

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Parish Office Hours:

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

Faith Formation Office Hours:

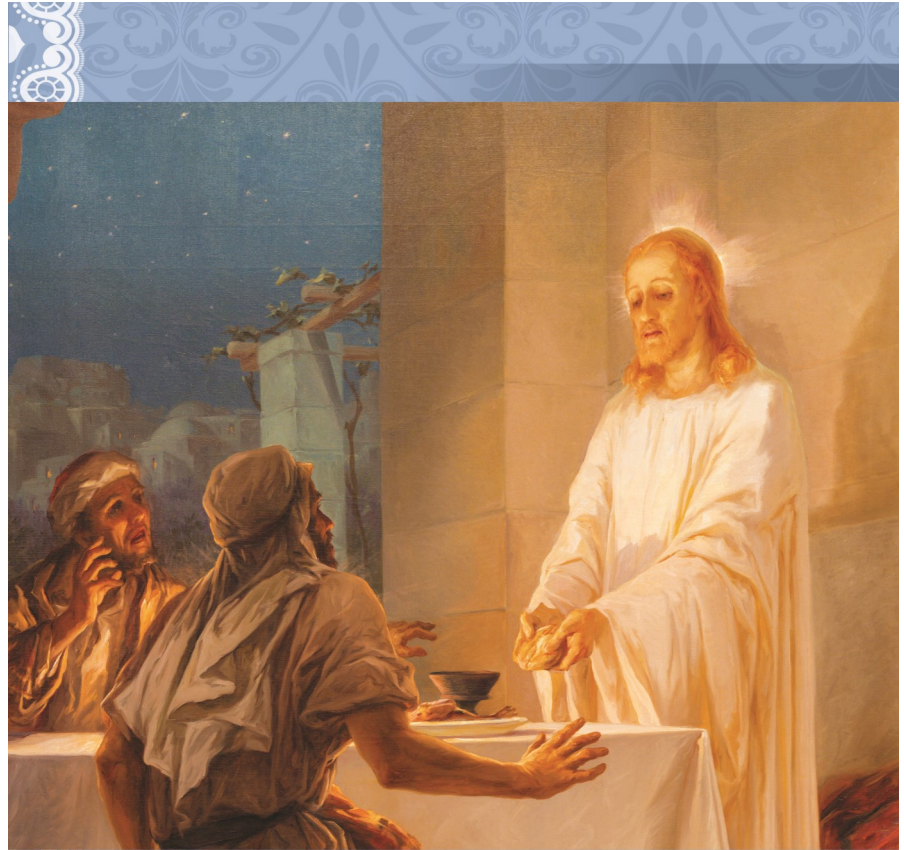
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509

*(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.



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Luke 24:30-31

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



Saturday, April 18

4PM Mass

+Samuel Gattuso

Sunday, April 19

8AM Mass

**+Sara Olivares
+Angel Vazquez**

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+Judy Brancato

8:30AM Mass

Monday, April 20

All deceased & living families of Monaco & Mormino

Tuesday, April 21

+Dennis & Marge Colgan

Wednesday, April 22

+Mathew Vellurattil

Thursday, April 23

+Theresa Nelson

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

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

April 1 –April 7, 2026

Sunday Collection \$6,065.25

YTD Budget thru March 2026
\$401,250

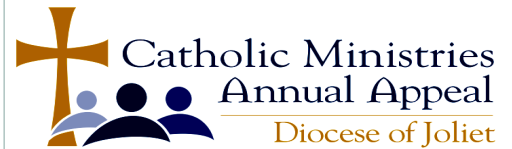
YTD Actual thru March 2026
\$380,387

YTD Difference thru March 2026
-\$20,862



We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your generous and thoughtful Easter offerings.

Easter Collection thru 4/7/26
\$20,371.57



	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$49,612
Amount Paid	\$34,213
Balance Due	\$15,399
Donors	188
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 4/13/2026

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 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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



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 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.

In Memory of Sandi Sobieski

From Fred Sobieski

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

April 25/26

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

June 6/7, 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 Richard Hansen

From Diane and Colette Hansen

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



THE BIRTH OF JESUS AS SEEN BY BLESSED CATHERINE EMMERICH AND AS CONFIRMED BY THE DEVIL DURING EXORCISM

...as revealed to Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

The light which surrounded the Blessed Virgin became more and more brilliant: the light of the lamp prepared by Joseph could not be seen. When the hour of midnight arrived,

Mary was transported in an ecstasy. I saw her raised a certain height from the ground; she had her hands crossed upon her breast. The light kept increasing around her; everything seemed to feel a joyful emotion, even things inanimate. The rock which formed the floor and the wall of the grotto were, as it were, alive with light. But soon I saw no more of the roof; a luminous path, whose brightness continually increased, went from Mary to the highest heaven. Then was there a marvelous movement of the celestial glories, which, approaching nearer and nearer, appeared distinctly under the form of the angelic choirs. The Blessed Virgin, raised from the earth in her ecstasy, prayed and turned her eyes to her God, of whom she had become the mother, and who, a feeble new-born infant, was lying on the ground before her.

I saw Our Savior like a little shining infant, whose brilliance eclipsed all the surrounding splendor, lying upon the rug before the knees of the Blessed Virgin. He seemed to me very small, and to grow larger before my eyes; but this was only the radiance of a light so dazzling that I can scarcely say how I could see it. The Blessed Virgin remained some time in ecstasy. Then I saw her place a linen cloth over the child; but she did not touch Him nor take Him yet into her arms. After a short time, I saw the Infant Jesus move, and I heard Him cry. It was then that the Blessed Virgin recovered the use of her senses. She took the child, wrapped it in the linen cloth with which she had covered it, and took it in her arms against her breast. I believe that she suckled it. I then saw angels around her in human form prostrate themselves before the new-born and adore Him.

