

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

VIGIL #1152 SUNDAY #1165

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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.

Please see Fr. Sam's Easter message on page 4.



## EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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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 5, 2026  
**Easter Sunday**



**Saturday, April 4**

**4PM Mass**

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

**Sunday, April 5**

**8AM Mass**

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

**10:30AM Mass**

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



**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, April 6**

**+Bryan Thomas**

**Tuesday, April 7**

**+Kmiecik & Klich Families**

**Wednesday, April 8**

**+Romana Sciddurlo**

**Thursday, April 9**

**+Isabelle Hennessy**

**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.

**THANK YOU**

*for your generosity*

**March 18 — March 24, 2026**

**Sunday Collection \$11,313.08**

YTD Budget thru February 2026  
\$356,667

YTD Actual thru February 2026  
\$329,595

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



**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

Diocese of Joliet

	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 3/27/2026

**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.



**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.



# Pray for the Sick

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

April 5, 2026  
Easter 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



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.

### In Memory of Pasquale Dardano

From the Dardano Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

**April** 11/12, 18/19, 25/26

**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 Joey Albergo

From Your Parents

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

## EVENTS & MORE

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## CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is truly risen — Alleluia!

With great joy, I extend to you and to all who live within the boundaries of our parish a blessed and happy Easter. Whether you join us every Sunday, come occasionally, or have not been with us for some time, please know that you are remembered, valued, and held in prayer by this parish community. Easter is a feast not only for the regular churchgoer, but for every person who calls this place home. The risen Lord comes for each one of us, exactly where we are.

Easter is the heart of our faith. What began in sorrow on Good Friday bursts forth in triumph at the empty tomb. The darkness of death gives way to the light of new life. The disciples who once hid in fear are filled with courage and hope. This transformation is not just a story from long ago—it is the promise God makes to us today. No matter what burdens we carry, no matter how heavy our hearts may feel, the resurrection of Jesus tells us that hope is never lost. God is always at work bringing life out of death, joy out of sorrow, and light out of darkness.

In our daily lives, we all experience moments that feel like Good Friday — times of loss, uncertainty, disappointment, or loneliness. Perhaps this past year has brought challenges to your family, your health, your work, or your sense of peace. Easter does not ignore these realities. Instead, it speaks directly into them. The risen Christ still bears the wounds of the cross, reminding us that God's love meets us

in our suffering and carries us through it. The empty tomb assures us that suffering and death do not have the final word.

As your pastor, I want you to know that this parish is here for you — not only in times of celebration, but also in times of need. Our church is more than a building; it is a spiritual home. It is a place where you are always welcome to seek God, to ask questions, to find comfort, and to grow in faith. If you have been away, I gently invite you to consider returning, even if just for a visit. There is no judgment here — only the open arms of Christ and a community ready to receive you.

Easter is also a time of renewal. Just as spring brings new life to the earth, the resurrection invites us to begin again. Perhaps this season is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life, reconnect with the sacraments, or reach out to someone in need. Even small steps — an extra moment of gratitude, a kind word, an act of forgiveness — can become powerful signs of the new life God is creating within us.

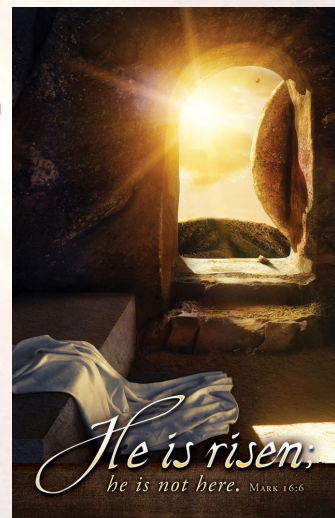
To our families, thank you for striving to pass on the faith in a busy and demanding world. To our elderly and homebound members, your prayers are a quiet but powerful strength in our parish. To those who feel distant from the Church, know that you are not forgotten. And to every person living within our parish boundaries, regardless of how often you attend Mass, this message is meant for you: you belong, and you are loved.

The joy of Easter is not meant to be kept to ourselves. It is a gift to be shared — in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our daily encounters. A smile, a word of encouragement, a gesture of kindness — these are simple ways we can witness to the risen Christ. In a world that often feels divided and uncertain, your faith and your goodness can be a light to others.

As we celebrate this holy season, may the peace of the risen Lord fill your hearts and homes. May you experience His presence in both ordinary and extraordinary moments. And may the hope of Easter remain with you long after the season has passed.

Please know that I am grateful for you and that I carry you in my prayers each day. May God bless you abundantly this Easter and always.

