

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1245

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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.



Knights of Columbus Council #10325

Website: kofc10325.org
Facebook: facebook.com/kofc10325



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

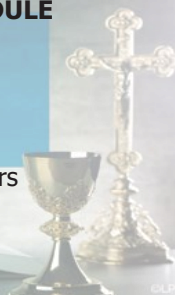
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 am

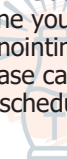


Please join us for **Adoration**
from 7AM to 8AM
before the 8:30AM
weekday morning Mass.

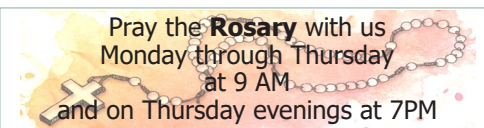


Homebound:

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.



Confessions will be
heard on Saturdays
from 3 to 3:45PM.



WELCOME
AUGUST 2, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

4PM Mass

+Mary Ann Sczubleski

Sunday, August 2

8AM Mass

+Jerry Colletti

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+Raymond Kolinski



Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, August 3

+Shirley Belnar

Tuesday, August 4

John Zdunek

Wednesday, August 5

All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 6

+Robert Tauss

Friday, August 7

+Arlene Swanson

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.

Baptismal prep classes:

Our baptismal preparation classes are held on the first Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

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. 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 the wedding coordinator, Fran Hargadon, 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. 630-860-2975

Annulments:

If you have questions about an annulment or are interested in starting the process with the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Diocese of Joliet, please contact Susan Tutaj 630-536-7427 or stutaj@holychurchparish.org

Funerals:

To schedule a funeral or memorial service for a loved one, please contact Fran Hargadon at 630-860-2975. Our parish community is here to support and comfort you during this difficult time.

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.

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THANK YOU

for your generosity

July 15 - July 21, 2026

Sunday Collection \$7,053.77

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
\$11,150.00

CORE Collection \$1,236.31



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$61,458
Amount Paid	\$51,651
Balance Due	\$9,807
Donors	216
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 7/26/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

August 15/16 - CORE



Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, PayPal

Simply **scan the QR code** or visit our website to **give securely** from your smartphone. Thank you for supporting our ministries and mission!

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@holychurchparish.org

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
AUGUST 2, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
SRA Nicholas Pfeifer
A3C 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

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!



Cathy Alcozer	Cindi Shea
Bianca Marie Borowski	Frank Staggs
Michael Brann	Holly Staggs
Micah Casey	Nancy Townsend
Ron Catalano	Larry Venere
Ady DeLargarza	Feliciano Vero
Aldegunda Diego	Gloria Villanueva
Thomas Franzen	Salvatore Vivo
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales	Matt Vocino
Mike Kaiser	Bernadette Watson
Sarah Kasab	James Wilk
Jerad Klint	Phil Yanez
Therese Kotecki	Joseph Yello
Michael Malek	Cyndi Zwadlo
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz	Colin

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR (Aug.)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

- 1 Br. Damien DeBraekeleer OSF, Br. Joseph Ruscha OSF
- 2 Dcns. Luciano Coston, Paul Dirienzo, Anthony George
- 3 Sr. Mary Lou Wirtz OSF
- 4 Seminarians Matthew Bernhard and Jack Meinhart
- 5 Fr. James Murphy, Fr. Patrick R. Murphy
- 6 Fr. Robert Carroll O.Carm.
- 7 Dcns. Sean McGreal, James Means, Genaro Mampin, Dale Metcalfe
- 8 Sr. Glenna Marie Czachor OSF, Sr. Jackie Drazen OSF
- 9 Fr. Matthew Nathan
- 10 Dcns. Robert Miciunas, Kenneth Miles, Eduardo Murillo, Terrence Neary
- 11 Sr. Fran Glowinski OSF, Sr. Mary Beth Gluckstein OSF
- 12 Fr. Andrew Buchanan, **Fr. Sam Conforti**, Fr. Anthony Nugent
- 13 Sr. Beatrice Hernandez OSF
- 14 Dcns. Paul Newey, Timothy Nickels, Matthew Novak

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, 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 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30
September 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27

(*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 Jerzy Trocha

From the Meyer Family

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

**WHAT THE DEVIL IS NOT:**

Dispelling Misconceptions About Satan

The devil, often referred to as Satan in Christian theology, is a complex figure with many misunderstandings surrounding his nature and role.

While many focus on the dramatic or mythical portrayals of the devil, it is crucial to approach this subject through a proper theological lens to avoid confusion.

Here are key clarifications about what the devil is not:

1. THE DEVIL IS NOT AN EQUAL OPPONENT TO GOD

One common misconception is that Satan is somehow an equal and opposite force to God, locked in a cosmic battle.

In truth, the devil is a created being, a fallen angel who rebelled against God.

