



# Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

21st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 23-24,  
2025

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## MASSSES

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)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
Wednesdays – in Church  
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with  
Adoration and 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](http://www.hnojchurch.org)

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: [parishoffice@hnojchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@hnojchurch.org)  
Bulletin deadline is Monday at 4:00pm





## Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 08/25	Tues 08/26	Wed 08/27	Thurs 08/28	Fri 08/29	Saturday 08/30	Sunday 08/31
Parish Office closed	<b>7:30am Mass</b> <b>+Michael Couture</b> <i>r/b Fr. Jim</i>  <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius Chapel</i>	<b>4:00pm</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation</b>  <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Mass of the Day</b> <b>+Olympia Bocchicchio</b> <i>r/b Lucille Bocchicchio</i>  <i>Wednesday Services held in Church</i>	<b>7:30am Mass</b> <b>+Magdalena Goda</b> <i>r/b Maria Petrus</i>  <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius Chapel</i>	<b>Chapel open for private prayer</b> <b>9:00am to 2:00pm</b>	<b>Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm</b>  <b>4:00pm Mass</b> <b>+Lena and Michael Dlugokenski</b> <i>r/b Jayne Staffey &amp; family</i> <b>And The Deceased of the Parish</b>	<b>7:30am Mass</b> <b>+parents, Joseph and Christina Grand</b> <i>r/b the family</i>  <b>10:00am Mass</b> <b>+Mary Golias</b> <i>r/b Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Ivak</i>
					Monthly Food Collection	

### MASS INTENTIONS



**4:00pm** +Robert Staffey  
**7:30am** +Denise Martin  
**10:00am** +Lauren Kopko  
 And the Deceased of the parish

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our parish Prayer Book is located near the Marian Shrine. Please add your intentions to the book as we pray for the needs of one another. Please remember in prayer, *All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders.. All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. And for all who have died..*



### THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

#### Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

*In Loving Memory of Deacon Thomas Freibot*

#### Chapel Tabernacle Candle

*Peace throughout the world*

#### Sacred Heart Candle

*In Loving Memory of Frank Piccirillo*

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

*For students & teachers returning to school*

#### St Joseph Shrine Candle

*In Loving Memory of Mark Kascak*

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



### FAITH FORMATION IS:

### CALLING ALL TEENS!

### ALTAR SERVERS

*Following Jesus, Learning our Faith,  
Growing in Knowledge,  
Sharing our Blessings*



**Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation program has begun.**

Children in Kindergarten to high school are invited to join our Sunday gatherings

beginning in September. **Our first family gathering will be Sunday, September 7th** as we celebrate Fr. Jim's Installation as Pastor at the 10:00am Mass and continue with a reception in Heritage Hall. Gatherings for the children will continue the following Sunday from 11:00am to 12:15pm in Heritage Hall.

Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule, the parish office and on our website [www.hnojchurch.org](http://www.hnojchurch.org)

**MARK SEPT. 14  
ON YOUR  
CALENDARS!**



**REGIONAL YOUTH GROUP  
FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD.**

PLAN TO BE  
PART OF THE  
NEW AND  
EXCITING

For more information, see the notice on the next page!

Questions? call the parish office  
203.375.5815

We welcome Daniel and Jacob—our newest Altar Servers as they join Joe serving at the 10:00am Mass





The Catholic Community of Stratford, rich in tradition and united in its mission to foster meaningful encounters with Jesus Christ, invites, welcomes, accompanies, prays with, and educates disciples to minister and serve.

Together, we are vibrant.

Together, we grow in our faith in new and exciting ways.

Together, as the Catholic Community of Stratford (CCS), we serve the needs of our community more effectively.



Contact:  
stratford@setoncollaborative.org



## Inaugural Youth Ministry Mass

We invite teenagers from Stratford and their families to join our **Youth Ministry Kick-off Mass on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:30pm at Our Lady of Peace Church**. This Mass marks the beginning of a new regional youth group in the town of Stratford. We will have games and food after Mass in the parish hall. Please RSVP to Lorena Melgar at [lmelgar@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:lmelgar@setoncollaborative.org) if you are interested in attending! Fr. Mark Pinto, Fr. Jim DiVasto and Msgr. Marty Ryan will be celebrating this mass together.



