

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

August 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1256

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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)*

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



Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.



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 24, 2025

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Saturday, August 23

4PM Mass

+Sandi Sobieski

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

Sunday, August 24

8AM Mass

+Joey Albergo

10:30AM Mass

+Marion Walsh-Carozzi



8:30AM Mass

Monday, August 25

**+Janina Kotelnicka
+Janina Lebiecz**

Tuesday, August 26

**Blessings for the Renata
Taborski Family**

Wednesday, August 27

+Giacchino Abbate

Thursday, August 28

+Frank Joseph Pope

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.

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

**August 7—August 13, 2025
\$8,082.00**

YTD Budget thru July 2025
\$44,583

YTD Actual thru July 2025
\$42,176

YTD Difference thru July 2025
-\$2,407



**Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal**
Diocese of Joliet

	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$64,371
Amount Paid	\$56,247
Balance Due	\$8,124
Donors	223
2025 Rebate	\$0

Updated 8/17/2025

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 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

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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:**

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 Jerzy Trocha

From The Meyer 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 THE HOLY TRINITY IS NOT:

Dispelling Misconceptions

The Holy Trinity, the central mystery of the Christian faith, is often misunderstood. While we affirm that God is one in essence and three in persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), many misconceptions arise when trying to grasp this profound truth. Here's an exploration of ****what the Holy Trinity is not****, which can help clarify the authentic Catholic understanding.

1. THE TRINITY IS NOT THREE SEPARATE GODS (TRITHEISM)

The Trinity is not a form of tritheism, which would imply the existence of three distinct gods. Catholic theology firmly holds that God is one being in three persons, not a combination of three separate deities. The three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are distinct yet fully united in the same divine nature. They are not separate beings, but rather one God who exists eternally in a relationship of perfect unity and love.

2. THE TRINITY IS NOT MODALISM

Modalism is a heresy that suggests God is one person who appears in different modes or forms at different times (e.g., as the Father in the Old Testament, as Jesus in the New Testament, and as the Holy Spirit after Pentecost). The Trinity is not one God with three masks or roles. Catholic theology teaches that God is ****three distinct persons**** who coexist simultaneously, not three manifestations or roles played by a single person.

3. THE TRINITY IS NOT A DIVISION OF GOD

Some misunderstand the Trinity to mean that God is divided into parts, with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each being one-third of God. This is not accurate. Each person of the Trinity is fully God, not a fraction of the divine essence. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are co-equal and co-eternal, each sharing the fullness of the divine nature without division or hierarchy of essence.

4. THE TRINITY IS NOT A CREATION OF THE SON AND SPIRIT BY THE FATHER

Another common error is the idea that the Son and the Holy Spirit were created by the Father, with the Father existing first and the other two persons coming into existence later. This is false. Catholic doctrine teaches that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are co-eternal. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father, and the Holy Spirit proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son. There was never a time when the Son or the Holy Spirit did

not exist.

5. THE TRINITY IS NOT COMPREHENSIBLE BY HUMAN REASON ALONE

It's a mistake to think that the mystery of the Trinity can be fully understood or explained through human logic or philosophical reasoning. While analogies can help us grasp aspects of the Trinity, the mystery of one God in three persons is ultimately beyond human comprehension. The Trinity is revealed through divine revelation (Scripture and Tradition), not human reasoning alone.

6. THE TRINITY IS NOT A HIERARCHICAL RELATIONSHIP

Some people mistakenly think that the Father is superior to the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is incorrect.

In the Trinity, there is no hierarchy; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are co-equal. Although they have distinct roles and relations to one another (e.g., the Father is unbegotten, the Son is begotten, and the Holy Spirit proceeds), these distinctions do not imply a difference in status or power. All three persons are equally divine.

7. THE TRINITY IS NOT A DUALISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT

Some believe that the Holy Spirit is somehow a lesser or later addition to the Trinity, given that the Father and Son are more frequently discussed in Scripture. This is incorrect. The Holy Spirit is an essential, co-eternal, and fully divine person in the Trinity, equal in dignity and power to the Father and the Son. The procession of the Spirit from the Father and the Son does not imply subordination or a lack of divinity.

8. THE TRINITY IS NOT A MERE SYMBOL OF UNITY

A common misunderstanding is that the Trinity is simply a symbol of unity or a metaphor for how humans relate to God. While the Trinity does reveal perfect communion and relational unity, it is not merely a metaphor or a symbol. The Trinity is the real, personal relationship within the Godhead, and it is essential to the nature of God.

9. THE TRINITY IS NOT UNSCRIPTURAL

Some claim that the doctrine of the Trinity is not found in the Bible, and is thus an invention of the early Church. However, while the term "Trinity" does not appear in Scripture, the concept is clearly present. The baptismal formula in Matthew 28:19 ("In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit") and the frequent ****interactions**** between Father, Son, and Spirit throughout the Gospels (e.g., at Jesus' baptism) point to the reality of the Trinity.

10. THE TRINITY IS NOT THREE INDEPENDENT PERSONS

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not independent of one another, each acting on their own accord. Instead, they act in perfect unity, sharing the same divine will. While each person has a distinct role within the divine economy (e.g., the Father as Creator, the Son as Redeemer, and the Spirit as Sanctifier), they are always working in concert with one another.

11. THE TRINITY IS NOT MERELY AN ABSTRACT DOCTRINE

It is incorrect to think of the Trinity as an abstract theological doctrine with no practical impact.