As a creature, Satan is not omnipotent, omniscient, or omnipresent, and his power is far inferior to God's.

•Clarification:

God alone is sovereign, and the devil, though powerful, is under God's ultimate control.

There is no dualism in Christian theology where good and evil are equally powerful forces.

Satan's rebellion does not make him equal to God; it makes him a defeated enemy.

2. THE DEVIL IS NOT THE SOURCE OF ALL EVIL

While the devil tempts and incites sin, he is not the direct cause of all evil in the world.

Much of the evil arises from human free will and the fallen state of creation due to original sin.

People are responsible for their own actions, and attributing all wrongdoing solely to Satan undermines human accountability.

•Clarification:

Satan is a tempter and deceiver, but humans have free will and are responsible for resisting temptation.

The devil can influence and distort, but he cannot force anyone to sin.

3. THE DEVIL IS NOT AN ABSTRACT IDEA OR SYMBOL

Some modern perspectives may reduce the devil to a mere symbol of evil or a personification of human wickedness.

However, in Catholic theology, the devil is a real personal being, not just a metaphor or an abstract concept.

The Church teaches that Satan is an actual, fallen angel with intellect and will.

•Clarification:

Satan is not just a mythological figure or a psychological projection.

He is a real being with an active role in tempting humans away from God.

However, he operates under limits imposed by divine providence.

4. THE DEVIL IS NOT BEYOND GOD'S CONTROL

Despite Satan's efforts to corrupt and lead souls astray, he is not outside of God's authority.

The devil cannot act without God's permission, and even his actions are ultimately within the framework of God's plan for salvation.

Satan's influence is constrained, and his defeat is assured through Christ's victory on the Cross.

CLARIFICATION:

Satan's power is limited.

Although he seeks to destroy, his defeat is certain, and his influence is only temporary.

The ultimate triumph belongs to Christ, who has conquered sin and death.

5. THE DEVIL IS NOT ALL-KNOWING OR ALL-SEEING

Unlike God, who is omniscient and sees everything, the devil does not possess perfect knowledge.

He cannot read minds, nor can he foresee the future in the way God can.

The devil is intelligent and cunning, but his understanding is finite, limited by his status as a creature.

•Clarification:

Satan can observe and manipulate, but his knowledge is not divine. He can deceive, but he is not omniscient. His power is rooted in lies, distortions, and temptations, not in ultimate knowledge of God's plans or people's thoughts.

6. THE DEVIL IS NOT ABLE TO OVERRIDE FREE WILL

Satan can tempt and deceive, but he cannot force individuals to commit sin. Human beings retain their free will and the ability to choose good or evil. The devil's strategy is to seduce and manipulate, but every person has the power to resist through grace, prayer, and the sacraments.



•Clarification:

The devil can tempt and make sin seem attractive, but he cannot take away a person's ability to choose what is right.

The human soul is always capable of turning to God, no matter the temptation.

7. THE DEVIL IS NOT A COMIC OR SUPERSTITIOUS FIGURE

In popular culture, the devil is often depicted in cartoonish or exaggerated ways—a red, horned figure with a pitchfork.

Such depictions trivialize the reality of spiritual warfare and diminish the serious nature of Satan's role as the enemy of souls.

•Clarification:

The devil is not a joke or a mere figure from folklore.

His reality is much more subtle and dangerous, operating through lies, temptations, and deceptions that can lead people away from God.

8. THE DEVIL IS NOT IRREDEEMABLE DUE TO GOD'S LACK OF MERCY

It is often asked why Satan cannot be forgiven if God's mercy is infinite.

The Church teaches that angels, due to their superior intellect and understanding, made a once-and-for-all decision to rebel against God.

Satan's fall was a free and final choice, and his separation from God is self-imposed.

•Clarification:

Satan's inability to be redeemed is not due to a limitation of God's mercy but to the irrevocable nature of his choice.

Unlike humans, angels, who have superior knowledge and will, do not have the opportunity for repentance once their decision is made.

9. THE DEVIL IS NOT A CREATOR OF LIFE OR EXISTENCE

Another misconception is that Satan has creative power, capable of bringing things into existence.

While he can distort and corrupt what God has created, he cannot create life or existence.

Only God, as the Creator, can bring something into being from nothing.

•Clarification:

Satan can only pervert and ruin what is already made by God.

His power is based on corruption, not creation.

He twists and distorts, but he cannot create anything good or original.

10. THE DEVIL IS NOT INVINCIBLE

Finally, it is essential to understand that the devil is not invincible or unbeatable.

Through the power of Christ, especially through the sacraments, prayer, and spiritual discipline, the devil's influence can be overcome.

The Church teaches that every Christian, with the help of God's grace, can defeat Satan's temptations.

•Clarification:

Satan is not unbeatable. Christ has already won the ultimate victory over Satan through His death and resurrection.