## New Series on Prayer

Have you ever wondered how to pray? This fall we will be holding a series on prayer at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall. The sessions are September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8 pm, September 16 from 10am-11am, and September 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Each session will include fellowship, conversation and a prayerful experience.



## Have we let Jesus in?

Jesus tells us today, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." This Gospel speaks of our salvation, though perhaps not in the way we expect. Notice that this reading does not explicitly mention life after death. Jesus instead speaks in the present and future tenses. In part this means that salvation is not only a matter of what happens to us later, but a matter of our relationship with Jesus *now*. Readings like this are jarring to us, as they should be. The Scriptures are often a troubling set of stories of people who knew all too well what it is to suffer and be ignored. Then again how else can Christ get our attention? "I stand at the door, and I knock (Rev 3:20)," says Jesus. May we let him in.

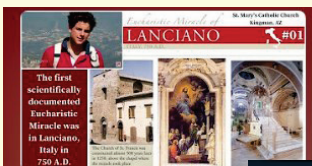
## Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Eucharistic Miracles



**Blessed Carlo Acutis (1993-2006 and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925)** will be canonized together on September 7th by Pope Leo. Blessed Carlo possessed a deep love and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. As the internet was gaining popularity in the early 2000s, he helped form websites for parishes, the Vatican, and made a website with information on Eucharistic miracles. He begged his parents to take vacations to 17 different countries and journaled and took copious notes on everything he witnessed. Over a span of two-and-a-half years, he documented 187 Eucharistic miracles. In the midst of his travels, he and his family prayed before hosts that have turned into blood. It is

important to note that while he did not come from an overly religious family, he was instrumental in their conversion. In October of 2006, in the midst of his research of Eucharistic Miracles, he was diagnosed with advanced leukemia. He offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI, the Church, and for his direct

entry into heaven. Many were moved by his witness in the midst of his great suffering. He died on October 12, 2006. Acutis is quoted as saying: *"If we stand in front of the sun, we get a tan, but if we stand before the Blessed Sacrament, we become saints."* Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



### Eucharistic Miracles Series - Carlo Acutis

by Kevin Davis

Playlist - 142 videos - 29,629 views

Roman Catholic Eucharistic Miracles Video using the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis [1991-2006] for the primer...more

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To watch episodes of the Eucharistic Miracles Video Series go to

[HTTPS://FORMATIONREIMAGINED.ORG/EUCCHARISTIC-MIRACLES/](https://formationreimagined.org/eucharistic-miracles/)

Episode #77 takes place in Głotowo Poland 1290 where a ciborium is buried by a priest to hide it from plundering invaders. It contained one Host that the priest missed. Sometime later it was found by a farmer plowing his field. He was alerted by strange behavior of his oxen, who knelt on the spot where a bright light illuminated the field.



## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### IN-CHURCH Aug 16-17

Sunday	\$	1,656.00
Monthly	\$	
Assumption	\$	605.00

### MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Aug 11-17

Sunday	\$	720.00
Monthly	\$	90.00
Other	\$	133.00

### ONLINE GIVING - Aug 11-17

Sunday	\$	358.00
Monthly	\$	56.00
Other	\$	25.00

**Total Income \$ 3,643.00**

*Thank you! Your generosity has been a blessing to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the year.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

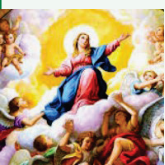
**Wednesdays**, in Church  
**4:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available  
**5:30pm** Mass



**August 30-31** Monthly Food Collection  
**September 7** 10:00am Fr. Jim's Installation Mass  
**September 12** Quarter Night  
**September 13-14** Parish Nurses  
**September 13, 27** Bible Study with Fr. Jim  
**September 13, 17** Men's Reflection Group  
**September 14** Faith Formation Heritage Hall 11am-12:15pm  
**September 14** Youth Ministry KickOff Mass OLOP 4:30pm  
**September 15** Lord's Kitchen  
**September 20-21** Parish Tag Sale  
**September 20-21** Coffee And...  
**September 27-28** Monthly Food Collection



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### Regular August offertory envelopes include:

Monthly Outreach,  
 Monthly Repairs & Improvements,  
 Assumption & Air Conditioning



## September 12 Quarter Night at HNoJ

### WHAT IS QUARTER NIGHT????

For a \$5 admission fee you receive a "number" and we provide items for auction. The minimum value of any item is \$5.00 but most are worth MORE!! At your table

there will be a bucket where you throw a quarter in when you wish to take a chance on winning an item. If your number is drawn the item is yours!



