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Parish Office Hours:

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

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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.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

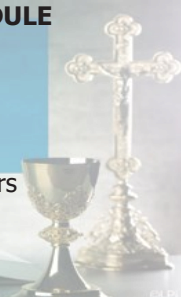
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 am



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.

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



WELCOME

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, April 25

4PM Mass

+Fred Bero

Sunday, April 26

8AM Mass

+Mercedes Yanez

10:30AM Mass

+Larry Mackey

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, April 27

+Michael B Curiale

Tuesday, April 28

+Daniel James Makil

Wednesday, April 29

+Veronica Baker

Thursday, April 30

**Health & Blessings for
Melissa Thomas**

Friday, May 1

+Zygmunt Rozponolowska

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.

THANK YOU

for your generosity

April 8 –April 14, 2026

Sunday Collection \$9,911.28

YTD Budget thru March 2026
\$401,250

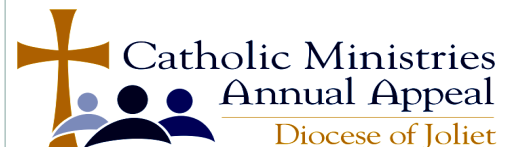
YTD Actual thru March 2026
\$380,387

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 4/14/26
\$25,461.57



	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$49,662
Amount Paid	\$34,728
Balance Due	\$14,934
Donors	189
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 4/20/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

April 26 – Catholic Home Missions

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.

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 26, 2026

Fourth 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.

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Matt Vocino
James Wilk
Joseph Yello
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.

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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:**

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

June 6/7, 20/21, 27/28

July 4/5, 11/12, 25/26

(*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.

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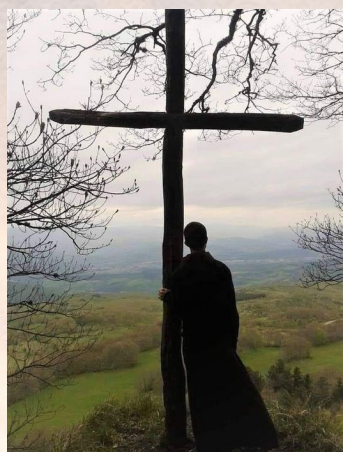
Holy Ghost Church
at 254 N Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale IL 60191



In Memory of Grzegorz Anszczak

From Janszak Family

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



WHAT HOLINESS IS NOT:

Understanding the True Path to Sanctity

In Catholicism, holiness is understood as living a life in union with God, striving toward moral and spiritual perfection.

However, holiness is often misinterpreted, leading to false ideas about what it truly means to be holy.

To clarify the authentic Catholic understanding of holiness, here are 15 things

that holiness is not:

1. HOLINESS IS NOT SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS:

Holiness does not involve thinking of oneself as morally superior to others.

True holiness requires humility and recognizing that all goodness comes from God, not from personal merit.

2. HOLINESS IS NOT PERFECTIONISM :

Holiness does not demand flawless behavior or an error-free life.

It acknowledges human weakness and sinfulness but encourages constant conversion, repentance, and reliance on God's grace.

3. HOLINESS IS NOT ISOLATION:

Being holy does not mean withdrawing from the world or cutting oneself off from others.

Holiness often involves engaging with the world, serving others, and building community.

4. HOLINESS IS NOT LEGALISM:

It is not about strictly adhering to a set of rules without love or understanding.

Legalism focuses on external compliance, while true holiness arises from a heart transformed by love for God and neighbor.

5. HOLINESS IS NOT A PASSIVE STATE:

Holiness requires action—following Christ, practicing virtue, and serving others.

It is not just a contemplative or passive state but involves actively living out one's faith.

6. HOLINESS IS NOT ONLY FOR PRIESTS OR RELIGIOUS:

Holiness is the universal call for all baptized Christians, regardless of their state in life.

Laypeople, married couples, and single individuals are all called to holiness in their unique vocations.

7. HOLINESS IS NOT A REJECTION OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD:

Catholic teaching does not view holiness as a denial of the physical or material aspects of life.

God created the world as good, and holiness involves using the world's goods responsibly and for the glory of God.

8. HOLINESS IS NOT ABOUT APPEARING PIOUS:

Holiness is not measured by outward displays of piety, such as frequent prayer or religious observance done for the sake of being seen by others.

It is about the sincerity of one's heart and intentions toward God.

9. HOLINESS IS NOT AN ESCAPE FROM SUFFERING:

A holy life does not avoid suffering but embraces it with trust in God's will.

Catholic teaching holds that suffering, when united with Christ, can be redemptive and a path to sanctification.

10. HOLINESS IS NOT SELF-CENTERED:

True holiness involves selflessness and charity toward others.

It is not a solitary journey focused solely on one's personal spiritual advancement but includes loving service to others.

11. HOLINESS IS NOT JUDGMENTAL:

Holiness does not mean judging others harshly for their sins or shortcomings.

