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#### **Daily Mass Schedule**

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#### Fiducia Supplicans Document

By Fr. Tim Wratkowski

On Dec. 18, 2023, the Vatican issued a Declaration, signed by Pope Francis, "On the pastoral Meaning of Blessings." The document, entitled Fiducia Supplicans (FS), reflects on the various forms and purposes of blessings. Part of the document speaks about offering blessings to people who are living outside the way of life commanded by Jesus, including those in irregular marriages and same-sex unions. On Jan. 4, 2024, the Vatican issued a clarification to FS. I would encourage you to read both documents, which are available online.

FS begins by stating that it is not changing the Church's teaching on marriage, reminding us that marriage is the "exclusive, stable, and indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to the generation of children" (FS, 4). It goes on to say that this teaching is "perennial" and "firm" (FS, 4) because this teaching is rooted in the Gospel as given to us by Jesus (FS, 5). Thus, it is only within the context of the Church's doctrine on marriage that "sexual relations find their natural, proper, and fully human meaning" (FS,4).

While affirming this perennial truth, FS also reflects on how God loves us and laid down his life for us "while we were still sinners" (FS, 1). We know that Jesus welcomed all sorts of people in the Gospel, especially those who approached seeking His mercy with open hearts. Jesus responded with mercy so that these persons could experience His unconditional love. In that same gift, Jesus would invite them to live more fully as his disciples and to embrace the call to deeper repentance so as to enter more fully into His divine life. For example, one can think of how Jesus encounters the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8). Jesus receives her with mercy, saves her from being stoned to death, and then invites her to live in a different way: "Neither do I condemn you: go and do not sin again." At whatever stage we find ourselves in our path of conversion, we welcome such an encounter with the mercy of God, who loves us even as He calls us to more.

FS speaks of one way the merciful love of God can be experienced in the Church through spontaneous (non-liturgical) blessings. Such blessings unite "intercessory prayer with the invocation of God's help by those who humbly turn to him" (FS, 33), asking God that "all that is true, good, and humanly valid in their lives be enriched, healed, and elevated by the presence of the Holy Spirit" (FS, 31). How does this relate to individuals within irregular or same-sex unions? While we cannot bless the union of the two people, we may bless the individuals themselves, responding to their desire to receive God's help. Such a blessing, in light of all that has been said, is not to be mistaken for a marriage blessing and should never be done in a way that could cause "confusion or scandal" (FS, 39). This blessing is not for those seeking to legitimize their same-sex or irregular union but for those seeking to live more in union with the Holy Spirit and the values of the Gospel (FS, 40).

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#### Parish News

## Fiducia Supplicans Document (Continued from Page One)

The Church is the Sacrament of God's love. What joy that gives each one of us! We know that "even when a person's relationship with God is clouded by sin, he can always ask for a blessing, stretching out his hand to God, as Peter did in the storm when he cried out to Jesus, 'Lord, save me!'" (FS, 43). We take great comfort that God our Father wants to pour His blessing upon us through the Church, so that "every brother and every sister will be able to feel that, in the Church, they are always pilgrims, always beggars, always loved, and, despite everything, always blessed." (FS, 45).

To view the Vatican documents and Archbishop Hebda's statement, please visit hnoi.org/news or scan the QR code.



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#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Have you made a resolution for more prayer this New Year? Signing up for an Adoration hour each week is a great way to do that! Adoration Chapel hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. You can stop in at any of those times or sign up for a regular Adoration hour at hnoi.weadorehim.com.



God wants to be close to us. The Eucharist is the miracle of this closeness in our lives. The goal of Adoration is to help us appreciate this miracle in a deeper way, so that we enter more deeply into the wonder of the Mass, and allow it to transform our lives.

"That one hour in the Adoration Chapel is my time to thank God, honor Him, listen to Him, and to ask Him for forgiveness, guidance and strength. The fuller your life is, the more you need that quiet hour with God."

~ Kris, regular adorer and parishioner at HNOJ.

Please contact Fr. Mike with any questions at frmike.reinhardt@hnoj.org.