With God's grace, every Christian can resist the devil and grow in holiness.

CONCLUSION:

The Devil as a Defeated Adversary

Understanding what the devil is not helps us gain a clearer understanding of his limitations and his role in Christian theology.

Satan is neither equal to God nor an uncontrollable force, but a finite, defeated enemy whose power is restricted.

His primary tools are lies and temptation, but through the grace of God, Christians can overcome his influence.

The ultimate message of Christian hope is that Satan's final defeat has already been assured by Christ, and the faithful can share in that victory by remaining close to God.



Please join Pope Leo in praying his August 2026 intention:

For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Spend an Hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration



"Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

Everyone is warmly invited to **Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**, concluding with **Benediction**.

Eucharistic Adoration is a sacred time of prayer spent in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an opportunity to step

away from the busyness of daily life, to sit quietly with Our Lord, to pray, listen, give thanks, seek guidance, and place your intentions before Him.

The fruits of Adoration are countless. Time spent with Jesus deepens our relationship with Him, strengthens our faith, brings peace to anxious hearts, renews hope, and provides grace for the challenges of everyday life. Many experience greater clarity in discerning God's will, healing of mind and spirit, and a growing desire to live as faithful disciples.

Whether you come for the entire hour or just a few moments, Jesus is waiting for you with love. Make Eucharistic Adoration a regular part of your spiritual life and discover the peace and strength that come from simply being in His presence.

**Eucharistic Adoration
Monday – Thursday
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Benediction at 8:00 a.m.**

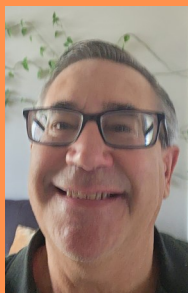
"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

August is Make-a-Will Month

August is Make a Will Month and the Diocese of Joliet is excited to announce its new **FREE** estate planning partner, Catholic Legacy, a ministry of Relevant Radio. Catholic Legacy helps parishioners create Wills, Funeral Plans, and Healthcare Directives in alignment with the teachings of the Church. There is no better time to create or update your will.



MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED PAUL STEGER



Being asked to write about how I encounter God has been difficult for me. How do I put how I feel into words?

Throughout my life I have noticed the beauty of our world.....the plants and flowers, birds, fish, clouds, sunrises, sunsets, a beautiful day and even in the big willow tree in my backyard.

As a dad, it is very evident to me that God's presence is in my children. Each of them is unique and they each have God's goodness within them. I delight in witnessing their kindness, caring, and willingness to give blood regularly to help others.

My family also donates aluminum can tabs to Ronald McDonald House. They help families with food and boarding when their children are sick. It's a worthwhile charity that I believe God is present in.

And then there is the blessing of my two grandchildren. There was the miracle of birth plus they bring smiles, curiosity, excitement and learning new things into my life. I am so lucky to see God's goodness in them.

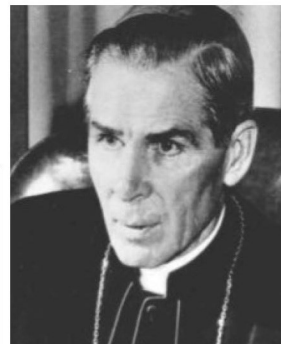
Moving to Wood Dale has also brought the blessing of good neighbors and my Holy Ghost family. I have witnessed how our parishioners support one another....they feel like family. My Wednesday night small Christian community classes have allowed me to explore and reflect on my faith and to be able to consider the views of my other class members. Through them I hear God showing me new ways and new perspectives. I was overwhelmed to learn that "Christ died to pay my ransom into heaven."

I also continue to be grateful for all the experiences I have had by being part of the Discipleship Team and supporting other ministries.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Attend the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24, 2026 in St. Louis, MO.

Get your tickets here:



Children's Bulletins Weekly Children's Bulletins, containing pictures, puzzles and information about the Sunday Scriptures are available in the vestibules. Children are welcome to take them home each week and Grandparents are invited to pick them up for their grandchildren.

NEWS & EVENTS

AUGUST 2, 2026

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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 1-2, 8-9 & 15-16.

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 11/8/26.

Drawing will be December 4, 2026

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

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation

Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation Program for children ages 4 through Parish 8 **will begin on September 13, 2026**. Forms can be found on the Holy Ghost web site at www.HolyGhostparish.org or in the vestibules.

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.

Inviting all Crafters and Vendors...

to participate in this year's

Holy Ghost Parish Holiday Bazaar

Tables are available for rent
one or both days -

One day-\$50 per table

Two Day - \$80 per table

Application available online:

*Holyghostparish.org
under the Parish Events tab*



*For more info contact Frannie
@ 630-860-2975 ext. 121 or
email: fran@holyghostparish.org
text - 708-218-6511*