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August 24, 2025 • The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am and
5:30 pm

Nursery

Nursery is offered for the Sunday
morning Masses

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8 am

Confessions

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 am

Wednesdays: 5:15-6:15 pm

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 am-9 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am-9 pm

Thursday 8:30 am-9 pm

Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday 8 am-4 pm

Friday 8 am-12 pm



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Keep Going

By Father John Muir @LPI

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the Sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

Questions of the week

First Reading Question: Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. What are you hoping for in the future?

Second Reading Question: The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?

Gospel Question: Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. What could be some effective ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?



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Elementary Faith Formation Registration

At HNOJ Elementary Faith Formation, we help our children grow in friendship with Jesus Christ and learn the joy of being Catholic! We serve children in 1st to 5th grades on Wednesday evenings, from the end of September through the beginning of May.



Students in the 2nd grade typically prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion through the Elementary Faith Formation program as well. If your child is not baptized Catholic and they wish to receive these Sacraments, please contact Chris Kostelc at ckostelc@hnoj.org.

For 1st to 5th grades, we offer Faith Formation Wednesday night lessons from 4:45-6 pm or 6:15-7:30 pm. Information and registration for Elementary Faith Formation can be found at hnoj.org/childrensformation

Sunday School is for ages 3 through Kindergarten and meets during the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses. More information at hnoj.org/SundaySchool

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wendt at jwendt@hnoj.org.

Middle School and Senior High CREW and Confirmation

Middle School CREW

Sessions for Middle School Crew (MS Crew) will take place on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 pm. During each session, small groups will rotate through the weekly lesson and have small group conversations and an activity to help them connect to the lesson. Registration and more information can be found at www.hnoj.org/mscrew. If you have any questions about 6th to 8th grade classes, please contact Luke Klavins at lklavins@hnoj.org.

Senior High Crew

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." You can find all the registration links for confirmation and SH CREW at www.hnoj.org/shcrew and use the page menu for your grade. If you have any questions about 9th to 12th grade opportunities, please contact Eve Edwards at eedwards@hnoj.org.

Please register by Monday, Sept. 9 for elementary, middle, and high school Faith Formation sessions.

Deacon Dennis's 25th Anniversary of His Ordination, Sept. 6-7

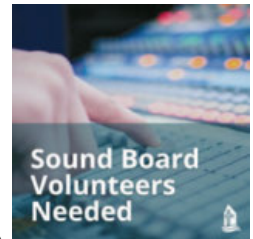
Please join us in honoring Deacon Dennis Hanson as he celebrates the 25th anniversary of his Deaconate Ordination. He will be in the Gathering Space after all the Masses Sept. 6-7. We will have a special treat after all the Masses, not just at hospitality on Sunday morning. There will also be cards available for people to sign.



Gifts are not expected, but if you would like to give something, Deacon Dennis has asked that donations be directed to the fund for the building of the Stations of the Cross at HNOJ Cemetery. *(Checks may be made to Holy Name of Jesus with Cemetery Stations in the memo).*

Sound Board Volunteers Needed

Interested in staying behind-the-scenes during Mass while helping everyone up front sound good? HNOJ is looking for additional volunteer sound board technicians to join the Mass schedule this Fall. It only takes a minute of trying to listen when a microphone isn't turned on to understand how critical this role can be to everyone's ability to stay engaged at Mass! Training will be provided. Email our Director of Sacred Music, Kraig Windschitl, at kwindschitl@hnoj.org for more information.



The Chosen Small Group

Parishioner Betty Kemmetmueller is leading another group that will watch and discuss "The Chosen" series about Jesus and his disciples. Meetings take place from 1-3 pm at HNOJ from Sept. 10-Nov. 29. They will study Season 5. Visit their page on Group Vitals to learn more and sign up at hnoj.org/smallgroups

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed

Our Faith Formation program begins soon! We need small group leaders, catechists, Sunday school helpers, hall monitors, and more. We have Wednesday evening, Sunday morning, and Sunday night opportunities.



Elementary: Jennifer Wendt at jwendt@hnoj.org
Middle school: Luke Klavins at lklavins@hnoj.org
Senior high: Eve Edwards at eedwards@hnoj.org
Or call the church office.

Women's Night at HNOJ, Sept. 4

Women's Night at HNOJ is back by popular demand.

We will offer an evening (generally the first Thursday of the month) for socializing, prayer, and growing in faith. What to expect: a speaker, small group discussion, fellowship, laughter, snacks, and drinks. No cost to attend, but we will take up a free-will offering to cover snacks, wine, and soda/sparking water.



What the evening will look like:

7 pm Social time

7:20-8:30 pm Speaker and smaller group discussion

8:30-9 pm Adoration in the Church

On Sept. 4, parishioner Mary Ruff will give a testimony on prayer and St. Monica will be our focus. Please mark your calendar and invite your friends to Women's Night! More details at hnoj.org/womensnight

OCIA

Not Catholic and want to learn about Catholicism? HNOJ's OCIA program is for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism.

People join OCIA for various reasons:

- Seeking to become Catholic
- Raised Catholic but never got Confirmed
- Getting married and want to become Catholic
- Baptized or unbaptized and want to learn about Catholicism

Learn more or inquire about joining at hnoj.org/OCIA or email Chris at ckostelc@hnoj.org. Our session begins on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 pm.

