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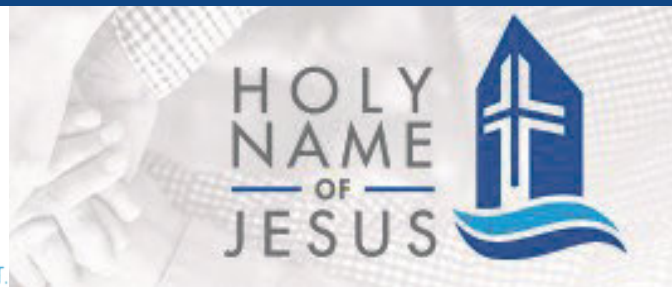
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December 29, 2024 • Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

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

Nursery

Nursery is available for children ages
nine months to kindergarten during the
Sunday morning Masses.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Sign Up for Email!

If you are not receiving our emails, the
sign up link is on hnoj.org under the
contact us information.

Anointing of the Sick or Funeral

Please call the parish office at
763-473-7901 to schedule. Or for an
emergency, call 763-233-0259.

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-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



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Where Is Jesus?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her
child in a crowd, even for a few seconds,
knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of
anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she
slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie
down at night, imploring her to think of her
health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her
lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary,
spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the
world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably
that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone
else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully
dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us
it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one
place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so
crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where
He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

Questions of the week:

First Reading:

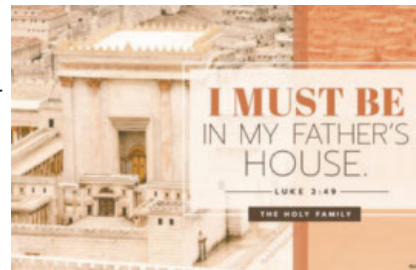
In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a
gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

Second Reading:

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and
believe in the name of Jesus. In addition to faith and love, what else do you think
unites us as children of God?

Gospel:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents
raising the young boy, Jesus. Do you recall a time when your parents were
worried or anxious about you?



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Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, Jan. 1

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Office Hours

The parish offices will be closed on the following dates:
Dec. 31 closing at noon
Jan. 1



Blessing of Our Holy Family Statue, Dec. 29

This fall, we installed a new statue of the Holy Family at the east entrance of the parking lot. In honor of the Feast of the Holy Family, we will do a special blessing of the statue after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 29.

We invite all parishioners to join in this blessing of the statue at 9:45 a.m. Space will be blocked off and all are welcome to participate in this blessing.



Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, Jan. 3

On Friday, Jan. 3, we celebrate the special Feast for which our church was named, the Holy Name of Jesus. Anytime we are able to celebrate a church's namesake, it is a great reminder that we have someone, in our case Jesus, looking over us in a special way.

We will start the morning with First Friday Rosary at 7:30 a.m., with Mass at 8 a.m., and First Friday Social in the Good Samaritan Center. Stop by for a portion or all of this celebration on Jan. 3.

Epiphany House Blessing Chalk

There is a Catholic Tradition where families mark the door post of their houses on Epiphany. This tradition is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, in our chores, comings and goings, our conversations, our work and games, our sorrows and joys. Please stop by the Gathering Space on the weekend of Jan. 4 and 5 to pick up some blessed chalk and instructions on how to bless your house.



Coming Soon
This Winter
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Winter Weekend Registration is Open

This family weekend retreat is Feb. 7-9, at beautiful BugBee Hive Resort in Paynesville, MN. A great weekend of fun, faith and family. From the amazing VBS style fun for the kids to the inspiring talks for adults, from indoor pool time for everyone and times of prayer and worship, your family will grow closer and grow in faith. Honestly, this weekend is so much fun and yet totally a faith boost for all.



Winter Weekend has been called, "The perfect balance of retreat time with free time to enjoy the resort and just get away with my family."

The cost is \$100 per family, with additional costs for housing and shared dinners. Please register now at www.hnoj.org/winterweekend



Email Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org or Claudia at crabaey@hnoj.org with questions.

Cana Dinner, Feb. 22

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. 22. 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. 22, 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

Who: Married couples, engaged couples and widows/widowers

Cost: \$65 a couple

Registration: hnoj.org/cana



If you have any questions, or if you would like to serve at this event (volunteers have just as much fun as those attending) please contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.

Marriage in Christ

We are so excited to bring the Marriage in Christ Seminar back to Holy Name of Jesus this winter! The seminar consists of two-hour sessions on Tuesday nights from Jan. 21-Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at HNOJ.



The Marriage in Christ Seminar is a five-week seminar for couples who desire to strengthen their marriage, who want to establish good patterns of prayer and friendship or who are facing transitions in their lives, e.g., having children, an empty nest or retirement. The Marriage in Christ seminar invites couples to renew their love and affection for each other and the Lord, to deepen their unity as a couple and to celebrate the presence of God in ordinary life. God, our Father, desires to renew marriage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let Him begin with yours!

Cost is \$100. For more information and to register, please visit hnoj.org/marriageinchrist

Seniors Birthday Bash, Jan. 16

Calling all Seniors over 55: let's start the New Year with a 12-month birthday bash! Join us on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Center. We will celebrate with fun games, a little singing, fun prizes and cake with ice cream. Please bring an unsigned birthday card with a message for a card exchange.



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

Scripture of the Week



"And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'" (Luke 2:49)

In today's Gospel, Luke shares with us the familiar story of Jesus being lost and then found again in the temple. Note carefully Luke's choice of words as you listen. The same Luke who recorded Mary's Magnificat and used Mary's name a good half-dozen times while telling the story of the Annunciation and Mary's subsequent visit to Elizabeth will not name Mary or Joseph in today's story. Instead, Luke will use "parents" three times and "mother" twice.