#### Thank You, Grace!

Holy Name of Jesus would like to extend our thanks to the excellent work of Grace Johnson and we wish her well on her next chapter. Here is a message from Grace:

I would like to say thank you to everyone at the Holy Name of Jesus Church and School. It has been an honor to work here for the last year and few months. I am grateful for the friendships made and the opportunity I had to serve in my role as Clergy and Liturgy Assistant. You all will be



in my prayers! God bless you, Grace Johnson

#### NPH Mission Trip Meeting, Jan. 18

To all who are interested in attending the NPH Mexico Mission Trip in July 2024, there will be a meeting for more information on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 5:30 p.m. in Emmaus ABCD.



This trip is open to ALL parishioners: it is no longer a youth ministry trip, and you can find out more information at hnoj.org/nph. Any questions, please contact Ann Benson at abenson@hnoj.org.

#### Senior High Winter Faith Camp

What is Winter Faith Camp? It's everything that you love about camp... but in the winter! Our high school youth will be heading to Camp Courage to fortify their faith in a new way. This year's theme is Memento Mori which is Latin for "remember your death"; an appropriate theme to reflect on during the first week of Lent.



This camp is open to all 9th-12th graders at Holy Name of Jesus and is intended for youth who are looking to deepen their understanding of the faith and to be reignited in their relationship with Jesus.

#### **Details**

When: Feb. 16-19, 2024 (President's Day weekend)

Where: Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN Who: 9th-12th grade students

Cost: \$275

What: We'll have the opportunity to go to Mass every day, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participate in small group discussion, pray in Adoration... as well as go sledding, play broomball, dodgeball, glow in the dark ultimate frisbee, crafts and laser tag just to name a few activities. You will not go away feeling bored or empty!

For more information and to register, please visit hnoj.org/ winterfaithcamp. If you have questions, please contact Eve Anders at eanders@hnoj.org.

#### Parish News

#### Seniors Birthday Bash, Jan. 17

Calling all Seniors: let's start the New Year with a 12-month birthday bash! Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 1-3 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Center. We will celebrate with games, songs, cake and ice cream!

There is no cost for this event. Please sign up at the welcome desk in the Gathering Space with your name and birthday month.



Call Karen Hayes with any questions at 763-476-8921.

#### Cana Dinner, Feb. 3

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. 3. 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.3, 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

Speakers: Nathan and Heather Maehren

Who: Married couples, engaged couples and widows/widowers

Cost: \$65 a couple

Registration: hnoj.org/cana

If you have any questions, please contact Chris at

ckostelc@hnoj.org.

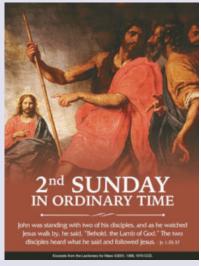
#### Scripture of the Week



"He said to them, 'Come, and you will see." (John 1:39a)

Today's readings are about being called. In our First Reading we hear the story of God calling the prophet Samuel. In our Gospel, we hear that two of John the Baptizer's disciples leave John to follow Jesus, and then Andrew going to his brother Simon to tell him he had found the Messiah and then bringing Simon to Jesus.

That same call extends through the millennia to this very day. Each of us is called but not



each of us will answer the call. We fear the potential of failing, we fear the potential of hardship and we fear the potential of walking into the unknown. And yet, each day most (all?) of us will fail at something, we will encounter hardships, we will face the unknown. Jesus's call is as simple today as it was then - "Come, and you will see." Can we, like Andrew, Simon and the others, have the simple faith to follow?

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman.

#### Baking for Babies, Pro-Life Cinnamon Roll Sale Jan. 19-21

Two of the sweetest things in the world are babies and deliciously glazed cinnamon rolls. A Community Caring for Life (ACCL) is hosting Baking for Babies Pro-Life Cinnamon Roll Bake and Sale event Jan. 19-21. This will be the 32nd year the ACCL has put on this event.

The ACCL committee will give the money raised from our Baking for Babies event to both national organizations and local pregnancy centers who offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, education, counseling and supplies for mothers to make that life choice an easier one.

