

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

**AUGUST 23, 2026**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**#1254**

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*Permanent Deacon*

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*Permanent Deacon Candidate*

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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)*

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own Facebook page?

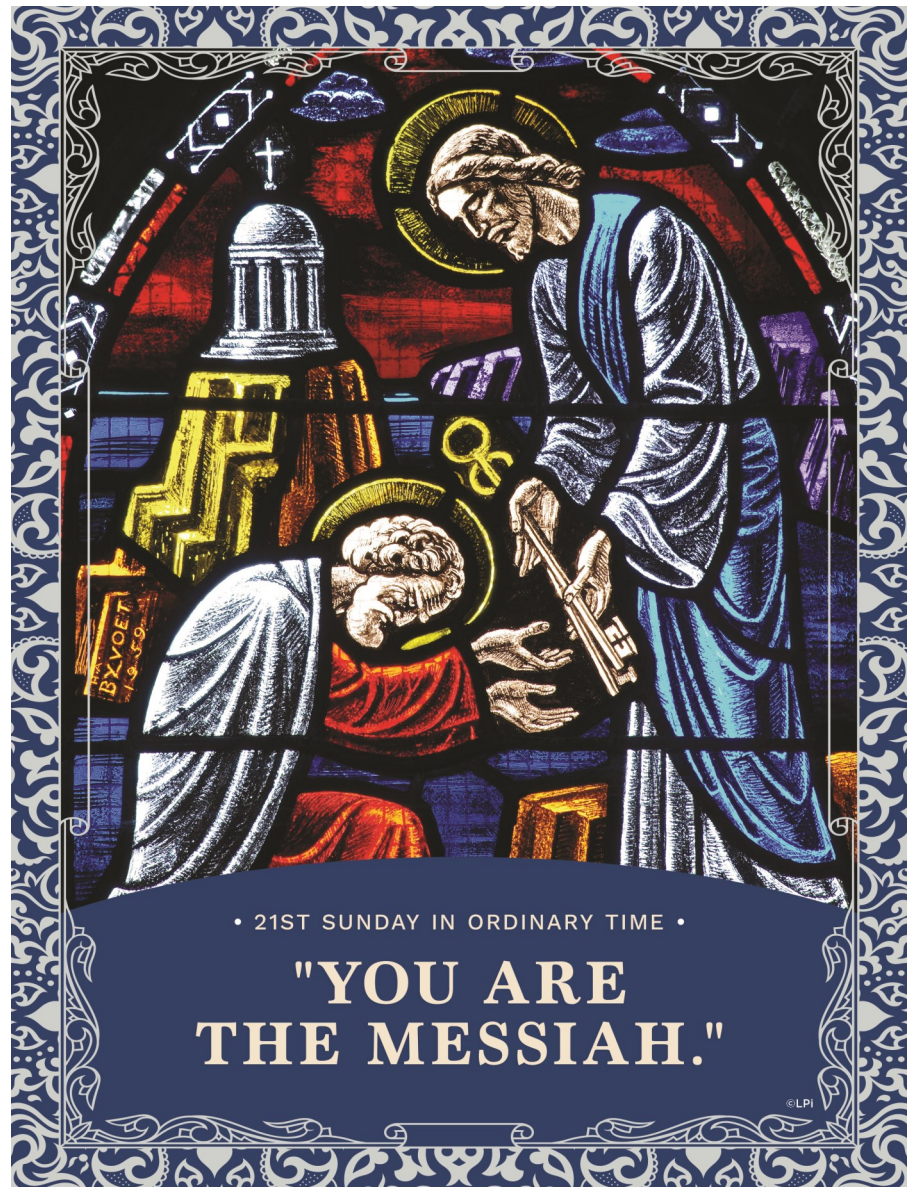


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• 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**"YOU ARE  
THE MESSIAH."**

## **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

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 23, 2026

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Saturday, August 22**

**4PM Mass**

**+Debra Brunetti**

**Sunday, August 23**

**8AM Mass**

**+Mario & Maria Castagna**

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

**10:30AM Mass**

**+Megan Kathleen Ivanich**



**Weekday 8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, August 24**

**+Orville Howard**

**Tuesday, August 25**

**+Janina Kotelnicka  
+Janina Lebiez**

**Wednesday, August 26**

**+Joseph DiCiolla**

**Thursday, August 27**

**+Jack Abbate**

### **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@holyghostparish.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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### **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

