

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

August 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Permanent Deacon

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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)*



Holy Day of Obligation, August 15, 2025
Mass times 8:30am & 7:00pm

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

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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 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 9

4PM Mass

+Jessica Pauscher

Sunday, August 10

8AM Mass

+Stephanie Rafa

+Emil Pituch

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

10:30AM Mass

+Louis Walsh



8:30AM Mass

Monday, August 11

+Michael Blossak

Tuesday, August 12

+Margarita Heredia Pimentel

Wednesday, August 13

+Halina Skrodzki

Thursday, August 14

+John Santoro

Friday, August 15

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

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

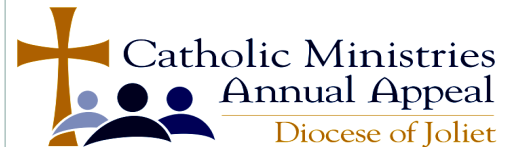
for your generosity

**Sunday Collection
July 24–July 30, 2025
\$7,295.85**

YTD Budget thru June 2025
\$573,000

YTD Actual thru June 2025
\$536,671

YTD Difference thru June 2025
-\$36,329



| | 2025 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Parish Goal | \$58,200 |
| Amount Pledged | \$64,311 |
| Amount Paid | \$54,432 |
| Balance Due | \$9,879 |
| Donors | 223 |
| 2025 Rebate | \$0 |

Updated 8/3/2025

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.

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 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 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

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 DeLargarza

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 10, 2025

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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:**

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 Giuseppe Mariani

From The Cortez 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 or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information.

Thank you!



WHAT SIN IS NOT:
Insights from a Catholic Perspective
In Catholic theology, sin is defined as a deliberate offense against God's will and a rupture in our relationship with Him. Understanding sin requires not only recognizing what it is but also clarifying misconceptions about what sin is not. These insights will help clarify misunderstandings and provide a deeper understanding of moral theology in

Catholic teaching.

1. SIN IS NOT A MERE MISTAKE OR ERROR

Sin is not simply a mistake made out of ignorance or accident.

True sin involves willful disobedience and the conscious choice to go against God's commandments. It is more than a simple error in judgment; it involves the intention to reject what is right.

2. SIN IS NOT AN EXTERNAL ACT ALONE

Sin is not limited to external actions but also encompasses internal thoughts and desires.

Matthew 5:28 says, "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Sin begins in the heart and mind before it is carried out in actions.

3. SIN IS NOT MERELY BREAKING A RULE

Sin is not just about breaking rules; it is about damaging a relationship.

The essence of sin lies in the rupture of communion with God and others.

It is an offense that hinders the love and trust we are called to cultivate with God and fellow human beings.

4. SIN IS NOT THE SAME FOR EVERYONE

Sin is not always the same for everyone, as moral responsibility depends on factors like knowledge, freedom, and intent.

For instance, someone who sins out of ignorance or coercion may not be as morally culpable as someone who sins knowingly and freely.

5. SIN IS NOT INHERENTLY ATTRACTIVE

While temptation may be alluring, sin itself is not. Sin ultimately leads to spiritual death and suffering.

What appears attractive about sin is only the deceptive appeal of temporary pleasure or gain, masking the deeper harm it causes to the soul.

6. SIN IS NOT UNFORGIVABLE

Sin is not beyond forgiveness if there is true repentance.

1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God's mercy is available to all who seek it with sincere hearts.

7. SIN IS NOT MERELY A HUMAN CONCEPT

Sin is not a purely human idea invented to regulate behavior.

Sin is a spiritual reality rooted in our relationship with God.

It involves a deliberate turning away from divine law and divine love, which has eternal consequences.

8. SIN IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR GUILTLESS LIVING

Sin is not something to dismiss as unimportant because of God's mercy.

Romans 6:1-2 warns against continuing in sin under the presumption that grace will abound.

While God is merciful, we are called to strive for holiness, not to exploit His forgiveness.

9. SIN IS NOT NATURAL TO THE HUMAN CONDITION

While humans are fallen and prone to sin, sin is not our natural state.

We are created in the image of God and are called to live in harmony with His will.

Original sin distorted human nature, but through Christ, we are called back to righteousness.

10. SIN IS NOT ALWAYS VISIBLE TO OTHERS

Sin is not always a visible, public act. Some sins are committed in secret, known only to the individual and God. Even private sins, like envy or pride, damage one's soul and relationships with others.

Psalm 139:2 reminds us that God knows even the hidden thoughts of our hearts.

11. SIN IS NOT INEVITABLE

While we are all vulnerable to sin, it is not inevitable. With the grace of God, the sacraments, and a life of virtue, we can resist temptation and grow in holiness. 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures us that God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear.

12. SIN IS NOT MERELY LEGALISTIC

Sin is not about legalistic adherence to religious rules. Jesus condemned the Pharisees for focusing on external laws while neglecting love, mercy, and justice (Matthew 23:23).

Sin is about violating the law of love—failing to love God and neighbor as we are called to.

13. SIN IS NOT WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES

Sin is not without consequence, even if it seems harmless.

Romans 6:23 teaches, "For the wages of sin is death." Sin causes spiritual separation from God, and without repentance, it can lead to eternal loss. It harms both the individual and the community, even when the effects are not immediately apparent.

14. SIN IS NOT MERELY ALWAYS Mortal

Sin is not always mortal, but it can be venial. The Catholic Church distinguishes between mortal and venial sin based on the gravity of the offense, knowledge, and freedom. Mortal sin severs one's relationship with God, while venial sin wounds it but does not break it entirely (1 John 5:16-17).

15. SIN IS NOT PERMANENT IF REPENTED

Sin is not a permanent state unless one chooses to remain in it. Through the sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation), Catholics are offered the opportunity to be reconciled with God and the Church.

Isaiah 1:18 proclaims, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

CONCLUSION:

True Understanding of Sin

In the Catholic perspective, sin is a profound spiritual offense that goes beyond mere disobedience or breaking rules. It is a deliberate turning away from God, damaging the soul and one's relationships with others.

By understanding what sin ****is not****, Catholics can develop a deeper comprehension of sin's true nature and its consequences, which motivates a sincere desire for repentance, reconciliation, and growth in holiness.

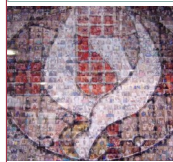
FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



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 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.....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 630-860-3691

EVENTS & MORE

August 10, 2025

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A ROSARY RALLY
IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2025
9AM
HOLY GHOST CHURCH
SOUTH DOORS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA HAS ASKED US TO
PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY.



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

Fr. Sam has been posting on it since
he has arrived here at Holy Ghost.
You can also watch his homily from
the weekend.

Follow us to get information on
upcoming events and more.

Scan the QR code to go to our
Facebook page.



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.**

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.



**Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women
Invites You to
Bunco Game Night !**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025
7:00 P.M. in the Gym**

*Bunco is a dice game, easy to learn and loads of fun.
Bring your friends and family to reserve a table, or
come alone. All are welcome!*

Family Fun! Fellowship! Light refreshments.

**Bring an unwrapped White Elephant
Gift to be used as a prize.**

We hope to see you there!



NEWS & EVENTS

August 10, 2025

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**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!

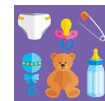
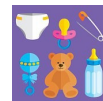
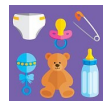
" Caring Network's mission is to equip women to choose life – both physical and spiritual. That means connecting future moms to local baby supplies programs, small groups, and spiritual guides who can cheer them and their new children on to more abundant life. "

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.



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.