Baking for Babies Pro-Life Cinnamon Roll Bake and Sale needs volunteers for frosting and assembling Friday and Saturday as well as selling rolls Saturday and Sunday. Please sign-up by using the QR code or online at hnoj.org/BakingForBabies.

We look forward to having parish members come together for a great cause. Any further questions can be directed to Melisa Eckert eckertmelis@gmail.com or Angie Paske angie.paske@gmail.com.



#### In Our Parish and Our Community

#### Thank You, Seniors!

A BIG thank you came from Mary Jo Copeland to all Seniors. She was so thankful for all the blankets, towels and sheets you donated to the homeless. We made many people warm and happy!



Another thank you came from the VA Hospital for all the cards that we sent last year. Many were handmade by Karen Demorett. And a big thank you was sent to you all. We will continue to send them next year.

#### **Nursery Update**

Our nursery has been full lately! Just a reminder that during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses, we offer nursery to children ages nine months through Kindergarten (age five).

We need more teen and adult volunteers ages 13 plus. Please contact Jennifer Gilliland at jgilliland@hnoj.org if you're interested in volunteering.

#### Steubenville Registration Part One is Now Open

We are headed to Steubenville St. Paul. July 26-28.

Steubenville is a weekend-long Catholic youth conference. Music, speakers, entertainment, small groups, Eucharistic Adoration and more. (Actually, it's kinda like a weekend-long concert with friends.)

The conference is held in St. Paul, MN at the University of St. Thomas. We will be staying in dorms at the University. The conference is open to all current 8th-12th grade students. The weekend is chaperoned by staff and volunteers from HNOJ. All have been background checked

and have received Virtus

training.

Cost is \$295 (if paid on or before April 3), or \$335 after April 3. This covers the cost of the weekend, t-shirt, dorm and bus transportation. Scholarships are available. Note: No refunds can be

There are two steps of registration needed for this conference, due by June 19. Details are on the registration form. Teens are not registered until both parts are

given after May 15. complete! Registration and all information may be found at hnoj.org/Steubenville.

July 26-28, 2024

Please contact Eve Anders at eanders@hnoj.org with

questions.

#### Family Retreat: Winter Weekend Registration Closing Soon!

At HNOJ we believe that in the midst of our busy and demanding lives, it is essential to take a break, step away and make room for God to move powerfully in our lives.

And what better way to do this than as a family! HNOJ's eighth



Winter Weekend will be held in February! We will have music, games, VBS style sessions for the kids, talks and small groups for the adults, Mass, dinner and Eucharistic Adoration. Families with kids of all ages are welcome to attend. We encourage teenagers to sign up to help out with the younger kiddos, but any confirmed teen may join the adult sessions as well.

#### **Basic Information**

When: Feb. 9-11

Where: BugBee Hive Resort - Paynesville, MN, check it out

at https://bugbeehiveresort.com

What: Weekend retreat for the whole family

Who: HNOJ families: adults, teens, children - all families

are welcome

Cost: \$100 per family; additional costs for housing and

shared dinners

Due: Registration is now open! Register today at

www.hnoj.org/winterweekend

#### Grief Group for Children

The Grief Club of Minnesota is offering a Winter Family Grief Support Series. The series is for families with kids ages 4-17 who have experienced the death of a parent/ caregiver. Children and teens will participate in age appropriate groups while the parent/caregiver will simultaneously participate in an adult group.

When: Every Monday (except Feb. 19), meeting

Jan. 22-Feb. 26, from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Where: The Grief Club of Minnesota, Chanhassen To register: Contact Cara at 952-224-4859 ext 1 or

cara@griefclubmn.org

#### Women's Retreat at St. Therese

Women, join us for our eighth annual Women's Retreat entitled "Becoming a Modern Day Disciple."

The retreat will be held Friday, Feb. 23, from 5:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 24, from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Our featured special guest speaker will be Jeff Cavins.

Retreat registration early bird fee is \$55 if paid before Feb. 1, or \$65 if paid after Feb. 1. All details and registration may be found at st-therese.org/womens-retreat.

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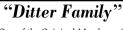
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