

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

APRIL 12, 2026

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

#1167

### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Sam Conforti  
*Pastor*

Deacon Robert A. Lasica  
*Permanent Deacon*

*Boguslaw Kowalski*  
*Permanent Deacon Candidate*

### Parish Staff

Tammy Campeotto  
*Business Manager x123*

Joanne DeZur  
*Receptionist x120*

Frances Hargadon  
*Funeral Ministry/Event Director x121*

Kelly Scardina  
*App & Web Manager x122*

John Daily  
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*Director of Music*

Nancy Siemers  
*Director of Faith Formation/  
Human Resources x130*

Susan Tutaj  
*Coordinator of Discipleship x132*

Veronica Borowski  
*Faith Formation Administrative  
Assistant x131*

### Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm  
Closed Friday - Sunday  
630-860-2975

### Faith Formation Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm  
630-766-4509

*(Located on the north side of the church  
in the Farrell Faith Formation Center)*

Did you know that Holy Ghost Church has it's own Facebook page?



Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.



### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4 pm Saturday  
8 am Sunday  
10:30 am Sunday

### DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

### FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 am

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

**Confessions** will be  
heard on Saturdays  
from 3 to 3:45PM.



### Homebound:

If you or someone you know is in need of sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation or Communion please call the office at 630-860-2975 to schedule a priest visit.

# WELCOME

April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday



**Saturday, April 11**

**4PM Mass**

**For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased**

**Sunday, April 12**

**8AM Mass**

**+Frank, Nancy & Paul Bellisario  
+Tonya & Giovanni Lanero**

**10:30AM Mass**

**+Henry Samaniego**

**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, April 13**

**+Eddie Talm**

**Tuesday, April 14**

**+Health & Blessings  
Richard Cieslak**

**Wednesday, April 15**

**65th Wedding Anniversary of  
Anthony & Christine Clementi**

**Thursday, April 16**

**+Maria Yanez**

### Parish Membership:

Holy Ghost church welcomes you and your family. Please register by calling, stopping by the office during the week, or download the form from our website and return to the office.

### Bulletin Articles:

All articles for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted **at least 10 days before the published Sunday**. This allows time for editing, formatting, and printing. Make sure to plan ahead to meet the deadline and ensure your content is included in the upcoming bulletin! Please email bulletin content for consideration to [hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org)

### Baptisms:

Parents or guardians are required to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are held on the first and third Saturdays. Please call us to register.

### Baptismal prep classes:

Our baptismal preparation classes are held on the first Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. **This meeting must be attended before setting the date.** Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

### Marriages:

It is necessary that all couples desiring to be married at Holy Ghost Church call the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date of their wedding and BEFORE they set a date with a banquet facility. Please call us to register.

### Religious Education:

Our Religious Education Program builds and supports informed, practicing, and faith filled families. The program is held on select Sundays from September through April between 9:00-10:15 AM. Families are then encouraged to attend mass together either at 8 AM or at 10:30 AM Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

### Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Instruction for children on these sacraments is currently being offered within the religion curriculum in the Faith Formation programs. It is diocesan policy that a person be in the Faith Formation program for two full years before receiving sacraments. For more information and to register please contact the (RE) Faith Formation Office at 630-766-4509.

### 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, & Holy Days of Obligation.

# THANK YOU

*for your generosity*

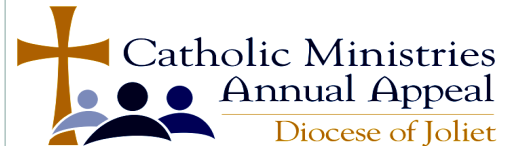
**March 25 — March 31, 2026**

**Sunday Collection \$9,269.70**

YTD Budget thru February 2026  
\$356,667

YTD Actual thru February 2026  
\$329,595

YTD Difference thru February 2026  
**-\$27,072**



	2026
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$54,200</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Donors</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2026 Rebate</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Updated 4/6/2026

### Pledge your gift to the CMAA

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$54,200. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church vestibles, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

### UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

April 18 – Core

April 26 – Catholic Home Missions

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 kind support is greatly appreciated.





