



*So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
Matthew 10:31*

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



June 20-21, 2026

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am
Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)

Wednesdays – in Church
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration
4:30pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Families are asked to contact the office before the
arrival of your new child for instructions and
registration.

RECONCILIATION
Wednesdays 4:30pm in Church
Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

We celebrate Christian love and family with the
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact
the office one year in advance.

ANointing of the Sick

Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to
receive this beautiful Sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register
online at www.hnojchurch.org

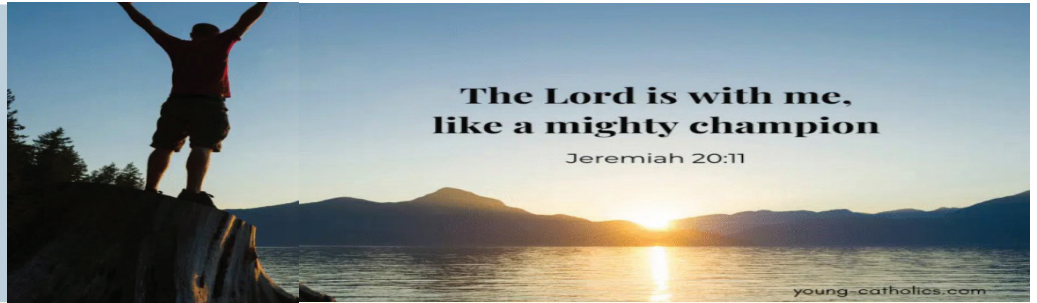
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 69
2nd Reading:
Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 06/22	Tues 06/23	Wednesday 06/24	Thursday 06/25	Friday 06/26	Saturday 06/27	Sunday 06/28
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Helen Breznick Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the Day +Marcello and Lucia Capasso r/b Nicholas Piciw Services celebrated in Church	7:30am Mass Healing Prayers for Steve, Francine and Tommy Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am- 2:00pm	2:30-3:30pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass +Msgr. John Tomis 40th Anniversary of death r/b Gert Balamaci	7:30am Mass +Joseph Kmec r/b Wells and Scerba family 10:00am Mass +James Cavanaugh r/b wife, Linda and family And the Deceased of the parish

Patient Trust Prayer



Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the Intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something

unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.
And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.
Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

The *Patient Trust Prayer* was written by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. He was a Jesuit priest and also a scientist. He believed that God works slowly, both in nature and in people. His prayer of patient trust speaks to the need to wait with faith instead of forcing answers too quickly. It reminds us that God works in His own time..

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm +Robert Sember
And the Deceased of the parish
7:30am +Living & Deceased fathers of the parish
10:00am +Living & Deceased fathers of the parish



THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Joseph and Edith Voisine

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For the unemployed and the underemployed

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

For peace throughout the world

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Blessings for Marge Prihoda

St Joseph Shrine Candle

Blessings on all fathers, grandfathers and father figures

St Michael Candle *For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus*



Please remember in prayer, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders...All who suffer from violence and Injustice...All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. All names and intentions listed in the prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual Shrine.... And for all who have died.



We acknowledge and thank young-catholics.com for the use of their prayer reflection and artwork

Where in the world is Pope Leo?

The Holy Father visited Madrid, Barcelona, and the Canary Islands from June 6–12. Here is a look at 10 of the most powerful moments from Pope Leo's visit to Spain:



1. Over a million Catholics join Pope Leo for Corpus Christi procession in Madrid. Pope Leo said Corpus Christi is “more than just another celebration on the liturgical calendar ... It is a way of returning to the heart of the faith to renew our love and fidelity to God.”

2. Pope Leo meets with abuse victims. On the third day of his apostolic journey to Spain, Pope Leo met with six victims of abuse committed “by members of the clergy and the Church” in the country. During the hourlong meeting, the victims shared their “painful personal experiences” with the Holy Father, and each person presented him with “proposals to make the Church’s response to such tragic cases more effective.” “Every wounded person must be able to find sincere listening, welcome, protection, and real paths to healing,” the Holy Father said.

3. Pope Leo becomes first pope to address Spanish Parliament. Pope Leo XIV became the first pope in history to address the Spanish Parliament when he spoke to lawmakers on Monday, June 8, the third day of his apostolic journey. The pope received nearly seven minutes of applause at the end of his speech, which urged lawmakers to protect human life from conception until natural death.

4. Pope honors Our Lady of Almudena with Golden Rose. One of the greatest devotions among Spanish Catholics is to Our Lady of Almudena — the patron saint of Madrid. “As a symbol of the pope’s filial love for the Virgin Mary, I will place a Golden Rose at her feet,” Leo said during a ceremony at Madrid’s Cathedral of Santa María la Real de la Almudena.

