Welcome to Holy Ghost! We’re thankful that you could be with us today.
We’re honored to share this Easter with you as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.
We hope that God touches your life as we worship side by side.
May you experience the joy and peace of God in your mind and heart.

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
duckedness 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.

The parish offices will be
closed on Easter Monday.
There be no Adoration or
8:30AM Mass on Monday, April 10.
Wishing you and your loved ones
a blessed Easter!

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.
Easter is a seven week season of joy and grace. Starting with the Triduum in Holy Week and ending with Pentecost Sunday, this 50 day season has been called “the radiant center of the liturgical year.” We keep celebrating so that we might enter into the meaning of the resurrection and to deepen the way it touches our daily lives.

After Easter Week's resurrection stories, the first reading for the rest of this long and glorious season is from the Acts of the Apostles. Every day we see how Jesus' followers reacted to his death, the challenges to their witness and the unexpected courage that comes to them. John’s Gospel is used for the entire Easter Season, the one time of year we can enter into his poetic and layered stories on a daily basis.

Easter only begins with Easter Sunday. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible fear of death.

In these 50 days, we are Easter People!

Food for the Banquet
A beautiful way to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, is through providing Food for the Banquet.
You may mail your request with your $50 contribution to Holy Ghost Church at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.

In Loving Memory of
John & Virginia Zdunek
and Fred & Marion Bero
From Dennis & Theresa Bero

In Loving Memory of
Arturo C. Bugayong
From Eva Yu, Adrienne & Vicky

Please include your choice of date from the list below.
*The following dates are open for donations:
April 22/23
May 6/7, 27/28
June 10/11, 24/25
July 1/2, 8/9, 22/23, 29/30

(*Availability subject to possible change once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)
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.

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Lisa Perez
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John Rossi
Reiner Siedentopf
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Joyce Swearingen
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Maria Yanez

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.

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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!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Easter Sunday and Object Permanence

When you play peekaboo with a very young baby who has not yet developed object permanence, you actually feel kind of mean. As soon as your hands obscure your face, their little eyes widen with alarm and their expression crumbles into confusion and despair.

Because they can no longer see you, they believe you no longer exist. Their little brains are unable to understand that just because a thing cannot be seen, it is still there, still alive, still full of love and care and protection.

Aw, man, you can hear them thinking. I guess I don’t have a mom anymore.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I’m sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn’t matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren’t ready to understand then.

In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it; don’t we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: “You weren’t there. Where were you? I couldn’t find you.”

But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world — in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. — Colossians 3:2

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

PRAYER & WORSHIP

April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
**Easter Joy for Everyday Life**

More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It’s true that Jesus says “Come to me and bring me your burdens” but we usually can’t believe it. Maybe we don’t want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm’s length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more. When we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can’t take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That’s when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by “being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast.” We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus’ love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

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Thank you to all who generously donated to our new Paschal candle.

Margaret Anderson: In Memory of Lawrence G. Anderson
Dennis & Theresa Bero: In Memory of Fred & Marion Bero and Larry Valio and John & Virginia Zdunek
Lorraine & Paul Kmiecik: In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Rafa & Kmiecik Families
Liz & Don Novak: In Memory of the Cybulko & Novak Families
Bill & Bernice Sosnowski: In Memory of Eugene & Helen Sosnowski and Bruno & Mary Ann Sczubleski
Joseph & Eleanor Yello: In Memory of John & Jenny Yello and Peter & Gennie Nutini

Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women

Carole Fitzpatrick has been elected the 2023 Woman of the Year by the Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women. Carole will be honored at a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Saturday, April 22, 2023 along with her counterparts from throughout the six deaneries of the diocese.

Carole exemplifies the qualities of a good Catholic woman. She lives her faith and shares it with others. Carole has devoted countless volunteer hours to the Holy Ghost Parish community. She has served as Secretary of the CCW from 2018-2023.

Carole helps with hospitality at CCW events, providing the snacks and drinks and overseeing the kitchen participants. As Secretary of the CCW she takes minutes at all the board meetings and provides them to the co-presidents in a timely fashion.

Carole has taken leadership for many events, such as the CCW Gingerbread House decorating contest and the Paint and Pour Girlfriends’ Night. She served on the By-laws Revisions committee. She selflessly gives her time, talent, and treasure to any project she volunteers for. Carole can come up with a vision for an event and sees it through to its success.

Carole is a woman of prayer. She is devoted to the Blessed Mother and is a faithful participant at the Thursday evening rosary and she makes sure her mother, Mary Rose, is able to attend as well.

Carole’s consistent dedication has added up to a great contribution of her time and talent. She is a humble and joyful disciple of Jesus.

The Council of Catholic Women is honored to name Carole Fitzpatrick as our 2023 Woman of the Year!
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.

**Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women**

**2023 PLANT SALE**

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**PLEASE PREORDER**

**RETURN ORDER & PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

**PICKUP:** HOLY GHOST CHURCH RYAN HALL (GYM) SATURDAY, MAY 6 4-6PM & SUNDAY, MAY 7 8AM-NOON

The **33rd Anniversary** of the Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus Council will be celebrated Sunday, April 16 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

You are invited to a movie screening of the film "Unplanned".

Hosted by the Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus.

**Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 1 PM in the Gym**

Light refreshments will be served.

Parental Discretion Advised

From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of *God’s Not Dead*, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our time. *UNPLANNED* brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry through one woman’s inspiring story of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. She believed in a woman’s right to choose, and as one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life advocates in America.

Please join us for our 1st annual **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, April 23, 2023
We will be serving from 9AM to 12:30PM in the Holy Ghost Parish gym.

Breakfast includes pancakes, 2 sausage, condiments and coffee, milk or juice. (Extra sausage will be available for purchase.)

**Tickets are $5**

(Children ages birth to 3 years old are free.)

*Featuring a Basket Raffle and Lollipop Pull.*

Pre-sale tickets are available.
Please contact Fran @ 630-766-4508 to purchase. All profits will support Holy Ghost Parish and the programs provided for community assistance.

Questions? Would you like to volunteer?
Call Fran @ 708-218-6511 or fran@holyghostparish.org

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Congratulations to
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May God bless you and continue to send the Holy Spirit to guide you as you grow in love and communion with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.