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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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Wonder, Don't Wander

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children



that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do – give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so... unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that He could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that He could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," He isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder – just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when He's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.



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Parish News

Vacation Bible School, June 9-12

Are your kids ready for the BEST week of the summer?! VBS registration for 2025 is now open! Please check our VBS website at hnoj.org/vbs for the registration form. Our theme this year is Come, Holy Spirit! VBS takes place at Holy Name of Jesus June 9-12, from 8:30 a.m.-Noon.



What is VBS?

Vacation Bible School is a special four-day faith-filled AND fun-filled time to kick off the summer and get closer to the Lord. Open to kids ages four through 5th grade (entering 5th grade in the fall of 2025), kids will have the opportunity to make friends, craft, sing, play games, pray and learn about God's love, with the Holy Spirit as our guide. Children who will be four in the fall and are potty trained are eligible to register at the preschool level. Each day, participants will spend time at four centers designed to help see and feel the role of the Holy Spirit in the Bible, the Church, and our lives, all in a child-friendly way. More information on specific centers is on the website.

How much does it cost to attend to VBS?

The cost is \$50 per participant. Any registrations received after May 9 will be charged a \$5 late fee. Our registration deadline is May 26.

Vacation Bible School teen and adult volunteers needed! We need energetic and faith-filled teens and adults who would like to share their love of Christ with the participants by volunteering to lead them through the week. Look for more information about all the volunteer roles at hnoj.org/vbs. Parent volunteers will receive free tuition for one child attending VBS. Applications will be due by May 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wendt at jwendt@hnoj.org or 763-745-3483. Can't wait to see you at VBS!

Meeting for 5th Grade Parents, May 21

Dear parents of 5th graders,

Please join me on Wednesday, May 21, from 6-7 p.m. to learn about youth ministry opportunities for middle schoolers.

The goal of this meeting is to inform parents with children leaving 5th grade what opportunities HNOJ has for faith formation, community and encounter with Christ for 6th-8th graders. This meeting is open to families of the parish, families of the school and families that are looking for a good home base. Families are welcome to bring their children. I will speak about the next calendar year and answer questions. We will have a high schooler who has been through the program come and talk about their experience.

No signup. If you have any questions, please reach out to me, Luke Klavins, Iklavins@hnoj.org.

May Homily Series

By Fr. Tim Wratkowski, Pastor

Throughout this year, we have responded to Archbishop's invitation to implement the second focus area of his pastoral letter, specifically, to become more engaged in our participation of the Eucharistic sacrifice at Mass, with all that surrounds it, and to grow in devotion to the Eucharist. One way we responded to this invitation is to have a homily series on the Mass, of which part one was this past Fall. Following Easter, we are implementing part two of that homily series and will be reflecting on the following topics:

May 3-4: The Eucharistic Prayer

May 10-11: Behold the Lamb of God and Adoration

May 17-18: The time of Holy Communion - preparation and what we do when we receive

May 24-25: The Our Father and the Sign of Peace

May 31-June 1: Go forth, the Mass is ended - how we live what we have just celebrated

The goal is to grow in our understanding of these sacred times and actions of Mass and how we are actively engaged in our participation. What will assist us in our reflection will be the readings at Mass, in particular the cycle of readings from the book of Revelation that comprise our second readings. These passages give us a glimpse into what we call the "heavenly liturgy", the eternal praise and worship of God taking place in heaven. Many responses or prayers we say at Mass are taken from the passages that we will be hearing, which is a reminder to us that when we are participating at Mass, our worship of God is joined to the praise of God in heaven by all the saints and angels.

May the Lord bless our efforts to appreciate and understand this marvelous gift so that we might offer more fitting worship to God and be sanctified by our sacrifice of praise.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Signing up for an Adoration hour each week is a great way to find peace in our busy lives. 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 hnoj.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 Cheri Quast with any questions at cquast@hnoj.org.

Parish News

Thanks, Mom, for Life!

Honor your mom, grandma, godmother or any other special person who has "mothered" you! A Community Caring for Life will be providing "Thanks, Mom, for Life" roses for Mother's Day, May 10-11, after all



Masses. To get your perfect rose for mom (free-will offering), look for our tables in the Gathering Space. All proceeds will go to Rachel's Vineyard, a healing retreat ministry for those who have lost a child to abortion, and Prenatal Partners for Life, a ministry to families who have received an adverse prenatal diagnosis.

