

# Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

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Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 - 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent



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# HOLY NAME of JESUS PARISH

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We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

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COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

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Holy Name of Jesus Parish, St. Louis, Mo.

## CELEBRATING MASS & SACRAMENTS

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Weekend & Weekday Masses)

Saturday 4:00 pm (CST) / 5:00 pm (DST)

Sunday 9:30 am

Monday – Thursday 8:00am 1st Friday of the month 8:00am

**Holy Days of Obligation** 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Civil Holidays** See Bulletin Mass Intentions for Time

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

3:30-4:30 pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Day & Evening Times during Advent & Lent Weekdays

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel at Home / Church

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel in Church

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9:00 am – 10:00pm

### Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

### Parish Rosary

8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

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THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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MEMBERSHIP \* PARTNERSHIP \* STEWARDSHIP

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EVANGELIZATION \* SOCIAL CONCERN

### Embracing Sacred Reminders: Advent's Call to Renewal.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, *Laudetur Jesus Christus!* This weekend, Monsignor Mitas will lead a sacred Mass at Holy Name of Jesus, while I will be doing the same at St. Norbert's Parish. Let's keep our brothers and sisters who are unwell and unable to be with us physically in our prayers, knowing they are with us in spirit. Looking forward to seeing you at daily Mass this week. On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, as we reflect on the Prophets who Provoke Presence, we transport ourselves to the time of the great exile in Babylon (Isaiah 40:1-5,9-1), where a prophet emerged amidst disaster, urging the people to embrace hope, and offering them powerful imagery to hold onto. In the Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14, we are asked to imagine a world where the end seems elusive, leaving people perplexed. This reading poses a fundamental question: *How can we live fully awake and engaged, rather than merely sleepwalking through life?* Turning to the Gospel of Mark 1:1-8, we delve into its captivating opening, where every great story begins. Today, we explore the simple yet profound introduction to the story of Jesus.

Reminders, though often seen as a nuisance or insult, can be a blessing in disguise. Just as our younger selves resented reminders from our parents, we later realized their value when they prevented us from forgetting important things. Similarly, in our spiritual lives, reminders play a crucial role. We may think we know it all, but we need sacred reminders to keep us grounded in our faith. Advent, a season that may seem repetitive, offers us sacred reminders.

It revisits familiar stories, characters, and themes, not as something new, but as opportunities for God to tap us on the shoulder and whisper, "In case you've forgotten...."

John the Baptist, in his own way, was a master of reminders. He ensured that the people knew the Messiah was closer than they thought that repentance was urgent, and that only God could truly cleanse them. John reminded them of what they should have remembered all along.

Advent, too, is filled with reminders. We are reminded of God's grand plan for the world, of the miraculous birth that changed everything, of the trust and holiness of the Holy Family, and most importantly, of God's boundless love for us. Advent helps us live in the light of these truths that we sometimes forget.

Let us be grateful for Advent, for these familiar stories, liturgies, songs, and decorations that bring us comfort and shake us from complacency. Let us thank God, the One we are waiting for, the One who refuses to watch from a distance.

While none of these reminders are "new," the purpose of this season is to make us "new." Advent invites us to open ourselves up to God's desire to be born not only in a manger two thousand years ago but in our hearts, here and now. And, as I don't have to remind you, there is nothing better than that!

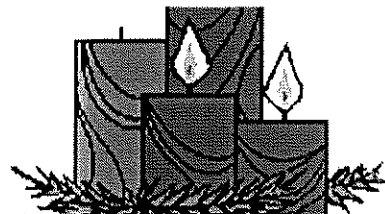
*Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, as we, your beloved children, approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Savior, please guide us in preparing our hearts for this special occasion. May the imminent arrival of the Son of David inspire us to embrace true repentance and experience a genuine transformation of our hearts. We offer this prayer through the loving intercession of Christ our Lord. Amen! Have a blessed week!*

In Christ, through Mary,  
Fr. Samuel Inameti

Assoc. Pastor

HNJ-St. Norbert & Angela Parish

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## Preparing Our Hearts for

### Christ's Birth

#### A Parish Activity



An Advent tradition from the French culture is the custom of preparing the manger for Christmas. This is the tradition of making the manger a soft bed for the Baby Jesus. Instead of straw we will use pieces of paper on which you are invited to write your efforts to prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Think of ways you can prepare for Jesus by: spending extra time in prayer, thinking of others, doing works of mercy, or however you choose. Be creative. The manger is a symbol of our hearts. Advent is a time to prepare one's heart for Christ's coming at Christmas. Thus, we create an ample supply of bedding to keep Jesus warm and to soften the hardness of the manger boards by the preparations we make during the next four weeks. The greeters, this weekend will be handing out several slips of paper for you to record what preparations you are making for Christ's coming. There will be extra slips of paper at the church doors each week if you would like to add more. We ask you to return them to

## Holy Name of Jesus Monthly Candlelight Vigil Date Change Due to Holiday

Please join us for our monthly candlelight vigil to pray for an end to gun violence and for peace in our communities on **December 17 from 7:00-7:30 p.m.** We are gathering two weeks early this month because the last Sunday falls on New Year's Eve. The purpose of these monthly vigils is to pray for unity in our community, to raise awareness of social justice issues in our greater metropolitan community, and to pray for an end to violence – especially gun violence. These vigils consist of music, a time of silent reflection, and group prayer. Next month's vigil will be held on January 28 at 7 p.m. We hope you can be with us!



