

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

August 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Pastoral Staff

**Rev. Sam Conforti**  
*Pastor*

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*Permanent Deacon*

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*Coordinator of Discipleship x132*

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**Veronica Borowski**  
*Faith Formation Administrative  
Assistants 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)



## 18th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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## 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.



## 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

August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, August 2**

**4PM Mass**

**+ Mary Ann Sczubleski**

**The Parishioners of Holy Ghost  
Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, August 3**

**8AM Mass**

**+ Giacchino Abbate**

**10:30AM Mass**

**+ Mildred Tripoli**



**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, August 4**

**+ John Zdunek**

**Tuesday, August 5**

**+ Jose Lugo**

**Wednesday, August 6**

**Health & Blessings for  
Fr. Marek Herbut**

**Thursday, August 7**

**+ Mamerto & Marietta Beluso**

### 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

### Sunday Collection

**July 17–July 23, 2025**

**\$7,442.50**

YTD Budget thru June 2025  
\$573,000

YTD Actual thru June 2025  
\$536,671

YTD Difference thru June 2025  
**-\$36,329**



**Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal**

Diocese of Joliet

	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$64,236
Amount Paid	\$53,897
Balance Due	\$10,339
Donors	222
2025 Rebate	\$0

Updated 7/27/2025

### 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.

### Initiation Sacraments for Adults:

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation  
Through the parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process, adult candidates (individuals who were baptized and now wish to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church) may receive formation in the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. At the end of the instructional period, all candidates will complete their full initiation into the Church.

Adult Catechumen (individuals who seek to enter into the Catholic faith for the first time) will receive instruction in Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. At the end of the process, all catechumen will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. For more details contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.





### 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  
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek  
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec  
SSGT Robert W. Dones  
SSGT Timothy Latvis  
SRA Randall Petrbock  
A1C Ryan Leider  
A1C Nicholas Pfeifer

### ARMY:

LTC Robert Bowen  
LTC Grace Gallagher  
CAPT Elizabeth Gonzales  
SFC Zack Cieslak  
SPC Marco Garcia  
SPC David Patchter  
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

### NAVY:

LCDR Nicholas Lucania  
Ryan James Ruizol

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Domenico Albergo

Cathy Alcozer

Hilde Alt

Joan Atkins

Mary Bacci

Ron Bacci

Carrie Baran

Bianca Marie Borowski

Gaetano Bottalico

Michael Brann

Joel Calderone

Ron Catalano

James Cumo

John Davis

Rose Marie Davis

Ady DeLargaza

Bernadine DeMichele

Rosalia DiGirolano

Ryan Fish

Tom Franzen

Phil Goulding

Evelyn Hickman

Michael Hoeing

Special Intention

Mike Kaiser

Sarah Kasab

Kathy Kennelly

Paul Kmiecik

Adam Kocik

Joyce Kordas

Therese Kotecki

John Kwarcinski

Marilyn Lambros

Bill LaPonte

Steven Leeson

Donald Lesmeister

Noel Lopez

Michael Loss

Julie McKay

Ange Mikuls

Robert Pauss

Gloria Paz

Lisa Perez

Laverne Peterson

John Pettineo

Pat Pitello

Linda Plesh

Rose Powers

William Powers

Joseph Prince

Elvira Prine

Karen Reedus

Sue Robertson

Andrew Rosinski

John Rossi

Paul Runyon

Izzy Santiago

Cindi Shea

Wanda Slupik

Fred Sobieski

Tony Szabelski

Nancy Townsend

Jackie Vanjoske

Diamond Vega

James Paul Vega

Steve Vega

Larry Venere

Tina Wallace

Carol Williams

Blake Wishnow

Jordan Jr—Witold Dudziak

Maria Yanez

Cyndi Zwadlo

Meg

Meaghan

Paolo

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

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

August 3, 2025

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### 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 Jerisy Trocha

From The Meyer Family



Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

**August** 9/10, 16/17, 23/24

**September** 6/7

**October** 18/19

**November** 1/2, 8/9, 22/23, 27, 29/30

**December** 6/7, 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 Amatore Laporta Family

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



**Is our Military and Prayer List current?**

Please email: [hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org)  
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975  
to help us update this information.

**Thank you!**



### Why is The Altar Incensed During the Mass?

"And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the

throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God." (Rev 8:3-4)

**Smells and Bells-** Most Catholics are familiar with the expression "smells and bells" which is invoked to describe the use of incense and altar bells (or sanctus bells), usually as they are associated with a more traditionally offered Mass.

For over 800 years altar bells have been heard at such moments as the Sanctus, the epiclesis, as well as the elevation.

While the use of bells and incense sadly decreased in the decades following the implementation of the New Mass, in recent years they are making a comeback as more parishes rediscover their liturgical tradition.