**BRING YOUR QUARTERS—BRING YOUR FAMILY—BRING YOUR FRIENDS—BRING YOUR SNACKS OR DINNER AND WINE, BEER OR SOFT DRINKS. WE WILL PROVIDE COFFEE, TEA AND A DESSERT TABLE!**



### RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

Or let us know if you are coming on your own or how many in your party and you can join a table and make new friends!

SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE VESTIBULE OR CALL THE OFFICE.

## BIBLE STUDY~THE WORD OF GOD



Join Fr. Jim and explore **THE WORD OF GOD** *Verbum Domini* upcoming dates:

**Saturdays, September 13 & 27** *The Word of God* emphasizes God's communication with humanity encouraging individuals to cultivate a close relationship with Christ through prayer and scripture.

**All are welcome! 10:00am Parish Community Room**



## MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP

**Upcoming September dates: Saturdays 13th and 27th** Listening for God in the outdoors is a special experience. Guys are invited to gather on the lawn at 7:45 to start our reflections on the Readings at 8:00am and we'll finish at 9:00am. Father Jim guides us. We also raise up the names of those who may need prayers. Join us!

## SEPTEMBER TAG SALE

Our Parish Tag Sale will be held on:  
**Saturday, September 20 - 9am to 2pm**  
**And Sunday, September 21 - 11am to 2pm**

**Please save your Grocery Bags (plastic & paper) and Newspaper and drop it off at Church at a weekend Mass—thank you!**

**Tag sale item donations are being accepted on Sunday, September 14 after the 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm on the Parish RAMP OR on Monday the 15th from 11am to 1pm.**



**Reminder: No electronics, exercise equipment, cribs, computers, tv and encyclopedias can be accepted.**

**Volunteer Sign up sheets are in the back of Church.**





## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE THANK YOU!



Dear Parishioners,  
Thank you for your generosity and support of our Back To School Supplies Drive. Donations were gratefully received by Sterling House and Stratford Public Schools. Your continued generosity and care for Stratford school children is a blessing.



## INSTALLATION MASS CHOIR



If you would like to sing in the choir at Fr. Jim's Installation Mass on Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am, please attend Rehearsal on August 24 and 31 following the 10:00am Mass. Rehearsal will be for 30 minutes. Call or email the parish office by Tuesday. 203.375.5815 parishoffice@hnojchurch.org

## AUGUST LORD'S KITCHEN

The HNoJ team prepared 120 delicious meals of grilled burgers, homemade coleslaw, watermelon, cookies, water, coffee and soda, which were enjoyed by the guests at the Lord's Kitchen on August 18 at Christ Episcopal Church. Thank you to our dedicated kitchen and floor teams and also the 3 Confirmation candidates from St. James and Our Lady of Peace, Aiden, Kiernan and Siena for their enthusiasm and great help!



And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

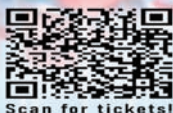
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## International BLOCK PARTY

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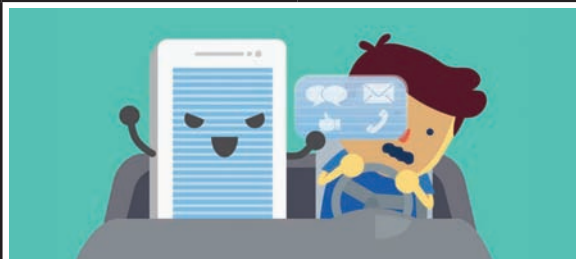
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