**August 5 - August 11, 2026**

**Sunday Collection \$8,926.77**

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection  
\$11,150.00

YTD budget thru July 2026  
**-7,973.38**



**Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal**

*Diocese of Joliet*

|                       | 2026            |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Parish Goal</b>    | <b>\$54,200</b> |
| <b>Amount Pledged</b> | <b>\$64,619</b> |
| <b>Amount Paid</b>    | <b>\$56,029</b> |
| <b>Balance Due</b>    | <b>\$8,590</b>  |
| <b>Donors</b>         | <b>218</b>      |
| <b>2026 Rebate</b>    | <b>\$1,281</b>  |

Updated 8/16/2026

### **UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS**

September 19/20 - 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@holyghostparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org)



## Pray for the Sick

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**  
AUGUST 23, 2026  
**21st 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](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org)  
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975  
to add or remove a name from the list.

**Thank you!**



We welcome Nikos Reo Angelito, Amilia Kira Adela, Valentina Ixchel Velazco and Noah Hector Lopez Pinedo who were recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost. Please pray for them and their families.

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

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



### 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:**

**September** 5/6, 19/20, 26/27

**October** 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25

**November** 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29

(\*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 Jurewicz

From The Meyer Family

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



### YOU CAN RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST AND STILL BE FAR FROM GOD

The Eucharist is the greatest gift Jesus Christ has left to His Church. In the Holy Eucharist, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He does not merely give us a symbol of Himself; He gives us Himself. Jesus said:

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."— John 6:51

Yet there is a profound truth we must understand: a person can receive Holy Communion physically while remaining spiritually distant from God.

Receiving the Eucharist is not automatically proof that a person's heart is close to God. The Eucharist calls us into communion with Christ, but we must also approach Him with faith, repentance, love, and a sincere desire to live according to His commandments.

#### 1. RECEIVING JESUS WITH YOUR MOUTH IS NOT ENOUGH

A person may approach the altar, receive the Eucharist, kneel down, and return to the pew, yet still refuse to surrender his life to Christ. Jesus warned against this kind of external religion:

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." Matthew 15:8

These words should make every Christian examine his or her heart. It is possible to say prayers without truly praying. It is possible to attend Mass without allowing the Mass to transform our lives. It is possible to receive Holy Communion without sincerely seeking friendship with Christ. The Eucharist is not magic. It is not something we receive simply because we have attended Mass. It is a sacred encounter with Christ that demands a response from our hearts.

#### 2. ST. PAUL WARNS US ABOUT UNWORTHY RECEPTION

One of the strongest biblical warnings concerning the Eucharist comes from St. Paul. He writes:

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Corinthians 11:27

Paul continues: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:28

Notice the order: examine yourself, then receive. Before receiving Holy Communion, we should ask ourselves:

Am I sincerely trying to follow Christ?  
Have I deliberately chosen serious sin?  
Have I refused to forgive someone?

Am I living in a way that contradicts the Gospel?

Do I genuinely desire conversion?

Am I approaching Jesus with faith and reverence?

The Eucharist is holy because Christ is holy. Therefore, we should never approach the Blessed Sacrament carelessly.

#### 3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FAR FROM GOD?

Being far from God does not necessarily mean that a person has stopped attending church. Someone can be physically close to the altar while spiritually far from God.

A person may attend Mass every Sunday but refuse to forgive.

A person may receive Communion but deliberately live in serious sin.

A person may pray publicly but secretly hate others.

A person may know many Bible verses but refuse to obey God's commandments.

Jesus said:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." John 14:15

Therefore, genuine love for Christ cannot remain only in words. It must be visible in the way we live.

#### 4. THE EUCHARIST SHOULD TRANSFORM OUR LIVES

The purpose of receiving Jesus is not simply to complete a religious obligation. Christ wants to unite Himself with us and transform us.

Jesus said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." John 6:56

Think about those words: "I in him." Holy Communion is meant to deepen our union with Christ. If we receive Jesus regularly but continue deliberately choosing hatred, dishonesty, immorality, unforgiveness, pride, greed, or other serious sins without repentance, we need to examine our relationship with God. The question is not merely: "Did I receive Communion?"

The deeper question is: "Am I allowing the Christ I receive to change me?"

#### 5. JESUS WARNED THAT RELIGIOUS APPEARANCE IS NOT ENOUGH

Jesus gave another serious warning:

"Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 7:21 This teaches us that Christianity is not merely about religious words or outward practices. We must seek to do God's will.

