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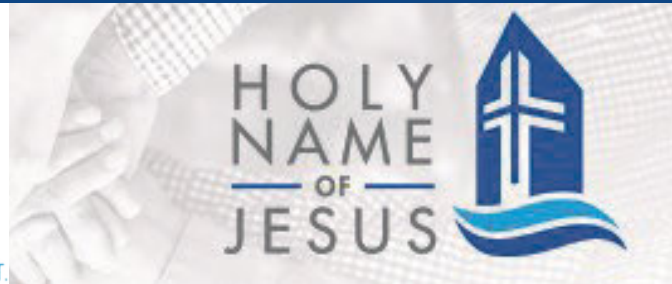
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Saturday: 5 p.m.

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

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.

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

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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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An Evil Generation?

By Fr. Mike Reinhardt

Jesus says to the crowd, “This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” (Luke 11:29; Matthew 12:39) They seek a sign, but do not see any of the miracles Jesus is performing as signs; just prior to this, Jesus casts out a demon from a possessed man and is accused of acting in the name of Beelzebub. So many people are blind to who Jesus is and in whose name He is acting.

Jesus calls this generation wicked, but there is no evidence that they are unusually wicked. There were generations of the chosen people where most turned from the God who chose them to worship Baals. This is not one of those generations. To the contrary, one of the recurring themes in the Gospels is the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and the Pharisees. Jesus did not accuse the scribes and the Pharisees of idol-worshipping or laxity, but of a hypocritical rigorism that misses the point. And so I think it is helpful for us to think of the evil of that generation in that context.

The evil that the scribes and Pharisees had fallen into was a **subtle** evil. They were proud to be Jews. They were proud that they had the 613 laws to follow, laws of worship, of sacrifice and of ritual purity. They were, or so they thought, far from the drama of the pillar of cloud during the day and the pillar of fire at night, far from God sending down fire to burn up the very stones of the altar, far from the sun standing still in the sky or from the possibility of entertaining three visiting angels. They had the mindset that God had acted in history and indeed was still their God, but had given them their religion and was no longer acting. They had the mindset that it was up to them, that God was no longer Emmanuel, God-with-us, but was some distant and silent God who was not present in their lives. The scribes and the Pharisees had their religion, their many rules, but did not have the lived experience of God in their lives.

This was their mistake, their lie, for God’s movement through history, and through their lives, always has a pedagogical component. **God was teaching them, through His miracles, but also through the laws He gave His people, to be attentive to His active presence in their lives.** They lost touch with this central truth, and so did not see their religious practices as something which led them closer to God, but merely as practices that they needed to follow. Thus Jesus was able to name them truly as an evil generation.

The question I have for us is: in what ways are we like that evil generation? **Do we allow the experience of our Catholic faith lead us into deeper relationship with our living God, who is Emmanuel, who is always present in our lives?** Or are we in danger of reducing our faith to merely a set of rules and practices, and in so doing blinding ourselves to the signs of the times, to His active presence in our lives?
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All Saints' Day, Nov. 1

We celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Wednesday, Nov. 1, where we honor all of the holy men and women who have gone before us and ask for their intercession.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are as follows:
6:30 a.m.
8 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
6 p.m.

**Please note the first Mass on Nov. 1 is at 6:30 a.m. and not 6 a.m. as we had listed in the October newsletter.*



Mass of Remembrance, Nov. 2

Please join us to recognize the recently deceased in our faith community, and to honor all of our deceased loved ones at the Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

The Mass is open to all, but we particularly welcome those who have lost a loved one during the past year, as well as those who have lost a loved one at any time, including children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion. All are welcome. Hospitality to follow.



Veteran's Day Mass, Nov. 8

Please join the students and staff of Holy Name of Jesus School in honoring our past and present service members during the Veterans Day School Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m.

Service members, please line up at 8:45 a.m. to be part of the procession and ceremony. All service members are invited to dress in uniform.



An Evil Generation? (continued)

I suspect for most of us, there isn't a clear-cut answer, that sometimes we fall back to the rules and forget to walk through life with expectant eyes of faith, that sometimes our prayer is a rote recitation and not a lifting up of our hearts to Him.

