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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and
5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

8 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Nursery

Sundays during 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Masses

Confessions

Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m.

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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-Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fridays in the summer 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



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Follow Jesus, Follow the Science

By Fr. Mike Reinhardt

In the twentieth chapter of Acts, Paul quotes Jesus, and reminds the people that “It is more blessed to give than receive.” This teaching is ignored and even sneered at by many in our modern consumer culture, whose message seems to be something like more personal consumption will make us happier. Some Christians might articulate the blessings one receives from giving only as “treasures stored up in heaven.” While this is certainly a part the blessings we receive from giving, it would be a mistake to overlook the more immediate blessings we receive in this world.

The fundamental reason that it is more blessed to give than to receive is that giving is God’s fundamental act of love towards all of creation and, so, giving, more than receiving conforms ourselves more fully to God. When we give, we become more fully who we are made to be.

This may still sound too abstract or remote, so let me offer an analogy: when we eat well and exercise, when we take care of our bodies, we are living, on the physical level, as we are made. We feel better when we do so. The same is true on the spiritual level. It is not merely or solely a question of future rewards, but rather a question of present happiness and fulfillment.

Follow the science! If you do an internet search, you can find many scientific studies that support on a scientific level this teaching of Jesus. None of them try to measure the treasure stored up in heaven. Rather, they focus on what they can measure. Generosity reduces stress and is associated with lower mortality. It is associated with significantly higher feelings of well-being and satisfaction. These studies looked at different types of giving, from monetary, volunteering and the simple everyday generosity of praise and courtesy. All types of giving had benefits for the individual and for their community.

Put it to the test! It is likely as simple as remembering the acts of generosity in your past, and how they made you and others around you feel. Perhaps you can even remember a time when you maybe felt stressed or too busy, yet stepped up to a commitment of giving that you had already made. I bet that most of you can also remember how that act of generosity reduced the stress you were feeling.

Continue to practice generosity! Some of the benefits of volunteering continue past the acts themselves, but, like diet and exercise, they accrue most to those who develop lifelong habits.

I want to bring us back to Jesus, who taught it is better to give than to receive. We want to avoid reducing this teaching to the benefits measurable by science. When we live a life of generosity, we are still storing up for ourselves treasures in heaven. We are still conforming our lives to His. And that is precious beyond measure. But God did make us body and soul, and body and soul He wants us to receive His blessings.



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Fall Festival Tickets For Sale This Weekend!

Avoid the long lines at the ticket booth. **Fall Festival tickets will be available for purchase after all the Masses this weekend, Aug. 26-27, and again the weekend of Sept. 9-10.** Tickets will also be available for purchase at the parish office during normal business hours from Aug. 28-Sept. 15. Tickets are used for food, beverages and kids games at Fall Festival. Entrance to Fall Festival is free! Tickets are \$1 each.



The annual Fall Festival is our big kick-off to the ministry and school year at Holy Name of Jesus. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, as we celebrate our community with entertainment, delicious food, activities for all ages and good friends. Fall Festival is run by volunteers, funded by sponsors and donations.

Many dedicated individuals, families, ministries and businesses working together make HNOJ Fall Festival a memorable and fun event each year.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

- **Volunteers are Greatly Needed!** There's an opportunity for everyone, from set up to clean up, sales and kids games. Please consider signing up for a one-hour shift! Sign up online at hnoj.org/fallfest.
- **Country Market Bake Sale** Do you have garden produce or garden products (jams, jellies, etc.) that you can donate? Do you like to bake? Please bring in your donations on the morning of the Fall Festival.
- **Craft Beer Donations** Bring in a four or six pack of beer from a brewery for our Craft Beer Sale this year. This gives you a chance to share your favorite local (or global) craft beers! Please bring your donation to the school principal before the festival.



OCIA Inquiry Sessions

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Were you raised Catholic but never Confirmed? Did your children miss Sacraments during Covid? Is your fiancé Catholic and would you like to learn more?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions—come check out one of our OCIA Inquiry Sessions!