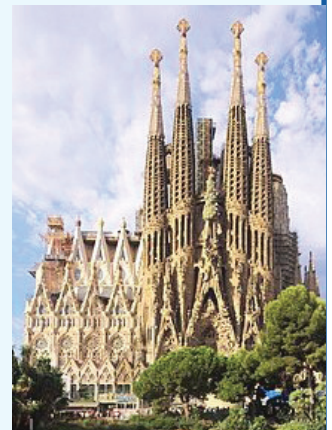
5. Pope Leo entrusts his pontificate to Our Lady of Montserrat

While in Montserrat, the Holy Father visited the Abbey of Montserrat. After praying the rosary, the pope lifted up his prayer: “Let us ask her to help us clothe ourselves only with the armor of God.”

6. Pope Leo prays with young man’s rosary — then gives it back to him

While in Barcelona, an encounter between the pope and a young man named Sergi went viral. During the pope’s visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat, Sergi handed Leo his rosary. The pontiff slipped it into his pocket before using it minutes later to pray during the event. Unexpectedly, after the event, Sergi managed to recover his prized sacramental, now prayed with by the pope.

7. Pope Leo visits the tomb of Venerable Antoni Gaudí. Before celebrating Mass at the Sagrada Família Basilica in Barcelona, Pope Leo took time to visit the crypt, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and light a candle at the tomb of Venerable Antoni Gaudí, who designed the iconic basilica more than a century ago. Gaudí, known as the “architect of God,” died in 1926 and is buried in the basilica crypt. He was known for his intense personal faith and devotion to the building of the Sagrada Família (Holy Family)



8. Pope Leo celebrates Mass in iconic Sagrada Família Basilica. “The Sagrada Família is the tallest church in the world — not to stand out in worldly rankings but to guide the steps of God’s people journeying through this land of Catalonia, with the cross illuminating the path like a lamp lit in anticipation of the Bridegroom’s return,” he affirmed.

9. Pope Leo blesses a cross made of wood from the boats of migrants. At the Port of Arguineguín in Gran Canaria — a place that became a symbol of the migration crisis in the Canary Islands — Pope Leo offered a powerful witness to the dignity of every human person. Standing at a dock marked by the suffering and loss of those who arrived after dangerous journeys across the Atlantic, he prayed for migrants, denounced human trafficking, and called the world to a deeper examination of conscience.

10. Pope Leo gives a powerful message to human traffickers. During the last day of his papal trip, Pope Leo raised his voice with unusual force. In Tenerife, he spoke against human traffickers — those who charge staggering sums to allow migrants cross the ocean and those who enslave them mercilessly. “For every life lost, every family deceived, every body subjugated, every woman threatened, every worker exploited, you will have to appear before divine justice,” the pope said. “Break those chains and free those you hold in bondage,” he added. “Return what has been taken and make amends as much as you can.” “Repent while there is still time,” he said, “for God’s mercy can reach even the most hardened sinner, but it enters only through the narrow gate of truth, justice, and conversion.”

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Peter's Pence Collection
*Be a sign of
hope.*

Next weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH June 13-14

Sunday	\$	1,779.50
Monthly	\$	85.00
Other	\$	25.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF June 8-14

Sunday	\$	628.00
Monthly	\$	180.00
Other	\$	.00

ONLINE GIVING - June 8-14

Sunday	\$	615.00
Monthly	\$	10.00
Other	\$	.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ **3,322.50**

Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing.



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Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesdays 4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass



June 20-21 Coffee And...

June 21 Father's Day

June 22 Lord's Kitchen

June 27-28 Monthly Food Collection

June 29 CT FoodShare -HNoJ parking lot 9:15-10:15am



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JIM Sunday, June 21, 11:30am-12:45pm—Lesson 4 (pages 76-84)



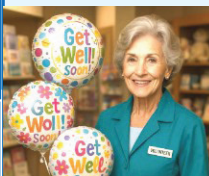
MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP - Upcoming Date: Saturday July 18. Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room – Reflections on the Readings at 8:00- 9:00am.