My invitation is to be attentive to these movements, to cultivate a relationship with the living God, to walk with eyes of expectant faith, so that when we stand before His judgment seat, He will call us, not an evil generation, but sons and daughters.

News for Seniors

Seniors (55+) please join us for our Nov. 10 event. Plus, we need your help with cleaning the church.

Sign Up to Clean the Church

Due to custodian shortage, the church needs our help! Please sign up at the welcome desk if you can donate two hours of your time on either Monday or Friday mornings (we can make a rotating schedule). Cleaning will involve dusting, wiping pews, putting gather books back in place, etc. No vacuuming or mopping! This is a great opportunity to pray the Rosary or get some quiet prayer time in while you work.



Thankful for Medicare on Friday, Nov. 10, at 10:30 a.m. We'll hear a presentation by Amy Dahlquist about Medicare 2024, receive some great information and be able to ask questions. We'll also have an opportunity to get to know our new business administrator, Janna Webskowski, as she shares about herself after the presentation.

We'll offer a Mexican lunch for \$8. Please sign up at the welcome desk. (*Don't forget your blankets, sheets, towels, etc. for Mary's Place.*)

Praise and Worship Small Group

All are welcome to join our new Praise and Worship small group led by one of our parishioners, Cody Klamm. We will meet on Tuesday nights from 7-8 p.m. at HNOJ in the St. Cecilia Room in the Music Center starting on Oct. 24.

This will be a time of praise and worship and calling down of the Holy Spirit and lifting up of intentions. No sign up required – just come!

Young Adult Bible Study

Anyone in their 20s-30s is invited to join us for this time of fellowship and scripture! We will meet on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the St. Cecilia room starting on Nov. 5.

We will be studying the book of Genesis through the BEMA podcast which are 30-45 minute episodes. More information and registration may be found online at www.hnoj.org/smallgroups. If you have any questions, please contact Tim at tlyngdal@hnoj.org.

Senior High Fall Retreat

The CREW's Fall Retreat is for teenagers who are looking for a weekend to get away, have fun and make friends and memories that will last a lifetime. After a weekend of deep conversations, serious fun and prayer that goes deeper, God is closer and faith makes sense.

What: A weekend retreat
Who: 9th-12th graders
When: Nov. 17-19, 2023
Where: Koronis Ministries in Paynesville, MN
Cost: \$175 and registration closes Nov. 1

Visit hnoj.org/fallretreat for more information and to register!
Contact Eve Anders with questions at eanders@hnoj.org.

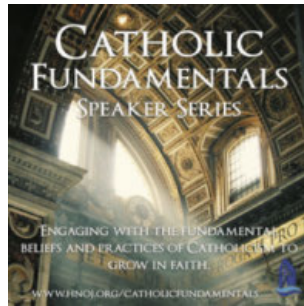


Catholic Fundamentals Speaker Series

We invite you to dig into the fundamental beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. While the primary audience for this series is for those in OCIA (Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults) who are discerning entering the Church at Easter next year, this series will be helpful to people at most levels of formation and practice. No RSVP or registration needed. We will have extra seats set up at the back of the room for anyone attending who isn't part of the OCIA group.

Our upcoming talk will be Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. titled *What gives you the right?: The Church*.

For more information, please visit www.hnoj.org/CatholicFundamentals, or contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.



Scripture of the Week



"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers"
(1 Thessalonians 1:2)

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus and it includes the famous line "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what



belongs to God." Older translations of the Scriptures used the phrase "render unto Caesar" and that phrase became a familiar mantra over the years. Don't like paying taxes? Render unto Caesar. Don't like certain rules or laws put into effect by the government? Render unto Caesar.

What is easy to miss in the simplicity of Jesus's words is the "and to God what belongs to God" part. But that carries the greater meaning of His words here. For it is in understanding the "what belongs to God" part that is the all time game changer. What belongs to God? EVERYTHING. Everything we do, everything we are, everything we have, everything that is part of His creation – our very lives – with every part of our hearts, minds, souls and wills. It is ALL His.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.

Pilgrimage to Greece with Fr. Wratkowski

We are thrilled to announce a Greek Isles Cruise following the footsteps of St. Paul with Fr. Tim Wratkowski! Join us on this unforgettable journey, Oct. 22 - Nov. 5, 2024.