About an hour had elapsed since the birth of the child, when Mary called St. Joseph, who was still praying with his face to the ground. Approaching, he prostrated himself, full of joy, humility, and fervor. It was only when Mary had induced him to press to his heart the sacred gift of the Most High, that he rose, received the Infant Jesus in his arms, and returned thanks to God with tears of joy.

Then the Blessed Virgin swathed the Infant Jesus. Mary had only four linen cloths with her. I then saw Mary and Joseph sitting on the ground near each other. They did not speak, but seemed absorbed in contemplation. Before Mary, swathed as an ordinary child, was laid the new-born Jesus, beautiful and bright as lightning. "Ah!" I exclaimed, "this place contains the Salvation of the whole world, and no one can doubt it."

They then placed the infant in the crib. They had re-filled it with rushes and beautiful plants, on which they had spread a coverlet. It was above the trough, hollowed in the rock to the right of the entrance to the grotto, which became larger there in a southerly direction. When they had placed the infant in the crib they both stood at the side, shedding tears of joy and chanting songs of praise. Joseph then arranged the sleeping couch and seat of the Blessed Virgin by the side of the crib. I saw her, both before and after the birth of Jesus, dressed in a white garment, which completely covered her. I saw her during the first days sitting, kneeling, standing, or even lying on her side, and sleeping; but neither ill nor fatigued.

An account by an Exorcist

The following is from the book "La Vergine Maria e il diavolo negli esorcismi" (The Virgin Mary and the Devil in the Exorcisms) by Fr. Francesco Bamonte (2014):

"It was a few days before Christmas 2006 and there was a lot of discussion about the attitude of some theologians that disagreed with the teaching of the Church by denying the virginity of Mary. Besides, even though this has not been defined, they affirmed that the Virgin Mary suffered during childbirth.

Right around those days when [during an exorcism] we were praying the third joyous mystery of the Rosary, meditating upon the mystery of the Birth of Jesus the devil suddenly said,

"When that One (Jesus) was born of that one (the Virgin), there was a light like when He was resurrected."

A few days later, during the Octave of Christmas,

"To the marvel of all creation, in a light that illumined and enveloped all inside that cave, a Child was born who did not damage the holy body of His Mother. It was a unique



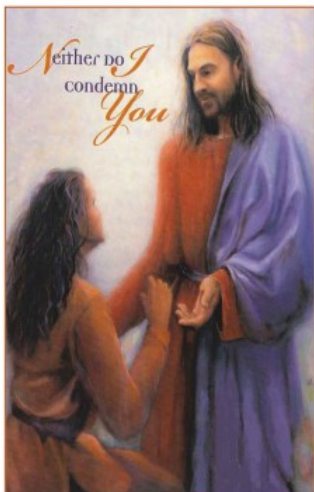
birth in the world and there will never be another like it again. And that Mother with a stupid gaze and tears of joy received Him with an indescribable love."

(A few days before Christmas 2007)

"You cannot imagine the amazement in those eyes with those tears falling from them, because She could not understand how it was possible that She had the Child in her arms. How did She do it? What amazement!...What love!...(Here the evil one started to cry out of pain because of the harm the memory of the coming of God on Earth caused him.) And She covered Him because it was cold, and She kissed Him."

Then he added to our great surprise, this extraordinary declaration about the love of God for us by becoming man, and choosing to suffer and die for us:

"If only you understood how much love has moved everything, if you only understood, I would be destroyed! If only one man, a single man understood 1% of the love that moved That One to come to Earth, I would be destroyed, because it is so great, so great that you cannot imagine it."



MERCY, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS...

If you are suffering from grief after having had an abortion, remember that God always offers forgiveness. Nothing is unforgivable and the Church is the hospital of healing. Just as the father ran to the prodigal son when he came home, so too is God waiting with open arms to receive you back home!

2026 Retreat Dates

May 1 - 3

Oct. 2 - 4

Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center at Sisters of Mt. Assisi - Lemont, IL

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process.

Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by reconciliation, grace and peace.

Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises that help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist.

The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Information, prayer, registration contact:

815-370-8118 or 815-634-3796

www.diojoliet.org or

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness - call the Rachel's Vineyard toll-free national hotline at

877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)

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.

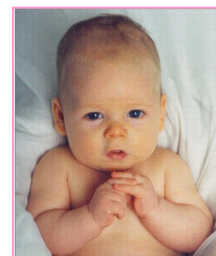
Please return the bottles May 9-10, even if they are empty.

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

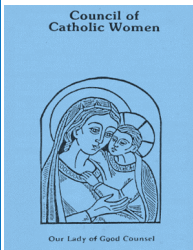


Women of the Parish

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



The Holy Ghost CCW will hold their 65th Anniversary Celebration Mass

on May 17th at the 10:30 AM Mass

Installation of Officers for 2026-2028 will take place after Mass. Immediately following the Installation we will have lunch, catered by Fran Hargadon, in the Koinonia Room.

Tickets are \$30 and will be on sale at the Welcome Center following masses on the weekends of April 25, May 2, and May 9.

Please join us.

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.



At our Easter Vigil, we welcomed Izolda Smith, Eduardo Martinez and Fiona O'Neill into our faith community with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.





We welcome Maximilian Greg Anszczak who was recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.




Join Us

For a presentation on the cause for the canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton





6:30-8 pm, Tuesday, May 5
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL 60435
Parish Commons - Door 26

Join **Bishop Perry** from the Archdiocese of Chicago for his presentation on the cause for the canonization of Father Augustus Tolton



KINDLY RSVP

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For more information, contact blackcatholicministry@dioceseofjoliet.org

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit dijoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!