# Pray for the Sick

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

April 12, 2026  
Divine Mercy Sunday

### 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
- MAJ Jeremy Shimanek
- 1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
- SSGT Robert W. Dones
- SSGT Timothy Latvis
- SRA Randall Petrbock
- A1C Ryan Leider
- A1C Nicholas Pfeifer
- A2C James Kochanski III

### ARMY:

- LTC Robert Bowen
- LTC Grace Gallagher
- CAPT Elizabeth Gonzales
- SFC Zack Cieslak
- SPC Marco Garcia
- SPC David Patcher
- CW4 Anderson Mann
- CW2 Carlos Contreras
- PVT Steven Badgley
- PVT Ian Schauchuk

### MARINE CORPS:

- CAPT Edward W. Miller
- SGT Nicholas Reid
- SGT Jack Rowley
- LCPL Michele Giuseppe Bottalico
- LCPL Vincent Anthony Eltman
- PVT Cameron Andresen
- PVT Gabriel Leon
- PVT Billy Termine
- SGT Jeremy Ames

### NAVY:

- LCDR Nicholas Lucania
- Ryan James Ruizol
- CTT2 Kurtis Ames



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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cathy Alcozer           | Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz |
| Bianca Marie Borowski   |                          |
| Michael Brann           | Cindi Shea               |
| Micah Casey             | Frank Staggs             |
| Ron Catalano            | Holly Staggs             |
| Ady DeLargarza          | Nancy Townsend           |
| Aldegunda Diego         | Larry Venere             |
| Thomas Franzen          | Feliciano Vero           |
| Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales | Gloria Villanueva        |
| Mike Kaiser             | Salvatore Vivo           |
| Sarah Kasab             | Joe Vocino               |
| Jerad Klint             | Matt Vocino              |
| Therese Kotecki         | Joseph Yello             |
| Michael Malek           | Cyndi Zwadlo             |

**And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.**

### Military and Prayer List

Please email: [hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org) or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to add or remove a name from the list.

**Thank you!**



### The 36th Anniversary of the

Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus Council will be celebrated

Sunday April 26 at the 10:30 Mass.

### Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life.

No man is too busy to be an active Knight of Columbus. Spending just 24 hours per year can make an enormous difference in your life.

Serve the parish, give back to the community, grow in your faith, and access our optional top-rated insurance to protect your family. The Order was made for the moment we are in, as a Church, as a country, as families and as men.

The council's members include Father Sam and Deacon Robbie Call Grand Knight Warren Wawczak 630-487-7925

### Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### 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.



Please include your choice of date from the list below.

**\*The following dates are open for donations:**

**April** 11/12, 18/19

**May** 9/10, 16/17, 30/31

**June** 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28

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

### 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 or honor 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 Angelica LaPorta

From the Family of  
Amatore LaPorta

Names will be printed in the bulletin in the order in which they are received.



### THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

We are in the end times. We live in the last days. When our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven it was the beginning of the end of the world. However, permanent this world may seem, however impossible it may seem at times to resist the powers of this world, the last days of the world are bracketed by the ascension of Jesus Christ and by His return to be our Judge on the Last Day.

God has already determined when the end of this world will happen, and even if He has chosen not to share the

information about the precise time with us, He knows it, and His Providence is active in bringing His work in this world to a close.

God's most important work is, in fact, already complete. Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of the Father, came into this world to save it. This He has already done. He has died on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins, atoning with His own Blood for our rebellion against his Father. He has risen from the dead and He is our great High Priest, making atonement so that we may become by adoption and grace the sons of God in Him. He has already been taken into heaven, into the Holy of Holies not made with hands, into the living presence of the Father, to offer His one sacrifice of Himself for all sin, for all time, to his Father.

And now Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of His Father in the place of the highest honor and glory, because His work of salvation is done. Every human being who will ever be saved, is saved by that one sacrifice of Christ once offered. There is no other price for sin, no other savior, no other hope of eternal life. There is nothing that we can do to add to the pure gift of salvation that Jesus Christ has given to us and to all who believe in Him; and there is nothing that we can do, or that anyone else can do, to save those who refuse to believe, except to pray to Jesus Christ that He will intervene and save them, not by dying again, but by giving them the gift of faith in his death, resurrection, and ascension.