Luke's writings in the original Greek reflect some of the most eloquent Greek writing to be found. Luke was a master of the language and telling a story. So what is he telling us here? This story is two-fold. One, it is about family, specifically a human family, that of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Secondly, this story also relates the first words of Jesus in Luke's Gospel - "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Jesus is part of His human family yet never waivers from declaring His Sonship to the Father. I like to think there is a third meaning in this story - when I, or you, feel like we've lost Jesus, we, like Mary and Joseph, can always find Him in His Father's house.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

Year End Giving

As we reflect on the many blessings of the past year, we are deeply grateful for your continued support of your HNOJ parish family. If you're considering making a special year-end gift, here are a few important details to keep in mind:

- **Checks:** must be received by Dec. 31, 2024 to count for the current tax year.
- **Stock Transfers:** must be transferred by the end of day Dec. 23 for tax credit in 2024. Please notify Janna Webskowski, parish business administrator, before transferring stocks to ensure prompt processing.
- **Matching Gifts:** check with your employer to see if they offer matching gifts to double your contribution.
- **IRA QCDs:** Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA may offer tax benefits. Contact your financial advisor and notify us if you make a QCD so we can provide the proper receipt.
- **Estate Planning:** consider including HNOJ in your estate planning to leave a lasting legacy.
- **2025 Donations:** contributions postmarked or received after Jan. 1, 2025, will be credited to tax year 2025.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and commitment to the life and mission of HNOJ Parish. For more information or assistance, please contact Janna Webskowski, parish administrator.

Janna Webskowski:
763-745-3480 or jwebskowski@hnoj.org

Thank you again for all the ways you help make HNOJ a vibrant, thriving community!



In Our Parish and Our Community

Support Life Sunday, Jan. 12

Sunday, Jan. 12, will be *Support Life Sunday*, sponsored by HNOJ's A Community Caring for Life (ACCL). Come hungry for a fresh, warm cinnamon roll after the morning Masses! Please note that this Sunday hospitality will be replacing our annual Baking for Babies event.

There are still opportunities for volunteers to bake, frost and serve the rolls. There will not, however, be packaged rolls available to take home. All proceeds go to Elevate Life and Pro-Life Across America. More information and volunteer sign up at hnoj.org/SupportLifeSunday



School Open House, Jan. 12

Come and check out our school open house on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 12-3 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet some teachers and learn about our preschool - 6th grade programs for the 2025-26 school year.



Help Needed - Maintenance and Custodial Assistant

Looking for a fulfilling part-time job that supports your parish family? Whether you're seeking extra income or simply want to give back to your church, we'd love to chat with you!

We're currently hiring for both a **temporary full-time position** (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; up to two-month assignment) and a **part-time role** (16 hours per week, Saturday and Sunday, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.). These positions involve regular cleaning, routine maintenance and helping with event set-up and take-down for parish activities. No experience is required - just a dedication to service and attention to detail.

At HNOJ, we offer a supportive and friendly environment where you can make a real difference. If you're interested in contributing to our church family, please reach out to Jeff Ruchti at jruchti@hnoj.org to apply!



Experience the Holy Spirit in Your Life!

The Archdiocese is offering three amazing opportunities for you to grow your faith!

1. **Fire on the Hill** every third Saturday of the month at the Cathedral of St. Paul
2. **Life in the Spirit Seminar** in January (three options for dates and locations)
3. **The School of Charism Discovery** (10-week course January to April) held at Our Lady of Grace in Edina

Please find out more and register today at archspm.org/events



Senior High Crew, Lifeline

Senior high youth, please join us on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. at the NET Center for Lifeline! Sr. Karolyn will present "Called to Freedom" - about the freedom that comes when we are ourselves. When we drop our facades and masks, we find who we truly are in Christ.

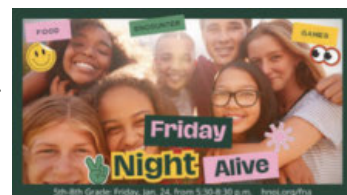
This is a free event that includes Mass and Adoration. For questions, please contact Eve Anders at eanders@hnoj.org.



Friday Night Alive

Friday Night Alive (FNA) is a monthly gathering at HNOJ for middle schoolers to get to know each other through fun activities (open gym, team 4-square, gaga ball, fun crafts, and more!) and to grow in their relationship with Christ through prayer and listening to relatable talks given by our high school core team. We begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and have a blast until 8:30 p.m. Our next FNA is Jan. 24.

FNA nights are free of charge and open to all 5th through 8th grade youth. This is a great time for middle schoolers to bring a friend! Walk ins are welcome, but RSVPs are appreciated to help us get an accurate food count. To RSVP, please email Luke Klavins at lklavins@hnoj.org.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Make plans for a getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up!! A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekend is Feb 14-16, 2025 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent and Tracy at 612-234-7440 or applications@twincitieswwme.org.



Benilde-St. Margaret's Open House, Jan. 9

You're invited to an open house at Benilde-St. Margaret's School on Thursday, Jan. 9, from 6-8 p.m. A Catholic education is a gift for students that will last a lifetime!

For more information and to RSVP: www.visitBSM.org or call 952-915-4345 or email us at admissions@BSMschool.org.



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Parish Prayer Line:
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
Lee Ann Silver 612-790-3114

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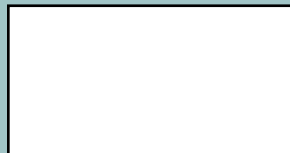


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