

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 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

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Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Stlouis. 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

THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP * PARTNERSHIP * STEWARDSHIP

EVANGELIZATION * SOCIAL CONCERN

My dear brothers and sisters, Laudetur Jesus Christus! On this last Sunday of Advent, we reflect on the story of King David and his desire to build a house for God. David's heart was moved with compassion when he realized that the ark of God, the symbol of God's presence, resided in a simple tent while he lived in luxury. He wanted to rectify this situation and build a grand house for God. And while his intentions were noble, God had a different plan. God spoke to David through the prophet Nathan and promised to build an everlasting dynasty for him. God assured David that his descendants would continue his legacy and that one of them would sit on the throne forever. This promise was fulfilled in Jesus, the Son of God, who came to establish a kingdom that would never end.

David's desire to build a house for God was not misguided. God does need a dwelling place, a home where He can reside. However, God's dwelling place is not a physical structure but a person. Mary, a humble and faithful servant, was chosen by God to be the vessel through which His Son would enter the world. She became the perfect dwelling place for Jesus, the Savior of all mankind.

Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel was extraordinary. She questioned how it could be possible for her to conceive a child, but her faith and trust in God allowed her to say, "May it be done to me according to your word." In that moment, Mary opened her heart and became God's new home. Despite not fully understanding what lay ahead, she embraced God's plan for her life.

As we stand on the threshold of Christmas, I commend you for being here today, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It shows that you have taken this sacred time seriously and desire to be ready for whatever God wants to reveal to you. And what does God desire? He is looking for a new home, a place to dwell. The question is, do we have room for Him? Do we have an open-door policy in our hearts, or do we keep our house, our home, solely for ourselves?

Many of us may feel unworthy, inadequate, or unprepared to be used by God. We may question why He would choose us for His purposes and plans. But let me assure you, my friends, we are not alone in these doubts. Moses, the prophets, Paul, Mary, and countless believers throughout history have felt the same way. Yet, all it took was a simple "yes" from them, an open heart, to allow God's grace to work through them and accomplish great things.

This season of Advent and the upcoming celebration of the Incarnation remind us that God desires to be closer to His creation than ever before. He longs to dwell within each of us, to make our hearts His home. Do we believe that? Do we believe that God is seeking a new home within us? I hope so, and I encourage you to embrace this truth in faith.

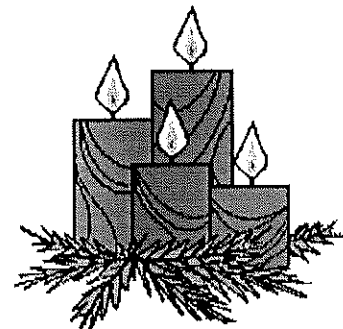
**Let us follow the example of King David and Mary, saying "yes" to God's plan for our lives. Let us open our hearts and make room for Him. And as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we experience the joy and peace that comes from allowing God to dwell within us. Remember, my dear brothers and sisters, God hopes for this too. Amen.
In Christ, through Mary,**

Fr. Samuel Inameti

Assoc. Pastor

HNJ-Sts. Norbert & Angela Parish

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PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Betty Kondracki @ 868-0176

We would like to remind everyone to visit our parish website and click on the Facebook icon located at the top right corner. By liking or following our page, you will be able to stay updated on upcoming events and reflections. This is an effective way to remain connected to our parish family. The link to our Facebook page is: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, St. Louis, MO.

Thank you for being a part of our Parish Family.

In Christ, through Mary,
Evangelization Committee
HNJ Parish

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

May the peace of Christ be in your hearts and family. We are pleased to offer communion or anointing visits to our Homebound parishioners. If you know someone who would appreciate this service, please contact Sandy at parishoffice10235@sbcglobal.net or call 314-868-2310. God bless you all!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr Samuel

HNJ

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

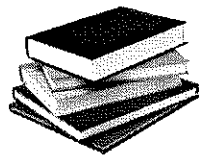
God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together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