Our participation in the sacraments should produce conversion in our lives. If we receive Christ at Mass but refuse Christ in our relationships, our work, our family, our morality, and our private life, something is seriously wrong.

#### 6. BEFORE RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST, EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE St. Paul says: "Let a man examine himself." 1 Corinthians 11:28



This is a beautiful invitation to self-examination. Before Communion, we should not approach the altar casually. We should approach with humility. We can ask: "Lord, is there anything in my life that I need to surrender to You?" If we have committed mortal sin, Catholic teaching calls us to seek sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion.

This is not because God wants to keep us away from Him. Quite the opposite. God wants to reconcile us to Himself. St. John tells us: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Confession is therefore not something to fear. It is an invitation to return to the mercy of God.

### 7. DO NOT RECEIVE JESUS WHILE DELIBERATELY CLINGING TO SERIOUS SIN

There is an important distinction between being imperfect and deliberately refusing conversion.

None of us approaches the altar because we are perfect. We all need God's mercy. The danger comes when someone knowingly chooses serious sin, refuses repentance, and then receives the Eucharist as though nothing is wrong.

St. Paul says: "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons." 1 Corinthians 10:21. Our Christian life requires a decision. We cannot sincerely say, "Jesus is my Lord," while deliberately organizing our lives around things that reject Him.

### 8. THE EUCHARIST IS A CALL TO LOVE

Receiving Christ should make us more loving. Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

Therefore, after receiving the Eucharist, we should become more patient, forgiving, charitable, humble, and compassionate. If I receive Jesus but refuse to forgive my brother, I must examine my heart. If I receive Jesus but deliberately hurt others, I must examine my heart. If I receive Jesus but have no concern for the suffering of others, I must examine my heart. The Eucharist should lead us deeper into the love of Christ.

### 9. DO NOT LET HABIT DESTROY YOUR REVERENCE

Sometimes people receive Holy Communion so frequently that they stop appreciating the mystery. They walk forward without attention. They return without prayer. They become distracted. They forget that they have just received Christ. The familiarity of receiving Communion must never become carelessness. St. Paul reminds us: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Every reception of Holy Communion should be an opportunity to say: "Jesus, I believe in You. Jesus, I love You. Jesus, transform my heart."

### 10. JESUS WANTS YOUR HEART, NOT JUST YOUR RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

God does not want us merely to perform religious activities. He wants our hearts. The prophet Isaiah says: "These people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me." Isaiah 29:13

This is why we must never measure our relationship with God simply by the number of Masses we attend, prayers we say, or

Communions we receive. Those things are important, but they must flow from genuine faith and love. The Christian life is ultimately about union with God.

### 11. THE GOOD NEWS: GOD IS ALWAYS CALLING US BACK

This message is not intended to frighten people away from the Eucharist. It is an invitation to approach Jesus more worthily, more reverently, and more lovingly. If you realize that you have been far from God, do not despair. Come back. If you have sinned, seek God's mercy. If you have been spiritually cold, ask Jesus to renew your heart. If you have been receiving Communion without serious reflection, begin again with greater faith. Jesus said: "Him who comes to me I shall not cast out." John 6:37 What beautiful words! Jesus does not reject the repentant heart.

### 12. LET EVERY COMMUNION BECOME A NEW BEGINNING

The next time you approach Holy Communion, do not think only: "I am going to receive the Eucharist." Think: "I am going to meet Jesus." Approach with humility. Approach with faith.

Approach with repentance. Approach with love. Approach with a sincere desire to become more like Christ. The Eucharist is not simply something we receive; the Eucharist calls us into deeper communion with the One we receive. Jesus said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:54

Therefore, let us never become so accustomed to the Eucharist that we forget its greatness. Let us never receive Jesus with our lips while deliberately keeping our hearts closed to Him. Let us instead pray: "Lord Jesus, when I receive You in the Holy Eucharist, come into every part of my life. Take away whatever separates me from You. Give me a clean heart, a repentant spirit, a sincere love for You, and the grace to live according to Your will. May I never receive You carelessly. May every Holy Communion bring me closer to You and make me more faithful to Your Gospel. Amen."