Our Lord's ascension is also the proof of our salvation. Since He is true man, as well as true God, and He has taken human flesh and human life into the very presence of God, no one can ever say again that there is no place for man in heaven or before the throne of God, because man in Jesus Christ is already there. In Christ, mankind is made fit, by salvation and grace, for eternal fellowship with God, so that where Christ is now, one day, on the Last Day, all

of redeemed humanity will gather before the Father's throne in their own resurrected and glorified bodies.

Until our Lord's return to judge the living and the dead, there is but one main task before mankind, and that is to get ready for Christ's return and for the end of the world.

Getting ready for the end of the world, however, has nothing to do with chasing after every apparition, or listening to every persistent seer, because God has reserved the time and the hour of the end to Himself. Therefore, guessing about the end or trying to predict the end is a waste of time. Getting ready for the end of the world has nothing to do with filling our pantries with food or stocking up on other supplies, as though we would actually need them when Christ comes to give the faithful a new heaven and a new earth ruled absolutely by a good and gracious God. And getting ready for the end of the world most certainly has nothing to do with just sitting quietly and piously, waiting for the end to come.

Christ told us what to do to prepare for the end of the world, and we hear what he had to say as it is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

Since the Holy Ghost descended on Pentecost, our work in the world, and the way we are to prepare for the end of the world, is to witness to Jesus Christ everywhere from our own homes and towns to the farthest reaches of the earth. To witness is not just "talking about Jesus," but it is also showing people that Jesus Christ is alive and at work in us by the Christian lives that we are living in Him.

The way we work, pray, and do charity; the way we stand up for justice, especially for the weak; the way we relax and amuse ourselves as the children of God and not as the children of fallen Adam; the way we embrace the joys and the sorrows of our lives with hope and grace: if we do these things in Christ, knowing that Christ is alive and glorious at His Father's side and that our salvation is the already-accomplished work of the Son of God made man, then we witness to Jesus Christ by our living. It is then that we are preparing ourselves and our neighbors for the end of the world, whenever it comes.

As the angels who attended the ascension told the Apostles, we need not stare up with astonishment at the heavens. What Jesus Christ has already done is a sure and certain thing. We don't have to gaze at it to make it true. So, also, is Christ's





Second Coming a sure and certain thing, making it completely unnecessary to watch in curiosity for Christ's return as if watching will make it so, or that it will somehow change the timetable that God has established from before His creation of the world.

God will have His way. He will have His redeemed children in a fellowship of love forever. Jesus Christ has already made this so. Our job is to live that fellowship right now, as much as we are able, knowing that God in heaven has already decided when He will make our lives perfect by sending his Son in all His glory, to bring this world to its perfect conclusion in Him.

But it begins in us.

Fathers, love your families by being the spiritual leader they need, as St. Joseph was for the Holy Family.

Mothers, remember that you are the heart of your household, so dedicate yourselves to the Blessed Mother by asking for her prayers and following her example.

Children, obey your parents, and honor them as God's gift to you.

And for all of us, let's rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ. Renew the promises made at your baptism. Heal those relationships that are broken. Pay attention to those around you, and see to their needs insofar as possible. This is how we honor and prepare for the return of the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that like as we do believe thy Only Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



Pictures from our Easter Egg Hunt



Baby Bottle Collection

April 11-12 the Knights of Columbus will be distributing Baby Bottles for donations for the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland that assist women in crisis pregnancy situations.

100% of your change, bills, and checks will help provide free ultrasounds that have spared many women from making the heart-breaking decision to destroy their unborn children.

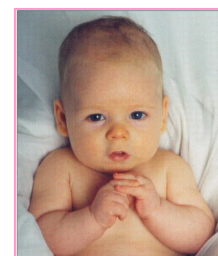
Please return the bottles May 9-10, even if they are empty.