## Our HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHOIR

will be singing their

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

442 S Demazenod Dr, Belleville, IL 62223

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

at 7:00 PM.



## YOUNG AT HEART

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 20

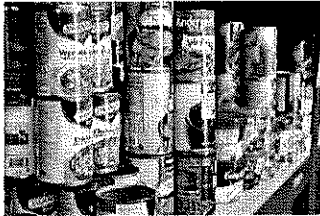
The party will start at 11:30am. Lunch will be served at noon. If interested, call Marcella at 314-869-0150. The cost is \$10 for chicken tenders 2 sides and a biscuit. We will furnish dessert!! Please bring a dollar gift to play a Christmas game! Hope you will join us for some fun! **PLEASE RSVP** by December 11th.

Everyone is welcome !

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### Food Pantry Donations

If you were looking for something extra to do during this season of Advent, please consider donating a few non-perishable food items to help with our food pantry supply. Currently, soup, chili, canned meat, tuna, and non-sugary cereal (like Cheerios/toasted oats) are our biggest needs. May God bless you for all you do to help us help our neighbors in need on your behalf all year long!



### HELP NEEDED

We will be decorating our church for Christmas on Saturday, December 23rd beginning at 9:00am. We will coffee and snacks.

## Holy Name of Jesus Men's Club Meeting December 12

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Club will meet for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm**. All men of Holy Name of Jesus, St. Angela Merici and St. Norbert are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Parish Community Center (former school cafeteria) on the north side of the church building. Following a short meeting, there will be an opportunity for fellowship, and a light meal will be served. We will also be collecting free will donations for the Missouri Veterans and our St. Vincent de Paul Society at this meeting. We hope to see you there.

Let us pray for unity and for each other as we continue with the All Things New process.

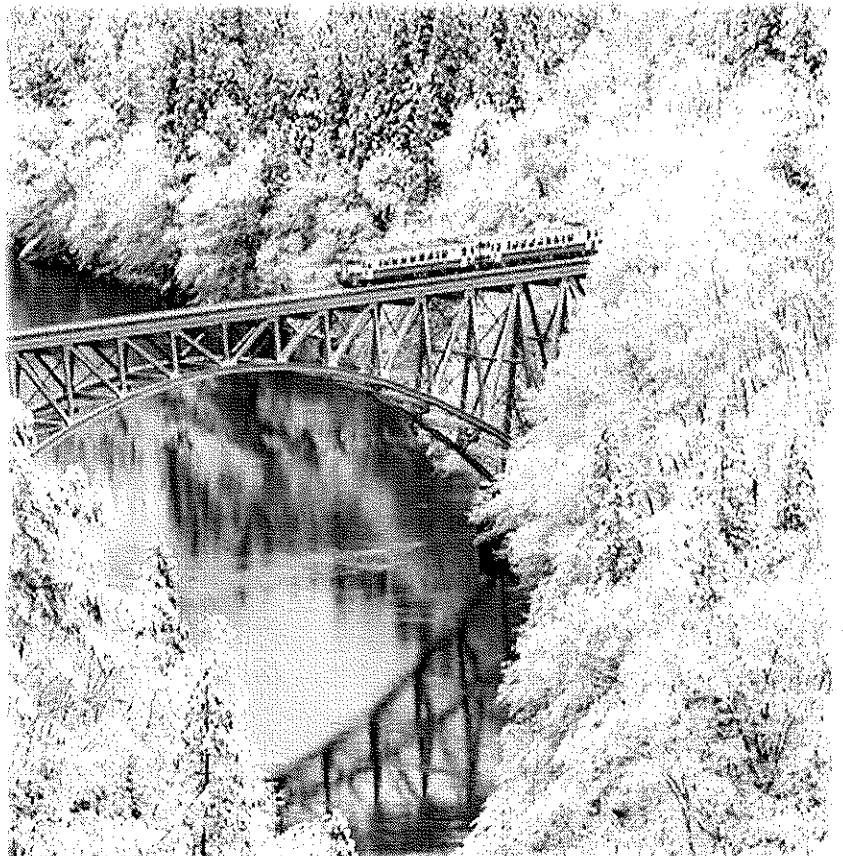
God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.

