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Saturday: 5 p.m.

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5:30 p.m.

Nursery

Nursery is available for children ages
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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.

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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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Mother's Day Reflection

*By Jennifer Wendt, Coordinator of Elementary
Faith Formation*

Relationships can be difficult, and the relationships between parents and children are often the top of those that cause angst. A few years ago, I started to notice a trend where businesses that rely on web traffic would offer patrons the opportunity to opt out of emails related to certain holidays or occasions. I first remember seeing it pop up a few weeks before the yearly barrage of ads announcing specials and sales for Father's Day. The following year, I noticed the same thing for Mother's Day. I grew up a Generation X product of the 70s and 80s, so far be it from me to argue the merits or drawbacks of trigger warnings and safe spaces, but it struck me as peculiar that society had all of a sudden become particularly sensitive to the hurts and grief of consumers that it made sense to give them the chance to be free from the offers for 25% off perfumes and colognes or BOGO lawn and garden tools for mom or pop. Still, I have lost a parent that I loved, but with a love mixed with difficult and conflicted feelings, and yet I still know all too well the longing that accompanies commercials shouting, "Doesn't your dad deserve a steak?" Even 20 years later I think, "Yes. I think he does."

For many people, it is through the relationship with their parents where they will live out the biological realities of birth and death in its fullness – your parents (your mother at least) were there when you were born, and often you, the child, are there when your parents pass on. Of course, there are many people whose experiences don't fit with this model. Still, it is consistent and common enough to be a generally recognizable pattern. To add to this, the moment we enter into the world and the moment we leave, end up becoming the most profound memories we have as parents and children. For parents, our children exist in a state of perpetual infancy (they grow up so fast...I remember that like it was just yesterday) and our parents have always been old (why was my mom so much older at age 50 than I am?)

Maybe it is a coincidence, or maybe serendipity, but regardless, it is perfect timing that during the month we honor moms we also celebrate our beloved Mother Mary. What a joy to know that when we pray the Hail Mary, we are seeking the assistance of a mother that never ages and is always available.

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Vacation Bible School, June 9-12

Register by May 26

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. 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 are 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, lklavins@hnoj.org.

Mother's Day Reflection (continued)

Hail Mary, full of grace. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

We can imagine Mary, beautiful, perfect, pure and pregnant with the living Word. Mary living the joy of holding and caring for baby Jesus, the Messiah. The fruit of her womb, existing as both the eternal infant and eternal sacrifice.

Holy Mary, Mother of God.

Mary, a woman of prayer and sorrow, perpetually holding her son, a baby and a man, who was slain and carrying the full weight of our sin.

Pray for us sinners, now and in our hour of death.

Mary, who holds and comforts us through our suffering, consoling us in the way only a parent who has experienced unimaginable loss can do. When everyone else is gone, Mary will still be there, just as she was at the foot of the cross. Living in a continual state of part nativity and part Calvary. Mary is our constant, always pointing to her Son.

As the messages pour in to pull us towards one purchase or another, block them or not. Mary wants nothing more than to guide us to her arms where she holds the Savior of the World. She wants that for your mom and dad too.

Needed for HNOJ Nursery

Our HNOJ nursery needs a new or used (in good condition) glider or rocker. We only need one so if you have one to donate, please contact Jennifer Gilliland at jgilliland@hnoj.org. Thank you!



Faith Formation Registration is Open

Faith Formation Registration for 2025-2026 is now open and available with **early bird pricing until July 31.**

Sunday School is for ages three through Kindergarten and meets during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

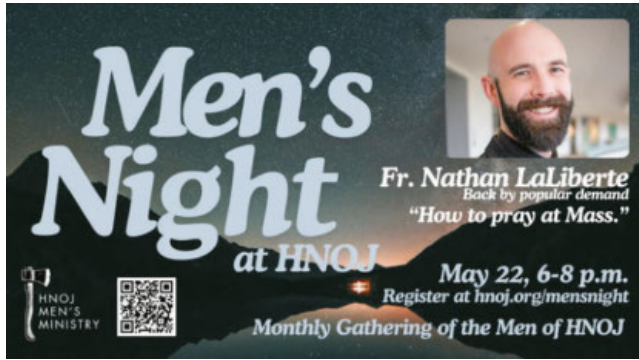
For 1st to 5th grades, we offer Faith Formation Wednesday night sessions from 4:45-6 p.m. or 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Students in the 2nd grade typically prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion through the First Sacraments program.

