened to me. He let me
talk and talk and talk (and cry). And
when he said whatever he said, whatever
it is that I cannot remember, it was
obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect
sense that everyone thought John the
Baptist was the Messiah. He was the
guy pouring the water. Of course it
seemed natural that he would be "the
one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man
who came to be baptized. **He was the
one who descended into the waters,
submerging himself in our experience of
death and pain and sorrow – and in doing
so, He sanctified it.** He made it a
means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig
ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and
we can't climb out, He is the one who
brings us back to the surface. But He
doesn't pull us out; He lifts us. He jumps
down into the pit. He looks around. He
offers His hand, gives us a leg up, and
by His strength and not our own, we are
brought back into the light.



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Men's Night, Jan. 23

Men of HNOJ, please join us on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6-8 p.m. We will have food, a talk and manly things.



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.

Women's Wisdom on Wednesday

WWW is a community of women who meet throughout the year at HNOJ for fellowship and learning. As Catholic women, we are called to live out the beauty of our femininity in ways that bring glory and honor to God and the Church and life to the world. In this year's WWW program, we'll focus on how we might do that. We'll listen to the ideas of a number of Catholic women and discuss how to better develop and share our own unique spiritual gifts.



Block II: Jan. 15 through Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Block III: April 23 through May 28, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please find more information and registration online at hnoj.org/womens-wisdom. You can register for one or all blocks. For questions, contact Chris Kostelc at 763-745-3489 or ckostelc@hnoj.org.



Offices Closed on Monday, Jan. 20

Our church and school offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The 8 a.m. daily Mass will still be held. Because the building will be closed, we will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or any other regularly scheduled activities.

School Open House, THIS Sunday

Come and check out our school open house on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 12-3 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet some teachers and learn about our preschool - 6th grade programs for the 2025-26 school year.



Winter Weekend, Last Chance to Register

This family weekend retreat is Feb. 7-9, at beautiful BugBee Hive Resort in Paynesville, MN. A great weekend of fun, faith and family. From the amazing VBS style fun for the kids to the inspiring talks for adults, from indoor pool time for everyone and times of prayer and worship, your family will grow closer and grow in faith. Honestly, this weekend is so much fun and yet totally a faith boost for all.



Winter Weekend has been called, "The perfect balance of retreat time with free time to enjoy the resort and just get away with my family."

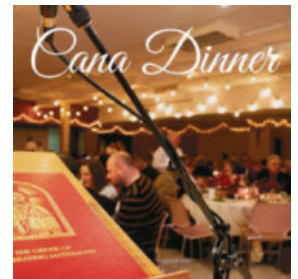
The cost is \$100 per family, with additional costs for housing and shared dinners. Please register now at www.hnoj.org/winterweekend



Email Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org or Claudia at crabaey@hnoj.org with questions.

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

Cost: \$65 a couple

Registration: hnoj.org/cana

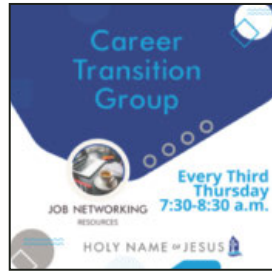
If you have any questions, or if you would like to serve at this event (volunteers have just as much fun as those attending) please contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.



Career Transitions Group

Thursday, Jan. 16, from 7:30- 8:30 a.m.

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. Information about the Career Transition Group and how you can become involved can be found at hnoj.org/career-transition-group

Senior Events in January

Seniors 55+, please join us on **Thursday, Jan. 16, from 1:30-3 p.m. for our January Birthday Bash!**



Come celebrate everyone's birthday through 2025 with fun games, a little singing, fun prizes and cake with ice cream. Sign up at the welcome desk with your birth month. No cost to attend. Please bring an unsigned birthday card with a message for a card exchange.

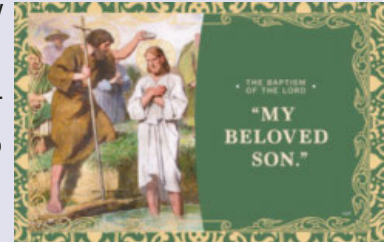
Also in January, please join in a **music celebration with Gwen and Grandma Barb on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** We will have morning coffee and rolls with live music and humor! No cost, just fun and happiness. Please sign up at the welcome desk and bring your friends.

