APRIL 23, 2023  THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  #1168

IF YOU ARE TO DO HIS WORK, THE STRENGTH WILL BE GIVEN YOU.

- ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY FROM 9AM TO 12:30PM. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS.

St. Michael the Archangel,
   defend us in battle.
   Be our defense against the
   wickedness and snares of the devil.
   May God rebuke him, we humbly
   pray, and do thou, O Prince of the
   heavenly hosts,
   by the power of God,
   cast into hell Satan, and all the evil
   spirits, who prowl about the
   world seeking the ruin of souls.
   Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE
   God of peace and justice, today we hold
   the people of Ukraine in our prayers.
   Please bring peace to our world and the
   laying down of weapons. Jesus, we ask
   you to please end the invasion and war
   in Ukraine and soften the hearts of the
   Russian authorities.
   May all experience your spirit of comfort
   and compassion.
   With Your mercy and grace,
   please save Ukraine and our world.
   Amen.

Please join us for Adoration
   from 7AM to 8AM
   before the 8:30AM
   weekday morning Mass.

Pray the Rosary with us
   Monday through Thursday
   at 9 AM
   and on Thursday evenings
   At 7PM
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MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, April 22
4PM Mass
Mathews Vellurattil
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 23
8AM Mass
Joseph Sarley
10:30AM Mass
Mary O’Malley

Monday, April 24
Larry Mackey

Tuesday, April 25
Fred Bero
Audrey M. Hornicak

Wednesday, April 26
Kirk Pieper

Thursday, April 27
Daniel James Makil

Mass Intention Information
$10 stipend per Mass Intention.
Mass Intention requests, in compliance with the Decree on Mass Stipends, began on January 1, 2016: There will be one intention for a Mass. Mass will be offered for all Parishioners in the Parish on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and Holy Days of Obligation. No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.

Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish’s CMAA goal of $54,300. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference. If we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Thank you for so much for prayerfully considering a donation to CMAA.

2023 CMAA Pledge Report
As of 4/16/2023

2023 PARISH GOAL: $54,300
2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $54,489
2023 AMOUNT PAID: $37,019
2023 BALANCE DUE: $17,470

Our Sanctuary Lamp
Our sanctuary lamp is a 7-day candle that is always lit above the tabernacle. If you would like to contribute $20 to the cost of the weekly candle, we will include an acknowledgement in the bulletin. You are also welcome to make the donation in memory of a loved one. You may mail your request with your contribution to: Holy Ghost Church at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.

In Memory of
Joan B. Kiss
From Katie Golowacz

In Memory of
Audrey M. Hornicak
From Kelly Scardina

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Please include your choice of date from the list below.
*The following dates are open for donations:
May 27/28
June 24/25
July 1/2, 8/9, 22/23
August 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27
(*Availability subject to possible change once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

**Pray for Our Military**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

**AIR FORCE:**
- LT COL Anthony Calabrese
- LT COL Patty Calabrese
- MAJ Mary Dones
- CAPT Joseph Piscopo
- CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
- 1st LT Joshua Jalewicz
- SSgt Robert W. Dones
- SSgt Timothy Latvis
- SRA Randall Petybok

**ARMY:**
- LTC Robert Bowen
- LTC Grace Gallagher
- 1LT Elizabeth Gonzales
- SSgt Zack Cieslak
- SPC Marco Garcia
- SPC David Patcher
- CWO4 Anderson Mann
- PVT Steven Badgley
- PVT Ian Schauuck

**MARINE CORPS:**
- CAPT Edward W. Miller
- SGT Nicholas Reid
- CPL Charles Golowacz
- CPL Jack Rowley
- LCPL David Lozeau
- PVT Cameron Andresen
- PVT Vincent Anthony Eltman
- PVT Billy Termine
- PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

**NAVY:**
- LCDR Nicholas Lucania
- LT Matthew Stasiak
- HM3 Danielle Schlarb, CST
- Ryan Ruizol

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**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

- Cathy Alcozer
- Gloria Anderson
- Joel Calderone
- Anna Canale
- Ron Catalano
- Martin Chiido
- James Cumo
- John Davis
- Rose Marie Davis
- Philip Giancola
- Gerry Grupe
- Evelyn Hickman
- Special Intention
- Anthony Jasinski IV
- Karen Junke
- Meaghan K.
- Mike Kaiser
- Virginia Kapelanski
- Joyce Kordas
- Carrie Krush
- Patricia Krush
- Angela Liga
- Noel Lopez
- Mary Marino
- Wendell Meyer
- Bill Morse
- Bonnie Murphy
- Gloria Paz
- Lisa Perez
- Laverne Peterson
- Rose Powers
- William Powers
- Joseph Prince
- Robert Rosch Sr
- Andrew Rosinski
- John Rossi
- Reiner Siedentopf
- Wanda Slupik
- Jackie VanJoske
- Larry Venere
- Carol Williams
- Maria Yanez

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**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

“**I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This.**”

Have you ever felt like you weren’t doing the work you should be doing? We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, This. This is who I’m supposed to be. I recognize this person.

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn’t matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of “I said I don’t want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!” and “Honey, I’ve got an early meeting, I’m so sorry but I have to run,” ringing in the background, I think to myself: I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.

Christ’s own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn’t until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — “Were not our hearts burning within us?”

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don’t know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don’t know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

“He was made known to them in the breaking of bread.” — Luke 24:35

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

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Please help: Is our Military Prayer List current? Please email: joni@holyghostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information. Thank you!
"I urge you to remain steadfast in faith, so that at last we will all reach heaven and there rejoice together."  
—St. Andrew Kim Taegon

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -  
AN INVITATION TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Peter’s first public speech in Jerusalem focuses on Jesus’ connection to King David. In other words, Peter spoke of God’s fidelity to Israel in Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. What would you like to know about Jesus’ Jewish roots?

Second Reading: Peter encourages his community to “conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning” (life on earth). How might you show respect to others this week?

Gospel: We hear how the two disciples on the road to Emmaus finally recognized the risen Jesus in the blessing and breaking of the bread. What helps you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday of Easter

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, “Father, I know you’re so busy, but …” It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don’t we all feel at times that God just doesn’t have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning “Road to Emmaus” story we hear this week. It’s the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them.

It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn’t have “better things to do.” You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us.

So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— Father John Muir
Please help: Our food drive is ongoing. Non-perishable canned, boxed and bagged food items may be placed on the shelving unit in the gym. Your continued support is most appreciated.

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Saint Joseph Table on March 19. We truly appreciate the donations of food, time, talent and treasure. Whatever role you played contributed to the success of this beloved tradition! God Bless You!
The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with “benediction,” the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament. Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.
Please join Pope Francis in praying his April 2023 intention:
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

Mother’s Day and Father’s Day are just around the corner. A beautiful way to honor each of your loved ones, living or deceased, would be through a spiritual bouquet of remembrance at the Masses at Holy Ghost on those special days. (Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, Godfathers.) We are offering beautiful customized cards. The stipend for each card is $10.

Father John will silently remember each person, as requested, during the Masses on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day weekends.

Please complete the form below and submit it to the parish office.
Questions: 630-860-2975

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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, May 20, 2023  6PM Mass

Who may receive the Sacrament of the Sick?
* All persons of any age who have a serious, acute or chronic physical illness.
* Older persons who suffer from the weakening effects of old age.
* Persons facing serious surgery.
* Persons who suffer from anxiety, depression or drug addiction.

Please complete and return this form to the parish office by Thursday, May 18.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________________________

_______ I wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick at the 6PM Mass. _______ I use a wheelchair.