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Crisis pregnancy counseling, medical and social referrals, material goods assistance 40,000 Moms and babies have been saved from the tragedy of abortion since 1984

www.womens-center.org 773-794-1313

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# Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women



### By-laws Inspection

The Council of Catholic Women have revised and amended their By-laws as of March 10, 2026. Article XII states that after they are reviewed and adopted by the Executive Board, they must be made available to all women of the parish, since every woman is a member. The By-laws will be available on the Holy Ghost Website Council of Catholic Women page on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please make any comments to Kelly Scardina at [Kelly9572@aol.com](mailto:Kelly9572@aol.com). A vote will be taken at the General Membership Paint and Pour Night on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### CCW Officer Nominations for 2026-2028

The following women have been placed in nomination for the Council of Catholic Women for the 2026-2028 term. These Officers will be elected at the April 14<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. For questions, contact Carole Fitzpatrick at [cjfitz82@gmail.com](mailto:cjfitz82@gmail.com).

**President-** Gina Reckard  
**Vice President-** Kelly Scardina  
**Secretary –** Tricia Warneke  
**Treasurer-** Judy Carter

### Women of the Parish

Are you looking to join a community of women that want to share their faith and talents? Do you want to get involved in planning parish events?

Join us at our next monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 28th at 7 PM** in the **Koinonia Room**. ( Enter on the north side at the Farrell Faith Formation door.) We are looking forward to meeting you! **We hope to see you there!**

**For More information call or text  
 Gina Reckard-630-536-7427**

## HG CCW GERANIUM AND PLANT SALE

PRE-SALE ORDERS TAKEN THRU APRIL 21st (drop in offering or at parish office) or

ORDER AND PAY WITH CREDIT/DEBIT after 8am and before 10:30am masses at Welcome Center  
 PICKUP SATURDAY MAY 2nd 10am-11am and after 4pm Mass AND SUNDAY, MAY 3rd after all masses

### HERBS (4.33" pots) \$6.00 per plant

BASIL (Sweet Genovese) QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

CILANTRO QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PARSLEY (Forest Green) QTY: \_\_\_\_\_



Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPATIENS (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

NG PINK QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DEEP PURPLE QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

NG SONIC WHITE QTY: \_\_\_\_\_



### COLEUS (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

BEALE STREET QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

GREEN HALO QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

### POTATO VINE (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

MARGARITA QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

BLACKIE QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

### GERANIUMS (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

ROSE PINK QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

SALMON QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIGHT RED QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

WATERMELON QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10" GERANIUM HANGING BASKETS (Patriot) \$25.00 per basket

WHITE QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIGHT RED QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

CHERRY ROSE QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SALE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/CELL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please join Pope Leo in praying his April 2026 intention:  
For priests in crisis.** Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



### **The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women**

Cordially Invite You to Our "Paint and Pour" Social

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM in Gym**  
CCW "Paint and Pour" Social - RSVP by Sunday, April 12th

Everyone can create a great artistic piece with easy step by step instructions and have fun seeing all the other works of art! This year - painting on glass! Make your choice below

Get creative while you laugh, drink and spend time with your friends. We make it easy to paint and have a great time. Refreshments will be served.

**Bring a friend and get painting, have refreshments and fellowship for \$10.00 per person**

I am ready to release my hidden talent, have fun, and enjoy fellowship!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark ONE "X" for your choice.

Choose your item:

\_\_\_\_\_ wine glasses (2)

\_\_\_\_\_ vase (1)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks to Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women.

Drop in the collection basket or in the parish office.  
Any questions: Carole at [cjfitz82@gmail.com](mailto:cjfitz82@gmail.com) or call 630-595-7532



### **An Easter Morning of Reflection: DISCOVERING GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE FACE OF JESUS**

Fr. Sam Conforti and Susan Tutaj  
will guide you through the morning.

This Easter Season, join us to reflect on how we experience the presence of God in our lives, we will pray, reflect on scripture, journal, enter a guided meditation and have time for adoration.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026  
9:30-NOON in the KOINONIA ROOM**

(Please enter the Faith Formation Door in the circular driveway: Door#20)

To attend: please register with Joanne in the parish office at 630-860-2975