In Christ's love,  
Your Pastor,  
Fr. Sam Conforti



## DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



The Discipleship Committee has completed reading the Pastoral Letter: MAKE and have begun brainstorming ideas to put together a three-to-four-year plan for the parish. Please pray for the Discipleship Team as we formulate the parish plan.

The following is taken from the MAKE Pastoral Letter:

The shared elements of Discipleship are Conversion, Confession, Communion, Commission plus Prayer.

"Conversion is that moment when you realize that God is real and not just a theory, and when you personally understand that God is connecting with and loving you to the point that you respond by deciding to Follow him forever." (MAKE, p.6)

"Our faith will no longer feel like a matter of routine, but rather a joyful desire to participate"..... in our Church (MAKE, p.6)

Confession..."while we are sinners, let us strive to be saints. Only then will we begin to taste the fullness of being made into true disciples of Jesus. When we desire that for ourselves, we will naturally want it for others, too."

Communion: "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life, making disciples through personal transformation....You are what you eat! Therefore, the Eucharist is the food by which Jesus becomes alive in us. Transformed by Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, we receive the grace and power to go on mission as his disciple-makers." (MAKE, p.8)

"If you already cherish the Eucharist, let your love for it shine brightly. Share it, adore it, and receive it with a joyful heart. If the Eucharist has not yet become a central part of your spiritual journey, I strongly invite you to make it a priority. Ask the Lord to kindle within you a deeper longing for His true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and experience the transformative grace it bring into your life."(MAKE p.9)

Commission: ..."The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world: 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!' This sending at the end of the Mass is, for each of us, our personal participation in the disciple-making mission of the Church." (MAKE p. 10)

Prayer: St. Therese of Lisieux "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. Prayer is the heartbeat of our journey to live in unison with Jesus today and always."

"We are called to shine the light of the Gospel for all to see. This is our mission and purpose, our daily task, and the source of our deepest joy." (MAKE p.13)

The first task for the Discipleship Team was to form a Prayer Team. We have the Monday-Thursday Adoration Group, a Home Group and a Group at the Radcliffe praying

## NEWS & EVENTS

April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday

for our needs each month. This month we are asking them to pray for the committee as they formulate the 3-4 year plan for the parish. If you would like to be included in one of these groups, please contact Susan.

Susan Tutaj

Coordinator of Discipleship  
stutaj@holyghostparish.org  
630-860-3691



### *Baby Bottle Collection*

**April 9-10** 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.

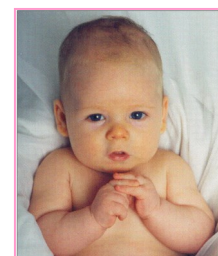
**Please return the bottles May 9-10, even if they are empty.**

### *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](http://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.



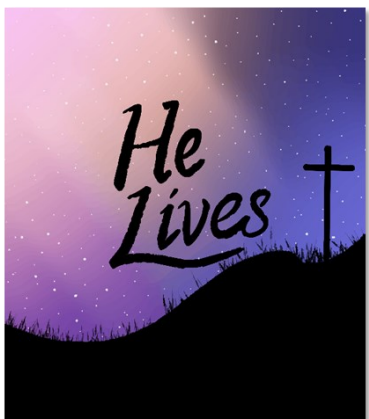
**Easter Sunday Message**  
from Bishop Dennis E. Spies  
April 2026

Happy Easter everyone! This is the greatest of all the celebrations. Everything we celebrate all year culminates Easter Sunday. Have you ever considered that the whole point of Christmas is that Easter Sunday needs to happen? Sometimes we forget in our life that Easter Sunday is real. We think a lot about the passion that Jesus had to go through on Good Friday and how we participate in it. When life is difficult and we're struggling, we sometimes forget about Easter Sunday during the year. It's important for us to remember that any time we're going through something and we're struggling, and then somehow we get through it, and it's extraordinary afterwards—that's Easter Sunday in your life.

Our Lord Jesus participated in Easter Sunday to let us know that he has power over life and death. His life wasn't taken from him. He gave it away—the same with rising from the dead. He chose to rise from the dead. Why would he do that? To let us know that we're next. We get to participate in this resurrection when we follow Him throughout our whole life. And the whole point of the resurrection is the proclamation of eternal life, that we will rise from the dead when we die. Thanks be to God that He saw fit to give us such an example.

This witness is apparent as we enter into this Easter season when we see the apostles boldly testifying to the resurrection from the dead—most of them with their lives. They were martyred on account of their testimony, so it's not just an expression. Jesus actually rose from the dead, and they gave their lives to testify to it.

So, this year, remember that celebrating Easter is about celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead, and the hope that he gives us. Rather than filling up on chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs because you gave up chocolate for Lent, celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in your life, rising out of the many challenges you face to give you hope in this life and in the life to come. Thanks be to God.



**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