Sessions for Middle School Crew (MS Crew) will take place on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

All Faith Formation and youth ministry programs for high school teens (grades 9-12), including Confirmation preparation, retreats and Teen Core Team make up what we call "SH Crew" and meets on select Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.





Men's Night, May 22

Men of HNOJ, please join us on Thursday, May 22, from 6-8 p.m. We will have food, a talk and manly things. Our May topic will be "How to pray the Mass." with Fr. Nathan LaLiberte. (You may know him from the 2024 Men's Retreat, back by popular demand).

Please register today at hnoj.org/mensnight

6-6:30 p.m. Optional Rosary in the Church

6:30-7 p.m. Dinner in Emmaus Rooms

7-8 p.m. Talk, discussion in Emmaus Rooms

Questions? Please contact Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org.

Summer Drop-In Small Groups

Adults of HNOJ, feel free to join us any Monday from June 9 to July 28 for a drop-in small group. We will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. They will be stand-alone sessions led by Tim Lyngdal, so you can attend one or all. Each small group night will allow time for formation, prayer and fun!

This will be a great option if your regular small group is taking a break for the summer. Pre-register if you can but walk-ins are welcome. More information at hnoj.org/smallgroups



Scripture of the Week



"All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region." (Acts 13:48b-49)

Each week during our Easter Season readings we see the apostles become ever bolder in their preaching. We also see a tremendous upsurge in the number of people believing in Jesus through their preaching. Today's readings are no different.



We also see the religious officials of that day continuing their efforts to suppress and even persecute the disciples. It is this cycle of bold proclamation of the truth met by rigidity in those who do not want any change. They do not want change in how the synagogue operates, they do not want change in understanding God's Word to them, they do not want change in the "power structure" of the time. Funny how "those times" and "these times" sometimes overlap. The very good news in our readings today is that Jesus is our Good Shepherd leading us to worship before the Heavenly Throne today as then, just as our reading from Revelation describes.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

Mother's Day Rose Sale This Weekend

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.

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May 10 and 11

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In Our Parish and Our Community

Friday Night Alive, May 16

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 date is Friday, May 16.



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.

Elevate Life Golf Tournament, June 23

Join Elevate Life for a day of golfing and fun. Fee includes 18 holes, cart, contests, lunch and dinner. The tournament provides critical funding so Elevate Life can support the program and services to 47 pregnancy resource centers and clinics. The center and clinics focus on providing care, information and counseling to their clients.



Join in the fun on June 23, at the Crystal Lake Golf Club, Lakeville, MN. Visit www.elevatelifeusa.org/golf to register and for more information.

Senior Events

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

Tour St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Friday, May 16. (We still have spots on the bus – please sign up today!)

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.

Help at Your Door, Volunteers Needed

Due to limited transportation options, many older adults find it challenging to attend medical appointments, participate in social activities and run errands. You can help change that! Help at Your Door is looking for volunteer drivers with a heart for service. For more information, contact: 651-642-1892 or email volunteer@helpatyourdoor.org.



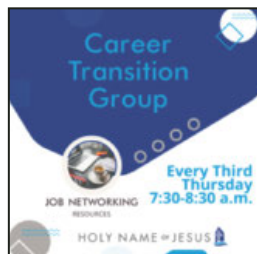
Volunteer Tutors Needed

Sharing & Caring Hands/Mary's Place (Minneapolis) is a compassionate response to the needs of the poor. Volunteer tutors are needed for their After School Tutoring Program and/or Summer Reading Program. Contact kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org or 612-596-3418 for more information.

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Thank You

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. If you missed the appeal, you can still give online at www.usccb.org/home-missions



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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

Mass Intentions:

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

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