Instead, it fosters compassion, mercy, and a desire to help others grow closer to God without condemnation.

12. HOLINESS IS NOT A FEELING:

It is not about constantly feeling close to God or experiencing spiritual highs. Holiness often requires perseverance in faith, even in times of dryness, doubt, or desolation.

13. HOLINESS IS NOT RIGID OR INFLEXIBLE:

A holy person is open to God's will and is not stubbornly attached to their own plans or desires. They remain flexible and adaptable to where God's grace is leading them.

14. HOLINESS IS NOT UNATTAINABLE:

Catholic teaching emphasizes that holiness is within reach for everyone. It is not something reserved for saints in heaven but a daily goal for every Christian who seeks to follow Christ.

15. HOLINESS IS NOT INSTANT:

Holiness is a lifelong journey of growth, conversion, and transformation. It is not something that happens overnight but requires continual striving, prayer, and cooperation with God's grace.

CONCLUSION

Holiness, as the Catholic Church understands it, is a dynamic and relational path of becoming more like Christ.

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.

It is not about achieving perfection in our own strength or elevating ourselves above others, but about humbly cooperating with God’s grace, living a life of love, and seeking the good of others.

Holiness calls for a balance of contemplation and action, faith and works, and an openness to God’s transforming love.

By understanding what holiness is not, we can avoid common misconceptions and better pursue the true meaning of a holy life in God’s eyes.

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Special Message
from Bishop Dennis E. Spies
April 2026



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we continue celebrating the joy of the Resurrection, I have a special request for the people of our diocese on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County.

On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

A Special Second Collection

To offer concrete support, I am asking every parish in the Diocese of Joliet to take up a special second collection the weekend of May 2–3 or May 9–10, 2026. **Here at Holy Ghost it will be on May 2 & 3.**

How the Funds Will Be Used

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.
- Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

Where to Send Collections

Collections should be sent to:

Diocese of Joliet
c/o Finance Office
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Dennis E. Spies
Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet

Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women

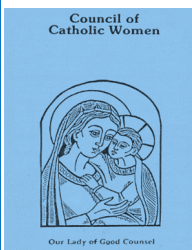


Women of the Parish

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.**



**Gina Reckard has been elected the
2026 Woman of the Year by the Holy
Ghost Council of Catholic Women.**

Gina will be honored at a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Saturday, April 25, 2026 along with her counterparts from throughout the six deaneries of the diocese.

Gina exemplifies the qualities of a good Catholic woman. She lives her faith and shares it with others. She has devoted countless volunteer hours to the Holy Ghost Parish community.

Gina has served as Co-President of the Council of Catholic Women for two years, and in that time she has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, deep compassion, and a steadfast commitment to the mission of our parish.

As a retired nurse, Gina has used her professional gifts in service to our community by establishing quarterly blood pressure screenings for parishioners. She has also organized and implemented our Parish Blood Drives, ensuring that this vital act of charity continues to thrive. Her care extends beyond our parish walls as well. Gina has served as a liaison and mentor to a mother supported through the Caring Network program, offering guidance, encouragement, and a compassionate presence.

Gina's spirit of service is evident in every corner of parish life. She has assisted residents at the Radcliff Assisted Living Facility, helping them attend Mass with dignity and ease. She has participated in mission trips to Haiti, serving in the Dental Clinic and later sharing her experiences with our parish through an educational and inspiring presentation. She helps provide safe drinking water in developing nations through the Water Women Program which provides water filters for those communities. Gina even brought her talents into our parish gym, leading a pasta making class with her nephew-an event that was both delightful and wonderfully received.

As Co-President of our CCW, Gina has been instrumental in strengthening our community. She played a key role in planning our Advent Tea, including coordinating with our guest speaker, Fr. Tony Pizzo, and ensuring the event's success. She helped organize Council Weekend to boost membership and better meet the needs of the women of our parish. Gina also represented Holy Ghost at the National Council of Catholic Women Convention in Orlando in August 2025, where she engaged fully with the mission and vision of the NCCW. Her technological skills have been invaluable as well, helping modernize our Council's operations and contributing to revisions of our By-Laws.

Gina Reckard is a woman of faith, dedication, and joyful service. Her leadership has strengthened our Council, her compassion has touched countless lives, and her example inspires all who know her.

**The Council of Catholic Women is honored to name
Gina Reckard as our 2026 Woman of the Year!**

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

May 3rd at 1:15 PM

Fr. Burke and Fr. Christian invite men who may be discerning a call to the priesthood to join a monthly gathering for conversation and guidance. Open to men from high school juniors and older, these meetings offer an opportunity to meet with Fr. Burke and Fr. Christian, ask questions, and explore what it means to discern a vocation to the priesthood.



RSVP

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LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE RSVP.



We welcome Vielka Ortiz and Maximilian Class who were recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.

OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

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