**A Venerable Tradition-** In his classic work *The Mass: A Study of the Roman Liturgy* (first published in 1912), Fr. Adrian Fortescue references the use of incense as a "common object of sacrifice to both pagans and Jews (Lev. 21:6; Lk. 1:9-11)." Fr. Fortescue continues: "Moreover, the Bible plainly suggested its use. Not only the Old Testament, but Lk. 1:9, the incense offered by the Wise Men (Mt. 2:11), and the incense at the heavenly altar in Apoc. 8:3-5 made its use, as soon as Christian worship began to be adorned with symbolic ceremonies, inevitable." (The Mass, pp. 228-229)

Further, the use of incense within Christian liturgies appears to be referenced as far back as the 4th century by St. Ambrose. The Liturgy of St. James which is found in such eastern rites as the Syrian Catholic, Malankara Catholic and Maronite also incorporates the use of incense. Dating back to at least the fifth century, this liturgy is one of the oldest Christian liturgies in use today.

**Tradition & Symbolism-** Traditionally the Church incenses that which is sacred. This is why the altar is incensed during the Mass (as pictured above): because it is another symbol

for Christ and so it is revered.

The Traditional Latin Mass is replete with this symbolism. Indeed, the Missal calls for the use of incense during these moments of the Mass:

At the beginning, when the altar, crucifix, and celebrant are incensed. The Gospel is incensed just prior to it being sung. At the offertory, oblations, the altar, the cross, the priest, the deacon, subdeacon, choir, and assembly are all incensed (in this order). The host and chalice after each consecration are incensed as they are elevated.

**The Sense of Smell-** Our olfactory receptors are directly connected to the limbic system, which science tells us is the most ancient and primitive part of the brain, and believed to be the seat of emotion. Put simply, olfactory perception is our sense of smell.

For most of us, the smell of incense at Mass is something unique and distinct from the scents we encounter the rest of the week. Through its use of incense, the Church finds yet another way to communicate to us that we are engaging the sacred when we participate in the Mass. Our sense of smell becomes another way that the temporal acquiesces to the eternal, thereby reinforcing the beauty and sacredness of the liturgy which we have entered.

**A Scent from Heaven-** Our faith tells us that there is but one Church. Those of us on earth (the Church Militant) join together in prayer at the Holy Mass with those members, the saints, already in heaven (The Church Triumphant). The rich symbolism and theological significance of incense should be more than enough to encourage its use within the liturgy.

A lengthy quote from the great nineteenth century abbot and liturgist Dom Prosper Gueranger beautifully captures the use of incense at Mass and its direct association with the eternal worship offered our Lord in Heaven:

"The blessing, which the Priest gives it (the incense) in the Mass, raises this production of nature to the supernatural order. Holy Church has borrowed this ceremony from Heaven itself, where St. John witnessed it. In his Apocalypse, he saw an Angel, standing, with a golden censer, near the Altar, on which was the Lamb, with four-and-twenty elders around him. (Apoc. 8:3) He describes this Angel to us, as offering to God the prayers of the Saints, which are symbolized by the incense. Thus, our Holy Mother the Church, the faithful Bride of Christ, wishes to do as Heaven does; and taking advantage of the veil of its mysterious secrets being even thus partially raised up by the Beloved Disciple, she borrows, for our earth's imitation, the tribute of honour thus paid, yonder above, to the glory of her Spouse."

(The Holy Mass, pp. 12-13)

Just a few things to ponder the next time you are blessed enough to experience the smells and bells of our beautiful Catholic Mass.



## **Knights of Columbus** **Vocations Support Program**

Founded by a parish priest, the Knights of Columbus has always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call to service in the priesthood or religious life.

Support money is needed by seminarians for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, emergency expenditures, and other living expenses.

**You can help to support our Religious  
of Tomorrow with raffle tickets**

**\$20,000 IN CASH AWARDS**

**1st PRIZE \$10,000**

**2nd PRIZE \$2,500**  
**4 PRIZES OF \$1000**  
**4 PRIZES OF \$500**  
**5 PRIZES OF \$200**  
**5 PRIZES OF \$100**

**RAFFLE TICKETS are  
\$20.00 a Book for 5 chances**

**Each Raffle Ticket is \$5.00**

**Raffle tickets are available at the  
Church doors August 2-3, 9-10 & 16-17.**

Bring your return address labels to church to attach to the stubs or take a book home to fill in stubs. Turn in the book with the cover attached with \$20.

Make Checks Payable to:  
Knights of Columbus Council 10325  
Deadline Sunday 11/9/25.

**Drawing will be December 6, 2025**

**Our Council will help support Joliet Diocese  
Seminarians with the raffle proceeds.**

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

August 3, 2025

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

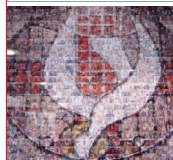
### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**



Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation Program for children ages 4 through Parish 8 begins on September 7, 2025. If you haven't already done so, it is time to register. Forms can be found on the Holy Ghost web site at [www.HolyGhostparish.org](http://www.HolyGhostparish.org) or on the Welcome Center.

Do you know any older teens or adults that want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or may want to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation? If you know anyone needing Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation have them contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

### **DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES**



Did you see all the courses being offered this Fall in your July newsletter? Look in your newsletter to see the complete course descriptions.