Scripture of the Week



"And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'" (Luke 3:22)

Last week we heard how Jesus came for the entire world when we celebrated His epiphany. Today we hear how each of us can enter into His coming and begin our walk with Jesus through receiving the baptism of water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The people in the Gospel today look to John trying to find the Messiah.



John is clear that he is not the Messiah. And Jesus comes and is baptized by John. It is important to note that Jesus did not need the purification that baptism gives us, but He submitted to a baptism of water as an example to each of us. In humility we come before the Lord, placing the will of the Father above our own. Most of us were baptized as infants or very young children. It is the adult "me" that has to decide to accept the gift given at baptism and choose to allow the Father's will to guide my decisions and actions. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done..."

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

Support Life Sunday, THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, Jan. 12, is *Support Life Sunday*, sponsored by HNOJ's A Community Caring for Life (ACCL). Come hungry for a fresh, warm cinnamon roll after the morning Masses! Please note that this Sunday hospitality will be replacing our annual Baking for Babies event. There will not, however, be packaged rolls available to take home.

All proceeds go to Elevate Life and Pro-Life Across America. Cost is a free-will donation. Some people have asked how they can donate as they will not be able to attend the event. You can give online at hnoj.org/accl or make a check out to Holy Name of Jesus with ACCL in the memo.

Elevate Life is a life-affirming nonprofit organization that supports women and families by assisting more than 40 affiliated Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) and clinics in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Pro-Life Across America, also known as "the billboard people," is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to changing hearts and saving babies' lives. They focus on bringing positive, persuasive messages through billboards, radio, print and online ads.

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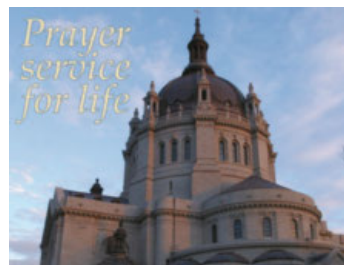
We are now hiring! With our **coordinator of senior high youth ministry** leaving to discern religious life, that position will be open in May. And we are still looking to fill two **maintenance assistant** positions (a temporary full-time as well as a part-time weekend position).

To learn more about these positions, and to apply, please go to hnoj.org/careers. Please help us spread the word!



Prayer Service for Life, Jan. 22

Please join the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 10:30 a.m., with Bishop Michael Izen, followed by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life's March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome.



More details on both the prayer service and the march, may be found at archspm.org/prayer-service-for-life/

For information on the bus from St. Boniface that will stop at Lunds and Byerly's in Wayzata around 9:15 a.m., go to 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.



Friday Night Alive, Jan. 24

Friday Night Alive (FNA) is a monthly gathering at HNOJ for middle schoolers to get to know each other through fun activities (open gym, team 4-square, gaga ball, fun crafts, and more!) and to grow in their relationship with Christ through prayer and listening to relatable talks given by our high school core team. We begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and have a blast until 8:30 p.m. Our next FNA is Jan. 24.



FNA nights are free of charge and open to all 5th through 8th grade youth. This is a great time for middle schoolers to bring a friend! Walk ins are welcome, but RSVPs are appreciated to help us get an accurate food count. To RSVP, please email Luke Klavins at lklavins@hnoj.org.

Cursillo Encounter

Do you want to expand and enhance your prayer life? Do you want to progressively grow in your journey of faith? And do you want to build God's kingdom through bonding friendships? Then the Cursillo Encounter is for you!

Hosted at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Loretto:
Men's Weekend is Feb. 13-16
Women's Weekend is Feb. 20-23



For more information and to register, go to tc-cursillo.org or contact Sheryl Tufo at 612-868-3363.

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.

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

Known by God Unborn Child Loss Retreat

All mothers grieving the loss of a stillborn or miscarried child are invited to this annual retreat, on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The retreat is focused on healing in grief through the Catholic perspective. Online registration is \$30. The retreat includes large group talks, small group sharing, prayer time, lunch and shared resources. Contact Bernadette Gockowski with questions at bgockowski@gmail.com.

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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
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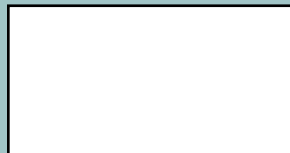


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