Amen

### The Enchanting Story of the Four Advent Candles

Immersed in Christian tradition, the wreath cradles the four Advent candles, symbolizing the radiant arrival of Jesus amidst darkness. Each Sunday, a candle is kindled, gradually illuminating the path to Christmas. As the festive day approaches, the flickering flames bring forth a little more light, and on Christmas Eve or Day, a white "Christ candle" is lit, signifying Jesus' presence among us. The symbolism of each candle:

**Week One: The Prophecy Candle of Hope.** With hope and anticipation, we honor the Old Testament prophets who foretold Jesus' coming. **Week Two: The Bethlehem Candle of Peace and Preparation,** seeking peace within ourselves. **Week Three: The Shepherd's Candle of Joy.** We rejoice in the imminent arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. **Week Four: The Angel's Candle of Love.** We contemplate the angel Gabriel's proclamation, cherishing the good news of God's love.





## PLEASE PRAY *for*:

Bob Seidel Jr, Bernette Goymerac, Mary Masterson, Maureen Williams, Mary Williams, Mary Lou Sammelman, George Lawler, Phyllis Lawler, Marjorie Dubray, Akakpo-Lado, Donna Cahr, Rhonda Finney, Michael Mulvihill, Sr., Michael Swoboda, Marty Bligh, Sharon Klein, Sr. Mary, Shirley Swoboda, Jacklean Thomas Dudley, Megan Peters, Alana Murillo Ken & Dorothy Anderson, Katy Moran

## MASS INTENTION

<b>Monday</b> 8:00am	<b>December 11</b> Michael rozanski
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00am	<b>December 12</b> Vernon Uhlenbrock
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00am	<b>December 13</b> Regina Grothoff
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00am	<b>December 14</b> Marcella Krueger
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00pm	<b>December 16</b> Chuck Butler
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30am	<b>December 17</b> People of the Parish



## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>December 16</b> 4:00pm	<b>Judy Mantych</b>
<b>December 17</b> 9:30am	<b>Bea Okohson</b>

## Lectors

<b>December 16</b> 4:00pm	<b>Tina Fichter</b>
<b>December 17</b> 9:30am	<b>Bess Arends</b>



## Stewardship of Treasure

## Your Gifts of Support for Our Parish Mission

<b>December 3, 2023</b>	<b>\$6,554.25</b>
Online Giving (included above)	\$1,820.00
<b>Budgeted weekly offertory</b>	<b>\$8,028.00</b>
This week's <loss>	\$1,473.75
<b>Budgeted weekly expenses</b>	<b>\$12,843.00</b>
<b>This Weeks &lt;loss&gt;</b>	<b>\$6,288.75</b>

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5,9-11/2PtIs 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mk 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4,9-11?Mt 17-19a,10-13
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a,10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8,19-28

## IT'S BACK!

## COFFEE AND DONUTS SUNDAY

## DECEMBER 10TH

**FOLLOWING THE  
9:30am MASS.**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD  
AND FELLOWSHIP!**



## **Room at the Inn Wish List**

Bath Tissue and/or Paper Towels  
Paper Plates and/or Plastic Cutlery  
Paper Cups

Foil and/or Plastic Wrap  
Storage Bags (quart & gallon size)  
Food storage containers  
Trash Bags (13 & 44 gallon or larger)

Laundry Detergent and/or Fabric Softener  
Liquid Dish Soap  
Bar Soap  
Hand and Body Lotion  
Shampoo and Conditioner

Bath Towels (new) and/or Wash Cloths (new)  
Socks, all sizes and Genders  
Mesh Laundry Bags

Women's sweat pants, pajama bottoms and colored T-shirts  
(Med, Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL)  
Men's sweat pants, pajama bottoms and white colored T-shirts  
(Med, Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Gift cards for grocery stores, Walmart, Target, gas stations  
Bus Passes

Please leave your donations in the box marked "Room at the Inn" located in the back vestibule of the church. If you prefer to make a monetary gift or a gift card donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Room at the Inn" and put it in the collection basket in church or drop it off at the Parish office.

Collecting donations through December 17

Thank you for your generous support.

## **Christmas Party**

Come celebrate the upcoming Christmas  
Season with the African Ministry at  
St. Norbert Catholic Church. We are having a  
Christmas Party December 17, 2023  
Immediately following the 12:30  
French Mass. All are welcome.

### **Christmas Celebration**

**Sunday December 17, 2023**

**Place: St. Norbert Catholic Church in  
Schaffer Hall**

**Time: 1:30—4:00pm**

## **African Catholic Ministry**

### **At St. Norbert**

16455 New Halls Ferry Road  
Florissant, MO 63031

#### **1st Sunday**

12:30PM

Swahili Mass

#### **2nd Sunday**

NO 12:30PM Mass

#### **3rd Sunday**

12:30PM

French Mass

#### **4th Sunday**

11:00AM

Unity Mass