Amen

A message from your St. Vincent de Paul Society

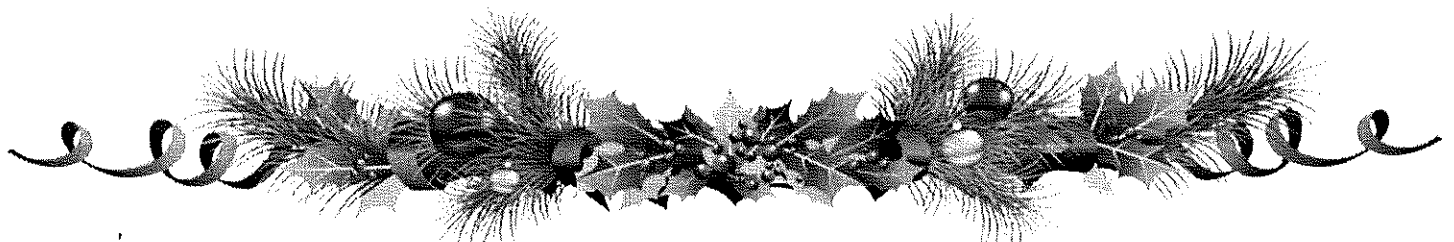
We just want to thank everyone who enables us to assist our neighbors in need on your behalf, either through the use of your monthly blue envelopes, periodic monetary donations, memorials, tributes, *non-perishable* food donations in the containers at the entrances to church, donations in the Thrift Store bin on the parking lot, and/or your prayers for those in need. Your generosity is overwhelming and always appreciated, both by our Conference members and the neighbors in need whom we serve. May God bless you all for your kindness!

HNJ Spiritual Reading Library



Location:
Outside the
Adoration Chapel

We hope you can stop by before or after Mass to enjoy some spiritual reading. There are also some other books in the adoration chapel in the closet. At this time we are not accepting any more books. We thank those who have donated books to share with other Parishioners.





Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO



St. Angela Merici Ladies' Club is hosting their annual Christmas party on Saturday, January 6th, which is the feast day of the Epiphany of the Lord. We

would like to invite members from St. Norbert and Holy Name of Jesus to join us. It will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome to come and share their favorite dish -with everyone. Lunch will begin at 12:30pm in the lunchroom at St. Angela Merici Parish. Call or email Robin at Drsgalanos@att.net, 314-315-6858 with any questions. Thanks Robin Galanos, Chairperson



Talk to "Hope"

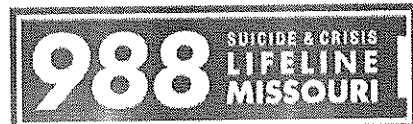
Our Free Chat Service

"Hope" is a **FREE** chat service providing encouragement and strategies on how to manage everyday stress or feelings and provide resources when you need them, using Chatbot technology.

- Text "Hi" to Hope at 202-949-7249 to get instant support.
- Hope is anonymous, private, and available 24/7
- Researched and scientifically provided emotional support service

Hope offers proven technology to offer custom mental health help when and where you need it.

If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, please dial 988



ATTENTION

The parish office will be closed

December 25th & 26th.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

Wednesday, January 3 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Community Center/Tuesday 10235 Ashbrook Drive

To schedule appointment, scan QR code
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go to www.bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10035

Masks optional. Appointments required.



Give & get your choice of a gift card or bonus points to shop our store for our new gray blanket & more!



ImpactLife



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, Linda Schneider

MASS INTENTION

Monday	December 25
10:00am	Frank Colombo
Tuesday	December 26
8:00am.	George Smith
Wednesday	December 27
8:00am	Karen & Kathy Uhlenbrock
Thursday	December 28
8:00am	Anna Andrzejewski
Saturday	December 30
4:00pm	Irene Brown
Sunday	December 31
9:30am	Kenneth Babin



Eucharistic Ministers

December 25	
10:00AM	Karen Kulla
December 30	
4:00pm	Joan Aslin
December 31	
9:30am	Susan Tolentino

Lectors

December 30	
4:00pm	Marilyn Gittemeier
December 31	
9:30am	Bea Okohson



Stewardship of Treasure

Your Gifts of Support for Our Parish Mission

December 17, 2023

Online Giving (included above)

Budgeted weekly offertory	\$8,028.00
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This week's <loss>

Budgeted weekly expenses	\$12,843.00
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This Weeks <loss>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a, 16/Rom 16:25 -27/Lk 1:26-38
Vigil	62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/Mt 1:1-2 5 or 1:18-25
Monday:	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1 -5, 9-14
Tuesday:	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:5-22/Mt 2:13-18
Friday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12- 17/Lu 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 Lk 2:22- 40 or 2:22,39-40

GREETERS

December 31	
9:30am	Pat Behle, Larry Colombo, Jeff Kelly

SISTERS WITH A PURPOSE
Invite you to a
KWANZAA
CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 30, 2023
AT 2 PM

REFRESHMENTS | DOOR PRIZES | VENDORS
| AFRICAN DANCERS | POETRY READING |
DRUMMERS

Location:
Bellefontaine Recreation Center
966g Bellefontaine Rd. St. Louis,
MO 63137