Follow the footsteps of Saint Paul through Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Thessaloniki and Philippi! Set sail on a nine-night cruise through the breathtaking Greek Isles, where you'll have the opportunity to visit ancient temples and idyllic seaside villages in six ports of call: Santorini, Ephesus (Kusadasi), Mykonos, Volos, Thessaloniki and Philippi (Kavala). Enjoy four nights hotel in Athens, the heart of ancient Greece. Experience the best of both worlds with private group tours and free time in Athens and on the cruise.

Find out more information and the registration link with Magi Travel at www.hnoj.org/pilgrimage2024.

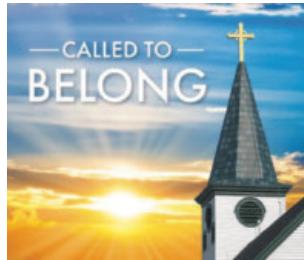


In Our Parish and Our Community

Stewardship: Called to Belong

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their stewardship Commitment Form! Thank you for sharing your gifts!

We are encouraging 100% participation. If you haven't turned yours in yet, you may bring it to Mass or mail it in to the church office. Or you may go online to hnoj.org/stewardship2023 to fill out an online form. If you would like to set up a weekly or monthly recurring donation through our online giving platform, you can find information at hnoj.org/give.



HNOJ School Open House, Nov. 12

Come and check out our school open house on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet some teachers and learn about our preschool - 6th grade programs for the 2024-25 school year.



World Mission Sunday This Weekend

World Mission Sunday is celebrated this weekend, Oct. 21-22. On this weekend, every parish, school and order celebrates World Mission Sunday and our baptismal call to be witnesses to all. World Mission Sunday is the celebration for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith that supports over 1,100 vulnerable communities worldwide enabling those whose "hearts are on fire, and feet on the move" to encounter Christ in mission. You may use the envelopes in your packets or give online at hnoj.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Giving

From Nov. 4 to Nov. 15, HNOJ will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child, Santa's Toy Box and Ascension School in the Gathering Space. For more information on each of these organizations, please visit hnoj.org/christmasgiving.

We will share more in the upcoming weeks, but as you do your own household shopping, please keep our donation project in mind!

Please save the date for our Operation Christmas Child party which takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5-7 p.m. (with Fine Dining). For more information, please direct questions to Annie LaPlante at alaplante@hnoj.org.



Discounted Tickets to National Eucharistic Congress Now Available

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters from July 17-24, 2024, in Indianapolis, IN, at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now. One more reason to register early: the Archdiocese has a limited number of discounted tickets available! Find out more and begin your registration at archspm.org/eucharisticrevival.

Catechetical Institute Six-Week Course

This Catechetical Institute six-week course on the letter of James, taught by Jeff Cavins, is for anyone who feels torn between the competing demands of this world and the faith. Through encouraging lectures and the small group experience, this Bible study combines practical wisdom for challenging times with faith-sharing based on the Word of God. Learn wisdom for tough times and how to meet trials with joy and perseverance!

We will be studying *James: Pearls for Wise Living* on Tuesdays, Nov. 7-Dec, 12, from 7-9 p.m., at Mary Mother of the Church in Burnsville. Learn more and register at saintpaulseminary.org/james.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Morning of Reflection

Join other Catholic women from across our Archdiocese with our Morning of Reflection on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Mound.

Speakers include Fr. Daniel Haugan: How to be a worker BEE in a busy BEE world and Bishop Michael Izen: Welcoming Jesus into our house and life as we prepare for Advent. Morning refreshments, vendors to shop from and Mass. Learn more and register at accwarchspm.org/morning-of-reflection.

Help at Your Door

Serving older adults and people with disabilities - Help At Your Door, a local nonprofit, is currently accepting new clients. Available services include grocery assistance (phone order placement, shopping, delivery and help with putting items away), chore assistance, home repairs and transportation.



Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back? Help At Your Door also offers a variety of volunteer opportunities with flexible scheduling. To learn more or schedule a service, visit: helpatyourdoor.org or contact: 651-642-1892 or information@helpatyourdoor.org.

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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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