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September 14, 2025 • The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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



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The Cross is Not Negotiable

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart – it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make a decision to be tough, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all,



because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness is for wimps, because the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, He invites us to look upon the cross – the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We are wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross – the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.



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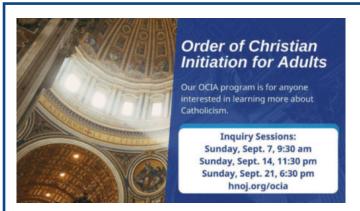


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Parish News



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 remaining inquiry sessions: Sunday, Sept. 14, 11:30 am Sunday, Sept. 21, 6:30 pm

Communion Outreach

If you or someone you know is homebound in our parish area and would like Communion brought to them, please contact the parish office at 763-473-7901. At Holy Name of Jesus it is our joy and honor to be able to provide this ministry through our Communion Outreach Team.

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.

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 Iklavins@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.

Confirmation Meetings, Sept. 28

We will have parent confirmation meetings on Sunday, Sept. 28. The Year 1 meeting will be 4-5:15 pm and the Year 2 meeting will be 6:45-8 pm.

One Day Confirmation Year 2 Retreat with NET: Sunday, Sept. 21, from 9 am-3:30 pm. Registration available now at hnoj.org/dayretreat



Elementary Faith Formation, Classes Begin!

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.

Parish News

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.

Fall Festival and Golf Scramble Sponsors

Thank you to all of our 2025 Fall Festival sponsors and volunteers! Please support our sponsors for the Golf Scramble and the 2025 Fall Festival. Thank you so much to these businesses and organizations for supporting Holy Name of Jesus!

Scripture of the Week



"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3:17)

Classic marketing strategy will accentuate the positive attributes of a person, product, or service. At the same time, shortcomings will be ignored or glossed over so that only a "perfect picture" of what is being presented remains. Touting perceived or real faults and failures is not the way



Enter today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross where the "pitch line" is something like: "let me tell you about how God's own Son came down from Heaven to earth to save humanity and the Romans killed Him." Human logic fails - exalt the cross? Raise high an instrument of torture? Better yet, let's call the day He died "Good" Friday!

Here's the thing. You can't have a resurrection without first dying. Easter can't happen without a Good Friday. Our logic fails, but then, our logic cannot compete with God's Wisdom. Jesus died on the cross so that we don't have to. Jesus through His Sacrifice, opens the way to eternal life with His Father. Cause for exaltation indeed!

Weekly reflections by parishioner Jon Hickman



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This role ensures accurate financial records, compliance with parish policies, and helps support the smooth operation of our vibrant parish community.

Please submit your resume and a cover letter highlighting your qualifications to careers@hnoj.org. Help us spread the word!

Women's Wisdom on Wednesday

Please join us for this year's WWW spirituality program during which we will explore the lives of selected Catholic saints and holy women - mystics, mothers, and movers and shakers. Through short video or audio presentations and thoughtful discussion, we will reflect on the



challenges and choices these women faced during their times. Together, we will discern what their lives and voices can teach us as modern women of faith - within our families, the Church and the wider world. Come be inspired, challenged, and encouraged by the enduring wisdom of these saints. We meet on Wednesdays from 10:30 am-12 pm.

Block I: Mystics: Sept. 24 through Oct. 29 Block II: Mothers: Jan. 7 through Feb. 11

Block III: Movers and Shakers: April 8 through May 13

Please find more information and registration online at hnoj.org/womens-wisdom. You can register for one or all blocks. For questions, contact Chris Kostelc at 763-745-3489 or ckostelc@hnoj.org.



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

Senior Event

Seniors 55+, please join us!

Sit and Be Fit Through the Winter, Thursday, Sept. 25, 10:30 am-1 pm

Exercise specialist, Mary Anne Young, will talk with us about easy ways to stay active, especially in the long winter months. Wear comfy clothes and be ready to have some fun with a little exercise. Feel free to bring paper and a pen to write down some tips! We will serve a healthy \$10 lunch at noon. Please sign up at the welcome desk.



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-Oct. 29. They will study season five. Visit their page on Group Vitals to learn more and sign up at hnoj.org/smallgroups

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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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| Mass Intentions: Call to have a Mass offered for the intention of a deceased loved one Front Desk763-473-7901 | | |
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