In reality, the Trinity is the foundation of Christian life and worship.

The mystery of the Trinity undergirds everything about the Christian faith, including how we pray, live in community, and understand our relationship with God.

12. THE TRINITY IS NOT SUBORDINATIONISM

Subordinationism is the idea that the Son and the Holy Spirit are inferior to the Father in essence or divinity.

This heresy was rejected by the Church, affirming that all three persons of the Trinity are equally divine and that their distinction lies in relation and origin, not in power or glory.

13. THE TRINITY IS NOT A CONFUSION OF PERSONS

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not different aspects of the same person, as if God were sometimes the Father, other times the Son, and yet other times the Holy Spirit.

Catholic theology teaches that the three persons of the Trinity are distinct persons, each fully and completely God, without confusion or blending.

14. THE TRINITY IS NOT A FORM OF POLYTHEISM

A misconception among non-Christians is that the Trinity implies a belief in multiple gods. This is incorrect.

The Trinity is one God in three persons, not three gods.

The unity of the Trinity means that Christians are monotheists, worshipping one God, even while recognizing the distinct persons within the Godhead.

15. THE TRINITY IS NOT DIVISIBLE

Some may think of the persons of the Trinity as distinct in such a way that they could be separated or exist apart from each other.

However, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are inseparable in their divine essence and being.

There is no division within God; rather, the persons are distinct in relation but perfectly unified in substance.

CONCLUSION: Understanding What the Trinity Is and Is Not

By clarifying what the Holy Trinity is not, we better

understand what it is: a mystery of one God in three distinct but co-equal, co-eternal persons.

Each person is fully divine, and together they form a perfect unity of love and communion.

The doctrine of the Trinity is essential to Catholic faith and is rooted in both Scripture and Tradition, guiding Christians in their worship and understanding of God's nature.

**DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES**

Your July and August Newsletters have full descriptions of all the courses offered this Fall. There are new courses to the parish and two courses are being repeated by popular request! To register, go to SignUpGenius on the parish

website: holyghostparish.org

Discovering Christ will be held on Sundays beginning September 21 in the Gym from 9-10:15am. If you were unable to attend this course in the past, sign up now as this course is so rich you will learn something each time you repeat it! Also consider inviting people you know who have been away from the church or are contemplating going through OCIA. This course is offered between the Sunday masses for your convenience.

Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life will also return on Tuesdays at Noon in Room 9 on October 7. Here are a few reviews from your fellow parishioners:

"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 me 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."

New courses that may spark your interest 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.

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

EVENTS & MORE

August 24, 2025

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Please join Pope Leo in praying his August 2025 intention:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



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!

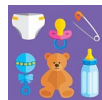
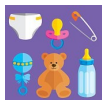
“Caring Network’s mission is to equip women to
choose life – both physical and spiritual. That means
connecting future moms to local baby supplies
programs, small groups, and spiritual guides who
can cheer them and their new children on to more
abundant life.”

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.



Thank you to all who helped make the
CCW Blood Drive a success. Sixteen
units of blood were collected by Vitalant.



HG CCW FALL MUM SALE

PRE-SALE ORDERS TAKEN THRU SEPT 8
(drop in offering or at parish office)

PICKUP SATURDAY SEPT. 13 10am-11am
and after 4pm Mass AND SUNDAY, SEPT 14 after all
masses

SMALL (4.33" pots) \$6.00 per plant

YELLOW QTY: _____

ORANGE QTY: _____

Total _____ @ \$6.00 = \$ _____

LARGE (8" pots) \$10.00 per plant

YELLOW QTY: _____

ORANGE QTY: _____

PURPLE QTY: _____

WHITE QTY: _____

Total _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____



ORNAMENTALS \$6.00 per plant

CABBAGE (Osaka, Red) QTY: _____

KALE (Glamour, Red) QTY: _____

Total _____ @ \$6.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL SALE \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE/CELL _____

**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!



Save the Date

Holy Ghost Parish will participate in the

CITY-WIDE
GARAGE SALE!

SEPTEMBER

Sat, 20th & Sun, 21st, 2025

9am—2pm

Want to be a seller?

The cost is \$30 to rent a table

(which includes 1 - 8' table and 2 chairs)

Please contact Frannie @

Phone—630-766-4508

Or text—708-218-6511

Or Email fran@holyghostparish.org



NEWS & EVENTS

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Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation

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.

ROSARY

Collection



Fr. Dennis would like to THANK all the parishioners who contributed to the Rosary collection for the villagers of Arica in Zambia. He returned home to Africa on 8/3/2025, with **907** rosaries from various Catholic parishes. In addition to rosaries, various other

items of rosary cases, medals, crossed, statues, religious necklaces, bracelets, chaplets and scapulars were among the items donated.

"When I give out a rosary, I ask the recipient to pray one full rosary for the donors. Be assured of that prayer. May God Bless you for your generous donations. I am very appreciative and so are all the villagers." -Fr. Dennis Punthambuyo

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Currently there is an email being circulated falsely claiming to be from Rev. Sam Conforti.

This email is fraudulent... Fr. Sam Did not send out any such email.

The email uses common fraudulent tricks requesting your time, and to act discreetly, and to reply to the email only.

NO ACTION should be taken. Delete such email.

The email reads as follows:

"Hello, Do you have some time. I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently busy, no calls so just reply my email.
Rev. Sam Conforti
Pastor"

If you are ever unsure about an email please call the parish office at 630-860-2975.



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.