- Sunday, Aug. 27, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 24, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

No need to sign up—just come and get your questions answered! We will meet in the Fireside Room for our Inquiry Sessions. You can find out more about OCIA at hnoj.org/OCIA or contact Chris Kostelc at ckostelc@hnoj.org.

Nursery is Open

Our nursery is open during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for children ages nine months through five years old. Located in the school.



Pints with a Priest for Young Adults, Aug. 30

On Aug. 30, following the conclusion of Fr. Ryan's "Mass Isn't Boring" lecture series, the 20s and 30s young adult group will head to Luce Line Brewery in Plymouth to celebrate with him. The group will meet at the brewery at 8:15 p.m. We hope you can join us! Reach out to Tim at tlyngdal@hnoj.org if you have questions.



Why Join a Small Group?

Because face time and sacred conversations with real people is a healthier, holier choice than screen time and can lead to:

- More sense of belonging and fellowship in our faith community
- More practical knowledge about the Sacred Scripture and our Catholic faith
- More intimate friendship with our Lord and more peace and joy in our day-to-day lives



The first step is to indicate what you are looking for on the form at www.hnoj.org/smallgroups or contact Tim at tlyngdal@hnoj.org to get started. There are also hard copies of the form available in the Gathering Space if you want to fill one out and turn it into the front desk or the Faith Formation box (across from front desk).

Send Off for Fr. Ryan

Fr. Ryan Glaser will be finishing his time at Holy Name of Jesus on the weekend of Sept. 16. He will be traveling back to Rome to complete his studies. Come to the Fall Festival for your opportunity to drop off cards, add to a prayer book, leave best wishes and thank Father Ryan for the blessing he has been to our community. The last Sunday Mass at which Fr. Ryan will preside will be Sunday, Sept. 17, at 10:30 a.m.



Faith Formation Registration Closes Soon

Registration for the 2023-2024 program year is closing soon. Classes begin at the end of September.

- **Sunday School (age 3 through kindergarten):** During the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass times
- **Faith Formation for Special Needs:** 9:30-10:20 a.m. on select Sundays
- **Children's Faith Formation Wednesday evenings (grades 1-5):** 4:45-6 p.m OR 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- **Middle School CREW Wednesday evenings (grades 6-8):** 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- **Confirmation Year 1** (typically 9th grade) - variable options
- **Confirmation Year 2** (typically 10th grade) - variable options
- **Senior High CREW** (grades 11-12 and 9-10 graders already Confirmed): variable options

You can find all the details and register online at www.hnoj.org/faith-formation.

Scripture of the Week



*"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."
(Matthew 16:18a)*

While the First Readings each week are always chosen to reflect the theme of the Gospel reading, this week's First Reading really accentuates that the Old Testament pre-shadows the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old.

Today's Gospel relates the founding of the Catholic Church and why we still look today to the Chair of Peter for our lead in the faith. We do it not because of any rule of mankind, but because Jesus declared it and set it in motion with the words He speaks in today's Gospel.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.

First Friday Rosary

Please join in praying the Rosary every First Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. in the Church. Our prayers are dedicated in memory of those we loved and have passed. We continue to pray our First Friday Rosary with Mass and breakfast during the summer months as well. All are welcome. Friday, Sept. 1, is our next Rosary.

MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers

Whether you're expecting your first child, have a baby, toddler or your youngest is in kindergarten, MOPS is for you! MOPS, or Mothers of Preschoolers, is an international organization with local groups that reflect their host faith communities. In our group here at HNOJ you will find friends, mentors, speakers and activities all focused on helping you be the mom and woman you were created to be.

MOPS at HNOJ meets September through May on the first and third Friday each month from 9-11 a.m. Childcare is available. Cost is \$100, which includes the MOPS International Membership, childcare and all meeting costs (service projects, craft supplies and speaker fees).

Registration is now open for 2023-2024. All details may be found online at hnoj.org/MOPS.

The MOPS team is hosting coffee and donuts after the morning Mass this weekend and would love to meet you, share more information and answer any questions you may have.



MOPS Registration is Open

Join MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) for the 2023-2024 program year!