### FINAL REFLECTION

You can receive the Eucharist and still be far from God—but you do not have to remain far from Him. The Eucharist is an invitation. An invitation to repentance. An invitation to holiness. An invitation to love. An invitation to conversion. An invitation to deeper union with Jesus Christ. So before you receive Holy Communion, examine your heart. And after you receive Him, ask yourself: "Is the Jesus I receive at the altar also the Jesus I follow in my daily life?"

That is the question every Catholic should take seriously.



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.

# Bunco!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for fun and fellowship

Tuesday, September 8 @ 7 PM



## Come Spend an Hour with the Lord



Jesus invites us to spend time in His presence through **Eucharistic Adoration**. Join us **Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**, concluding with **Benediction**.

In Eucharistic Adoration, we worship Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a time to pray, listen, reflect, and entrust our joys, concerns, and loved ones to the Lord. Whether you come with many intentions or simply to sit quietly with Jesus, He is always ready to welcome you.

The blessings of Adoration are abundant. Time before the Blessed Sacrament deepens our relationship with Christ, strengthens our faith, brings peace amid life's challenges, and renews our hope. It is an opportunity to receive the grace and strength needed to live as faithful disciples each day.

Everyone is welcome. Come for the entire hour or just a few moments. Jesus is waiting for you!

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

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](http://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.

## MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED RITA AND TOM VERCROYSE (PART 2)



And it was then that we heard the welcome sound of the siren at its loudest. The paramedics had arrived. It had seemed like an eternity until the ambulance arrived, but it was probably less than a minute after we had placed my mother-in-law on the ground. In that time, two police officers had responded from their lunch break at the restaurant and came to assist. They saw that we were having results and acted to make sure traffic was clear for the ambulance. Mom was quickly moved to the ambulance, where they worked on her for another half hour with equipment, drugs and direction by radio from ER doctors.

Mom had experienced a full ventricular tachycardia heart attack, an event from which many people never come back. As Rita and I stood helplessly next to the ambulance, a passerby handed us the coat they had retrieved for us from the CPR site. We thanked him and he said he would pray for us, as he spoke to us through our tears.

Then one of the police officers came up to me and said, "Mr. Vercroyse it's me." When I looked up there was a familiarity I just could not quite place. I looked down to his name tag and realized this was someone I had spent much time with. I had coached him in baseball in a neighboring town many years before. He reassured us telling us we had done absolutely everything we could do. He told us he would be praying for us and drove behind us to the hospital emergency room. I equate those officers, the paramedics, the 911 operator, the hospital staff, with the legion of Angels that were waging the battle for Rita's Mom.

In the ER of Elmhurst Hospital, they continued to work on her as we stood in the shadows of the waiting room, praying and hoping that she would be okay....much praying. After about 45 minutes of doctors and nurses working on Mom, a doctor came out to update Rita. As he approached her, his face changed to a look of amazement. He walked up to her, hugged her, held her hands and said, "I should have known you were involved in this." The doctor was an old colleague of from Loyola. He briefly told us that things were still touch and go, and that there were no clear outcomes at this point. Rita instantly brightened at the fact that he was caring for her Mom.

Rita and I settled back into chairs in the waiting room and began a vigil that seemed to have no end. We had many unanswered questions. What had just taken place? Were our efforts enough to bridge the gap to sustain life? Family members peppered us with questions that somehow turned accusative. We prayed more! We asked God to bring Mom back to us. We continued to pray, hope, and be each other's support as day dragged into night, then into the next morning. Sleep was elusive, if not impossible. A few more visits from doctors had taken place, and each one seemed to have a little better news. The ER staff had worked on her all night. Physically she was currently stable, but she remained in a comatose state. We still had no idea which way this would go. Sometime during the night, Rita asked to have the Last Rites administered by the hospital chaplain. More Grace bestowed on Mom had to help! Right? We waited for hours, hardly breathing ourselves, wondering what God had in store for this wonderful woman. About 9 AM, Rita asked the ER nurse if she could sit quietly in the treatment room with her. Rita joined her Mom and sat quietly for a few minutes. Continued next week.

**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 23, 2026

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## ADULT FAITH EDUCATION



### SURVEY RESULTS!

The Discipleship Team has carefully gone over the surveys you returned last April/May.....Thank you! We are listening! Many checked that they were growing in their faith but want more! Your input has been very valuable.

Many told us you were close to God but unaware of the offerings in the parish. To help get the word out, we are rebranding Discipleship to **Adult Faith Education**. Everything offered under Adult Faith Education is open to our teens and all adults. Our courses begin at the end of September. Watch the bulletin for more information to sign up on the Parish Website. We will also send out an email blast for our events to all parishioners.