Volunteers needed:

If you love flowers, here's an opportunity to spend a morning prepping roses for our annual Mother's Day rose sale. On Saturday, May 10, at 9 a.m., we will gather in the Good Samaritan Center at HNOJ to get the roses ready for sale. No training or talent required. We also need help selling roses after all Masses. For more information, visit hnoj.org/accl

Encounter Night, May 10

You are invited to join us for Encounter Night, on Saturday, May 10, after the 5 p.m. Mass, from 6-7 p.m. We will have an hour of Adoration, some praise and worship music and the opportunity for Confession.



Scripture of the Week



"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [his] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through

this belief you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31)

We tend to be skeptical of many things. This was apparent to St. John as he wrote his Gospel, Letters and the Book of Revelation. The closing



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have to seen and have believed."

- Jn 20:28-29

verses of today's Gospel makes this fact abundantly clear. Just like Thomas, we want proof - we want to see with our own eyes before we believe.

Today we are asked to believe because first-hand witnesses have told us what they see. As we celebrate this Easter Season and today's Feast of Divine Mercy let our prayer be that the witness of Scripture, the witness of daily miracles and the invitation this day into the Divine Mercy offered by our Heavenly Father, is proof enough. Let our simple response be that of St. Thomas, "My Lord and My God!"

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

From Saint Faustina's diary: "Jesus said to me, Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world... I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary of Saint Faustina, Notebook 1, paragraphs 47 and 49).

At HNOJ there will be a Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after all the weekend Masses this weekend, April 26-27, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This prayer is spoken, and prayed using an ordinary Rosary. This prayer contains the repetition of praying the phrase, "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world".



In Our Parish and Our Community

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis, April 30

On Monday, April 21, we were saddened to hear the news of the death of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. During this time, it is customary for the whole Church to enter a time of mourning, called Novendiales, which lasts for nine consecutive days after a Pope's death.



To mark this period, black bunting is hung above the main church doors and by the Adoration Chapel entrance. A memorial place with an image of Pope Francis is also found inside the church to serve as a place of prayer.

Once the Octave of Easter has passed, it is permitted to celebrate Memorial Masses for a deceased pope. Two Memorial Masses for Pope Francis will be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. (School Mass). Please come and join us as we pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

Videographer at HNOJ, This Sunday

We have some exciting news! We will be updating and freshening up some of the images and videos on our website hnoj.org. We have a videographer scheduled to be at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses this weekend, Sunday, April 27. If you are not comfortable



with the possibility of being in a crowd shot, feel free to attend Mass at another time, or sit toward the back of the church. Thank you!

First Friday Rosary, May 2

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. On May 2, we will pray our next First Friday Rosary. You are invited to stay for 8 a.m. Mass and a breakfast social to follow. All are welcome.



Career Transitions Group

Thursday, May 15, from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Most of us have been unemployed, in between jobs or interested in career development opportunities at some point in our lives. The Holy Name of Jesus Career Transition Group meets people where they are at. We provide a variety of tools, resources and support to help people navigate through whatever stage they're currently in.



The Career Transition Group meets the third Thursday of each month. Information about the Career Transition Group and how you can become involved can be found at hnoj.org/career-transition-group

Now Hiring

Holy Name of Jesus is now hiring

- 1. **Band and Choir Teacher**, full-time 10-month position with benefits
- Part-time Maintenance and Custodial Assistant, 16 hours per week, Saturdays and Sundays, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.



HNOJ School is seeking a highly skilled Band and Choir Teacher. In addition to teaching band grades 4-6, this teacher will help plan and direct school concerts and teach general music classes.

Looking for a fulfilling part-time job that supports your parish family? Whether you're seeking extra income or simply want to work in a supportive environment, we'd love to chat with you! We are currently seeking a dedicated individual to join our team as a Maintenance and Custodial Assistant.

To learn more about these positions, please go to hnoj.org/careers. You may submit your resume, cover letter and references. Please help us spread the word!

Senior Events

Seniors 55+, please join us for the following events:

Tour St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Friday, May 16

We will embark on a bus trip to tour St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton. That is seminarian Andy Renier's teaching parish and where Fr. Derek Gilde is assigned as Parochial Vicar! The cost is \$7 for the bus, and we will stop at a restaurant for lunch on your own. Please park on the north side of the parking lot by



9:30 a.m. (look for Karen Hayes), the bus leaves promptly at 10 a.m. There is only room for 50 seniors. Sign up and more details are at the welcome desk.

Senior Bingo, Thursday, June 19, 1-3 p.m.

Please save the date and plan to join us for this free event! Lots of prizes to giveaway. No sign up, just come and bring a friend. Bring your own beverages.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal, This Weekend

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