Feel free to attend one of our inquiry sessions:

Sunday, Sept. 7, 9:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 14, 11:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 21, 6:30 pm

Scripture of the Week



*"For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?"
(Hebrews 12:7b)*

In our Gospel today, Jesus is asked if only a few will be saved. He does not give a direct answer, saying rather, "Strive to enter through the narrow



gate." Jesus is the 'narrow gate,' the one way to salvation and eternal life. One can sense an urgency in His words in this passage. He speaks of the Master locking the door and those still outside regarded as strangers. So then, how do we avoid being strangers?

We get an answer to that in our Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. "Endure your trials as discipline; God treats you as sons... At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it." The training is the path of Jesus Himself. Following His path, His teachings, His model for living can be painful indeed. It means stepping away from what the world proclaims. It can separate us from the mainstream here, but provides that one narrow gate we are called to for all eternity.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

Missionary Appeal Weekend

We will have a visiting missionary priest from the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya this weekend, Aug. 23-24, with an opportunity to support his missionary efforts with a second collection.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has long-partnered with the Diocese of Kitui. The Diocese of Kitui covers an arid and semi-arid rural region that often battles drought and famine, and they are hoping to raise \$20,000 to help fund increased access to clean water, sanitation improvement, and education on best hygiene practices. Funds raised in excess of this amount will go to support the general and administrative work of the partnership.

Envelopes may be found in the pews and you can make checks payable to Holy Name of Jesus with Center for Mission in the memo. Or you may go to hnoj.org/give to access our giving site, then select Mission Appeal 2025.

Thank you for your generosity!



In Our Parish and Our Community

No Hospitality, Aug. 24

Every August before the school year begins, we wax the floors in our cafeteria and Good Samaritan Center. Because of this, we will not have Sunday morning hospitality on Aug. 24.



Parish Offices Closed

Our church and school offices will be closed on the following days:

- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**, for staff development day
- **Monday, Sept. 1**, in observance of Labor Day. There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the building will be closed after the 8 am daily Mass.

Elevate Life Gala

You are invited to attend the Elevate Life New Beginnings Gala on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Community Center. This incredible evening, featuring Archbishop Bernard Hebda, and keynote speaker, Brandy Meeks of The Vitae Foundation, and our new Executive Director, Anna Schmidt, will inspire you to take bold steps alongside Elevate Life into a future where pregnancy resource centers thrive and women and their babies receive the best life-affirming care! Reserve your tickets and learn more about how to support pregnancy resource centers across MN, WI, and ND by visiting www.ElevateLifeUSA.org/gala



First Friday Rosary, Sept. 5

Please join in praying the Rosary every First Friday of the month at 7:30 am in the Church. Our prayers are dedicated in memory of those we loved. On Sept. 5, we will pray our next First Friday Rosary. You are invited to stay for 8 am Mass and breakfast social to follow. All are welcome.



Fall Festival, Sept. 13

Please join us for our annual Fall Festival which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 4-9 pm. Kick off the Festival with Mass on the Grass. Only once a year do we offer an opportunity to enjoy Mass in the great outdoors. Again this year, Mass will be on the grass opposite the school playground to allow for more shade, easier access, and timing. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. We will have golf cart transportation for those with limited mobility (pick up by the school doors).

After Mass take part in any of the following activities at your leisure:

- Live Music by *The Covers*
- Kids Games and Crafts
- Inflatables
- Face Painting
- Cookie Decorating
- Dragon Train Ride
- Music and Dancing
- Great Food
- Outreach Ministry Tent
- Country Market
- Classic Car Show



Cradle of Hope Walk/Run For Life

Cradle of Hope is having their first annual 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Long Lake Regional Park, New Brighton. Cradle of Hope supports pregnant mothers and their babies in crisis. Join us to raise money to further our mission. You can scan the QR code or go online <https://2025rbr.cbo.io/>
Deadline to register is Aug. 25.



This is a family friendly event with face painting, fire trucks, raffles, and silent auction! We can't wait to see you!



Interfaith Outreach Items Needed

Bottled water
Brand name cereal
Paper grocery bags
Feminine hygiene products (especially thin pads)
Pantry staples (canned goods, rice, pasta, peanut butter)
Paper towels
Spaghetti sauce (jars)
*Back-to-school clothing and shoes are needed – please drop off these donation at the Resale Store

Learn more about our Food Shelf "SuperShelf" at iocp.org/outreach-services/food-shelf

Become a Sponsor

It's not too late to sponsor! Your family or business can be a Fall Festival sponsor! A generous \$500 donation you share through sponsorship will benefit programs and services at Holy Name of Jesus that allow us to continue our mission of education, prayer, and outreach. Please contact Deacon Dennis at the parish office to become a sponsor.

Volunteers Needed

Fall Festival runs smoothly, thanks to all the great volunteers! People can help set up, tear down, sell tickets, run kids games, beverage tent, run the train, and more! Sign up online at hnoj.org/fallfest



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| Sarah Reid | 763-746-8194 |

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Bob Weinzierl, Jr. 612-720-9206

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

Front Desk..... 763-473-7901

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Courtney Bush 763-745-3493

Administrative Assistant

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