Monthly Food Collection June 27-28 -Items most needed:



Rice, Beans (all kinds), canned pasta, Spam, Tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon. Cooking oil (vegetable or olive), flour, sugar, salt, pepper, and basic spices (garlic powder, chili flakes, taco seasoning). Peanut butter, applesauce, granola bars, and canned soups or stews. Toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes, deodorant, and dish soap. Gift Cards to Grocery Stores welcomed! Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Mary Recycle Mission will be in our area mid July. They accept items of Religious nature such as:- Holy Cards, Framed Religious Pictures, Used Musical Instruments, Prayer book, Breviaries/Catholic Encyclopedias, Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Statues, Rosaries (damaged ok) (Please no Religious Books/Reading Books/Story Books, Hymnals, Pamphlets/Magazines/DVD's, VHS Tapes, Greeting Cards, Christmas items or Wax Candles). **Please hold any donations you may have until the second week of July.**



St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bpt. needs your help! Our hospital gift shop is seeking volunteers (over the age of 20 years old) to help assist staff, patients, and visitors with finding the right gift for their loved one. Even a few hours weekly make a meaningful difference. Contact the Volunteer Services Manager, Ellen Muentener for more information - ellen.muentener@hhchealth.org or 475 – 210- 5591.



PARISH FALL TAG SALE

We are now accepting donations of jewelry. You may bring your donations to Church or drop them off at the parish office—Tuesday-Friday.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please let me know. Larry Wells Deputy Grand Knight 203-395-7073 Lawman1156@gmail.com



Regular June offertory envelopes include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Holy Father (Peter's Pence)



Our 2026/2027 HNoJ Parish Annual Collection

envelope will be included in the July envelope mailing. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 to help repair several areas of the church grounds including the handicap ramp to the Church, sidewalks, staircases and railings at the church, hall and parish office. We want all our parishioners to feel safe and comfortable when entering and leaving the grounds. Your generosity will help ensure that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for all.

2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal

We thank Todd Kellog and Dr Patrick Donovan from the Institute for Catholic Formation for speaking at last weekend's Masses and sharing how



your gift to the Institute forms Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, catechists, family catechesis and more.

We have raised \$34,365 towards our Annual Bishop's Appeal goal of \$37,500. This represents 92% of our goal from 88 donors. Total gifts and pledges from In-Pew weekend will be updated.



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, thank you again so very much for your response to not only the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal, but to our Offertory Increase campaign and 2025-2026 Parish Annual collection. I recognize that it has been, and may continue to be, challenging to make ends meet. Let us continue to join Pope Leo XIV and Bishop Caggiano in prayer to Our Lady, Queen of Peace, for peace throughout the world so that especially those with so little to support themselves and their families may soon experience lower costs for food, clothing, and shelter.



For all of you who have chosen to increase your offertory gift in the first pass of the basket at Mass, thank you! Please continue your weekly offering at your new increased level. We truly need at least \$5,102 each week in the first pass to make ends meet for our parish every month.

For all of you who gave to our 2025-2026 Annual Parish Collection, thank you! Because of you, \$15,165 was received and is helping us to meet demands of building repairs that have come up this year around the parish campus like my leaky shower faucet in the rectory.

As you saw in last week's bulletin, we are starting our 2026-2027 Parish Annual Collection this July with a goal of \$17,500. You'll see in your next pack of church envelopes one for July called, *Parish Campus Safety Repairs*. Everyone's safety all over our parish campus is my number one priority. With your financial support, the cracks in the sidewalk along the handicap access entrance to the church can be fixed in the next few weeks along with a new coat of paint to the iron railings.

So please, continue to give as generously as you can to our Holy Name of Jesus parish. I know many of you will be taking vacation with family this summer. While you're away, I pray that God will bless you with beautiful weather and safe travels. And please remember – if you can – to send in your weekly offertory gift to our parish office at 2 Mary Avenue before you leave. I would very much appreciate it. God Bless+



Martha's Ministry Invitation

Would you be willing to give an hour or two each month to help keep our church looking beautiful? If so, please consider joining our Martha's Ministry team of dedicated volunteers who serve once a month, helping to dust and sweep the main body of the church, as

well as the sanctuary, sacristy, and vestibule areas. Your time and care would be a wonderful gift to our parish community! If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office at 203-375-5815 or email parishoffice@hnojchurch.org



CLAP YOUR HANDS AND SHOUT TO GOD

Afraid..counted..dark..destroy..harm..head..hidden
house tops..light..secret..sparrows..whispered

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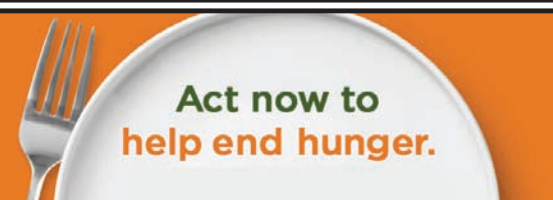
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