Meet on the first and third Friday of each month from 9-11 a.m.

Childcare is available. Register at hnoj.org/MOPS.



Womens Wisdom on Wednesdays

WWW is a community of women who meet on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. throughout the year at Holy Name of Jesus for fellowship and learning.



This year's theme is about telling our stories. Let your legacy be more than financial...let it be your life story that only you can tell. This year, we will answer a series of questions about our lives - maybe the same ones you wish your parents or grandparents had answered. In doing so, we will tell our stories - which are every bit as important as those of our ancestors. Together, we will work to create a gift like no other for our children and grandchildren.

Block I: Prologue/The Beginning (Sept. 13-Oct. 18)

Reflecting upon our birth, heritage, childhood and adolescence

Block II: The Middle (Jan. 3-Feb. 7)

Reflecting upon young adulthood, college, career/work, marriage and parenthood

Block III: The End/Epilogue (April 3-May 8)

Reflecting upon mature adulthood and aging

To register for one, two or all blocks, please visit www.hnoj.org/womens-wisdom. For any questions, you may contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.

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Mass Isn't Boring, You're Just Bored at Mass

We have one session left in our summer lecture series:

- Wednesday, Aug. 30: "**Behold, the Lamb of God**" (Sacrifice of the Eucharist)

The lectures are offered once at 10 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

There is no cost to attend. We've had so many people attend that the talks are now held in the church.

You can see the entire list of subjects online at www.hnoj.org/lectureseries. Please contact Fr. Ryan at frryan.glaser@hnoj.org if you have any questions.



September Senior Events

Check out what our 55+ senior group has planned for September! If you have any questions about our senior events, please contact Karen Hayes at 612-991-0669.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday 10:30 a.m. Bible study returns in September! We loved hearing Fr. Ryan's lecture series in August. We won't meet on Labor Day, but please join us on Monday, Sept. 11.

Touring the Holy Land with Fr. Wratkowski

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for a slide presentation by Fr. Wratkowski. He will share about the Holy Land pilgrimage he took with several parishioners. After the presentation, he will answer questions. Lunch will be provided by Chef Tim.

Cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up at the welcome desk in the Gathering Space. Let's fill the Good Samaritan Center!

Elevate Life Autumn Gala, Sept. 7

Support life at our "Fall in Love with Life" Gala, on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Center.

In a post-Dobbs world and a state where laws actively fight against the lifesaving and truly caring work of our pregnancy resource centers and clinics, we must work to change hearts. We must each fall ever more in love with life! Elevate Life supports 39 pregnancy resource centers and clinics throughout Minnesota and Western Wisconsin.

With keynote speaker, Kelly Lester, a former abortion clinic worker who now works in outreach and government engagement for "And Then There Were None", will share her incredible testimony of how God can clean all the dirty parts of a painful life story and make it brand new.

Please get your tickets today at elevatelifeusa.org.



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

Greetings to the Good Samaritan Council 13096 Knights! The new year has begun for our Council. Activities are being scheduled and may be found on our website, www.hnojkc.com. The website is alive with our information and an excellent resource to keep in contact with your Council's leadership and activities. Your visit and comments are always appreciated.

Join your leadership every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. for our meetings. Tom Murphy, your Grand Knight, is looking to make them more of a lively get together. Refreshments are served and welcomed. Come join us. New or potential members are welcome.



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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 Bonnie Roeder..... 763-476-1097

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Call to have a Mass offered for the intention of a deceased loved one
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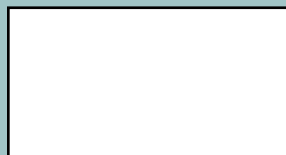


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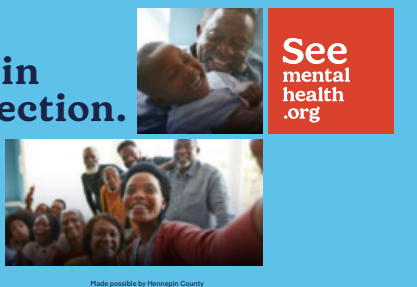
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