New to our parish are:

**When You Pray** (Monday 10am in Room 9)

**The Rescue Project** (Sunday 7pm virtually or  
Wednesday on Campus 7pm in Rm 9)

**Biblical Walk Through Mass** (Monday 7pm)

Consider signing up for one (or two!). If you are new to a day and/or time, go to the parish website: [holyghostparish.org](http://holyghostparish.org).....open SignUpGenius at the top of the page and register for the course that interests you or fits your schedule.

We also have two courses that were offered in the past:  
**Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life** (Tuesday  
Noon in Room 9)

**Discovering Christ** (Sunday 9-10:15am Gym)

Here are a few reviews from your fellow parishioners for Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life:

"This class was an amazing journey. The books and videos were great and you truly felt like you walked with Jesus."

"...this course is worthy of a repeat...It is very rich and for me a personal biography of Jesus."

"Historical content...rich imagery...simple storytelling by three knowledgeable men of faith"

"The book is very enlightening and informative. It pulls together things you already know about Jesus. I think it is a great program."

Susan Tutaj, Coordinator of Discipleship  
[stutaj@holyghostparish.org](mailto:stutaj@holyghostparish.org) 630-860-3691



## EVENTS & MORE

August 3, 2025

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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.



### The Lifesaving Power of Donating Blood

Donating blood is quiet heroism — a small sacrifice with extraordinary impact.

Every two seconds, someone in the world needs blood. Whether due to surgery, trauma, cancer treatments, or chronic illnesses, there is a constant need. This is why donating blood is one of the most impactful and selfless acts a person can do. And one donation can help 3 lives!

Donation restrictions have loosened in recent years. If, in the past you were told you cannot donate, it's likely you can now!

For example, blood donation is not restricted by ethnicity. People of Polish descent can certainly donate blood. Historically if you were born in some European countries, you could not donate blood because some genetic diseases occur more often in some European ethnic groups. Polish donors are especially valuable in the Chicago area because certain blood types and genetic markers common in Eastern European populations may better match to local patients with similar heritage.

Also you can donate if you have high blood pressure or diabetes, as long as your blood pressure and blood sugar are well-controlled.

Beyond helping others, donating blood has health benefits for you, the donor, too. It can provide a free mini health check (like checking your cholesterol for

free) and foster a sense of community. It's a simple process that only takes about 40 minutes, including the pre-check and rest/snack period after.

#### Who can donate:

It depends on age, weight, health status, and lifestyle.

Minimum age: 17

years or 16 with

parental consent

Minimum weight:

110 pounds.

Females, see chart.

You must have a

good breakfast,

be feeling well,

not taking

antibiotics, have no fever and a blood pressure under

good control. You will be asked several confidential

health and lifestyle questions, which protect you as a

donor and the recipient of your blood. You will be

asked about recent travel, certain medications and

vaccinations.

FEMALE HEIGHT	FEMALE REQUIRED WEIGHT
≥ 4'10"	≥ 146
≥ 4'11"	≥ 142
≥ 5'	≥ 138
≥ 5'1"	≥ 133
≥ 5'2"	≥ 129
≥ 5'3"	≥ 124
≥ 5'4"	≥ 120
≥ 5'5"	≥ 115

**The next Holy Ghost Blood Drive is Sunday, Aug. 10 after all masses. Join us and just roll up a sleeve! See you there.**



### Welcome To Our Newly Baptized!



We welcome Daleyza and Elianna Cervantes & Christopher and Oliver Paredes Ocampo who were recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.



### The Council of Catholic Women

Together with



### The Knights of Columbus

Are sponsoring a Parish wide Service Project

August 30-September 7

### Please deposit your NEW baby items in the box in the Narthex or Gym.

Caring Network is a nondenominational non-profit that counsels women who have unexpected pregnancies. Counselors meet with women to educate and help them with their stressors to reconsider abortions and give them health services. Caring Network is for life!

“Caring Network’s mission is to equip women to choose life – both physical and spiritual. That means connecting future moms to local baby supplies programs, small groups, and spiritual guides who can cheer them and their new children on to more abundant life.”

They would benefit greatly with our help to provide them with **NEW** baby items. Families are encouraged to shop together for these baby products: **diapers, wipes, formula, clothes, baby toys.** These items are made available to moms who need a hand. Their women’s centers can refer pregnant women to their local baby supplies program, relieving genuine financial stress and making it a little easier to choose life.

**Cash donations will also be accepted and given to Caring Network.**

**Please help with our service project and deposit your NEW baby items in the boxes in the narthex or gym during the weeks of August 30– September 7.**

Your help will go a long way toward funding God’s work in the lives of pregnant women, new moms, and those healing from abortion throughout Illinois. Please, also keep these moms and their children in your prayers.



### 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, August 12th 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!  
Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women

**We hope to see you there!**



For More information call or text  
Gina Reckard—630-536-7427  
Scan the QR Code to see our  
CCW website page.

### HG CCW Annual Mum Sale!

The Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual Fall Flower Sale  
Pick up on September 13 and 14.  
Pre-orders are being taken through September 7.

Forms will be available in the  
Bulletin and on the  
Welcome Center very soon.



Scan the QR Code to go to our CCW Webpage.