Interest was shown for 1hr to 1 ¼ hour classes for a shorter duration. We will be offering a 2 week class on the **Introduction to the Bible**: Sept. 20 and 26 between our Sunday masses from 9a-10:15a in the Gym. Bring your own New American Bible or you may purchase one for \$10. Also, beginning Oct. 4 9a-10:15am on Sundays, please come for **5 weeks** for a video series on a **Walk Through the Mass**. Sign up: [hollyghostparish.org](http://hollyghostparish.org)

Requests for scripture study: All the courses offered are grounded in scripture and the workbooks you purchase offer you weekly opportunities to read scripture and answer questions for homework that will be discussed in class. This Fall, take a look at **What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith** (Wed. 7pm), **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** (Tues. Noon) and **When We Pray** (Mon. 7pm). Scripture is imbedded in each of these courses.

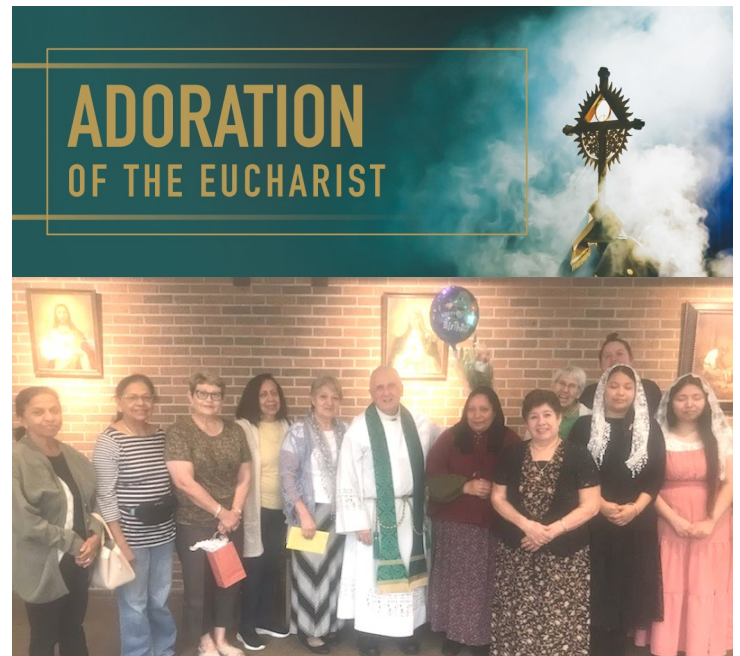
**There were requests for Evening Adoration** in addition to Monday-Thursday 7-8a. We will offer two times in December to see how many attend in the evening. Tuesdays December 1 and 15 Adoration will follow the Advent Prayer Service beginning at 7pm. Adoration will end at 8pm.

**Parish Mission** returns Feb. 28 at 4pm and March 1 and 2 at 7pm in Church with Fr. Jim Sichko.

**More Opportunities for Confession:** Fr. Sam currently administers the sacrament on Saturdays from 3pm, by request or by appointment by calling the parish office.

We will be in touch with those who checked off wanting to be part of an at-home prayer team. Additionally, we invite the entire parish to pray for discipleship by praying daily the Prayer for Disciples which can be found in the bulletin.

The Discipleship Team will continue to process the survey results.  
Blessings,  
Susan Tutaj  
630-860-3691  
[stutaj@hollyghostparish.org](mailto:stutaj@hollyghostparish.org)



Some of Fr. Sam's morning Adorers. This picture was taken just after morning Adoration. And it was Fr. Sam's birthday. Come and join us Monday thru Thursday 7:00am to 8:00am, with a Benediction.

### PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at **The Blanchette Center** in Crest Hill for Year 1 on Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. OR at **St. Michael Catholic Church** in Wheaton for Year 2 on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

#### In Person Preview Events in August:

- **St. Carlo Acutis Parish** (Crest Hill)  
**Aug 25 (Tues) 7-8:30 p.m.**
- **St. John The Baptist Parish** (Winfield)  
**Aug 27 (Thurs) 7-8:30 p.m.**

#### In Person Preview Events in September:

- **The Blanchette Center** (Crest Hill)  
**Sept 1 (Tues) 7-8:30 p.m.**
- **St. Michael Catholic Church** (Wheaton)  
**Sept 3 (Thurs) 7-8:30 p.m.**

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class!

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