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August 31, 2025 • The Twenty-Second 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 Hours**

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm



Give Online:

https://www.hnoj.org/online-donations

# What Did You Expect?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist – same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer – the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.



It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even *look* like – no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more – and more happily, more lovingly – when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me – it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.



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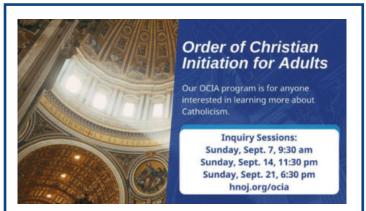


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# Parish News



#### **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

# Stay Connected with the My Parish App

Did you know we have an app that can quickly connect you with the current parish bulletin, calendar of events, contact information, and more? Online giving and scheduling an hour in Adoration is just a tap away! Find the free My Parish App in your app store and explore the features today!

#### 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.

### Fall Festival Ticket Sales, Sept. 6-7

Avoid the long lines at the ticket booth. Fall Festival tickets will be available for purchase after all the Masses the weekend of Sept. 6-7. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the parish office during normal business hours from Sept. 7-12. Tickets are used for food, beverages, and kids games at Fall Festival. Tickets are \$1 each for food/drink/games, but entrance to Fall Festival is free. If you prefer to purchase your tickets at Fall Festival, we suggest you bring cash to shorten the wait time in the ticket line.

### 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





Remember to turn in your sweepstakes tickets by 6 pm on Sept. 13. You can bring them in to the church office or drop them in the collection basket before Sept. 13.



#### Fall Festival 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

# Parish News

# 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).

# Big Small Dinner, Sept. 23

Sometimes it's difficult to make connections at a church as large as Holy Name of Jesus. That is why we are hosting the Big Small Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 5:30-7 pm. It's a chance to make small connections at a big church. This event is geared toward all new parishioners as well as those who have never attended before and want to get more connected.



We provide dinner and both nursery-age and school-age care as well as dinner for the kids. The Big Small Dinner is an opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners, come to know why Holy Name of Jesus is a special place, and get to know our parish priests.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is needed. Find out all the details at hnoj.org/bigsmalldinner. Please contact Tim Lyngdal with questions at tlyngdal@hnoj.org.

# Scripture of the Week



"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." (Sirach 3:17)

Our First
Reading today
from Sirach calls
us to humility,
"Humble yourself
the more, the
greater you are."
This theme is
reflected by the
reminder of the
Exodus in
today's Psalm



where God is depicted as the Father of orphans and the defender of widows, the One who gives a home to the forsaken and He who leads the prisoners to prosperity.

Jesus will speak to this theme as He says, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor... Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place." This is not about table manners. He is revealing the way of the Kingdom, the need to put ourselves in service to others. Jesus was, and is, the "Suffering Servant." It is the life He calls us to as well. Why? Because as our reading from Hebrews makes clear, we are approaching Mount Zion, "the city of the Living God." We've been invited, He is telling us how not to refuse that invitation.

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman

# 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 have a free -will offering to cover snacks, wine, soda, and sparkling 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



# In Our Parish and Our Community

#### Parish Offices Closed, Sept. 1

Our church and school offices will be closed on **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.

## 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.



#### 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 will feature Archbishop Bernard Hebda and keynote speaker, Brandy Meeks of The Vitae Foundation, and our new Executive Director, Anna Schmidt They 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

# Special Needs Faith Sharing Registration

We are excited to welcome participants to our monthly Faith Sharing sessions for individuals with special needs. Sessions take place on the third Sunday of each month, September through May, from 9:30-10:20 am in Emmaus A.



Each session includes prayer, discussion, and an activity connected to the lesson or liturgical season. Faith Sharing is open to individuals of all ages and abilities, with most participants ranging from ages 18 to 60. Lessons are thoughtfully adapted to meet each person's unique needs.

Volunteers are also welcome! As a volunteer, you'll share your faith, engage in activities, and help foster a culture of inclusion and belonging. Safe Environment training is required for all volunteers.

The 2025-2026 sessions are scheduled for Sept. 28\* *(4th Sunday)*, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 19, May 17.

To register a participant, contact Tom Silver at silvertom1948@yahoo.com or call the parish office.

For more information about volunteering, contact Michele Kirchoff at micheleskirchoff@comcast.net.

### **Urgent Second Collection This Weekend**

Archbishop Hebda is asking all parishes of the Archdiocese to join in a nationwide special appeal for humanitarian relief and pastoral support in Gaza.

"Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions," said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Funds from this special appeal will support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Both organizations are already wellestablished with the Catholic Church in the region to allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

Please see envelopes in pews this weekend, or you can go online to hnoj.org/give and select Gaza aid.



# **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

If you or someone you know needs a prayer shawl (ex. after a death of a loved one, before a surgery, during an illness, etc.) please contact Lee Ann Silver at 612-790-3114 or leeann.silver@yahoo.com, or stop by the welcome desk in the Gathering Space.

Needed: people to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Please contact Lee Ann if you can help this ministry with your talent.

# 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 five. Visit their page on Group Vitals to learn more and sign up at hnoj.org/smallgroups

# West Suburban Grief Coalition, Thursdays

The West Suburban Grief Coalition meetings are held on Thursdays from 4:30-6 pm. There is a speaker for 30 minutes, and the remainder of time will be in breakouts for spouse loss, child loss, and family loss grief discussions and healing.



From Sept. 4-Nov. 20 the West Suburban Grief Coalition is

meeting at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

Please feel free to refer new people suffering from a loss to WSGC. For more information, please contact Harley Feldman at 612-840-1774 or harleyfeldman@gmail.com.

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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	
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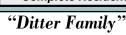


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