

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

AUGUST 30, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm
Closed Friday - Sunday
630-860-2975

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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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

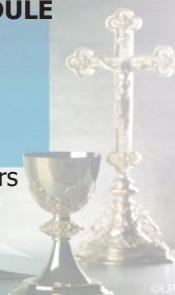
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 am

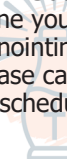


Please join us for **Adoration**
from 7AM to 8AM
before the 8:30AM
weekday morning Mass.



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.



Pray the **Rosary** with us
Monday through Thursday
at 9 AM
and on Thursday evenings at 7PM

WELCOME
AUGUST 30, 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 29

4PM Mass

+Tomas Dizon

Sunday, August 30

8AM Mass

+Jan & Ela Koziel

10:30AM Mass

+Angelo Campagnolo Jr.

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased



Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, August 31

+Jillian Garcia

Tuesday, September 1

+Robert Sammartino

Wednesday, September 2

+Tim Mackey

Thursday, September 3

+John Drakes

Thursday, September 4

+Ann Liston

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.

Homebound:

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THANK YOU
for your generosity

August 12 - August 18, 2026

Sunday Collection \$7,372.28

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
 \$11,150.00

YTD budget thru July 2026
 -7,973.38



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
 Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$64,619
Amount Paid	\$56,079
Balance Due	\$8,540
Donors	218
2026 Rebate	\$1,316

Updated 8/23/2026

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

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 30, 2026
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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	Georgia Schroeder
Bianca Marie Borowski	Cindi Shea
Michael Brann	Frank Staggs
Micah Casey	Holly Staggs
Ron Catalano	Nancy Townsend
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
	Special intention for Family GP

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.



She wasn't alone when she became principal

When Colleen Carroll stepped into her second year as principal of St. Jude Catholic School in New Lenox, she wasn't walking the path alone. Through the Emmaus Mentor Program, supported by your gifts to the CCMAA, Colleen was paired with veteran principal Carol Albreski, giving Colleen support and a person to reach out to with the everyday challenges of a first year in the principal's office.



Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CCMAA brings to our community

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.



In Memory of Angelica LaPorta

From Amatore LaPorta & Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

September 5/6, 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 Mario & Angela Ziocchi

From Marlene Crowley

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



DYING IN JESUS CHRIST PREPARING FOR A HOLY DEATH

In Catholic theology, death is not an end but a sacred transition from earthly life to eternal communion with God. Dying in Jesus Christ involves embracing this

transition with hope, faith, and love, fully accepting His redemptive work. This essay explores how to prepare for a holy death, emphasizing the significance of fasting, the consequences of sin, and the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. The discussion is supported by biblical verses, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Apostolic Tradition, the teachings of the Early Church Fathers, the wisdom of the saints, and insights from "The Imitation of Christ".

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

The reality of death is intimately connected to the doctrine of original sin. St. Paul clearly states, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Death entered the world through sin (Romans 5:12), a consequence of humanity's disobedience to God. Yet, in His infinite mercy, God offers us salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, who conquered death through His own death and resurrection. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) explains that "by his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has 'opened' heaven to us" (CCC 1026).

PREPARING FOR A HOLY DEATH

Preparation for death is a lifelong process that involves living in union with Christ. This preparation includes repentance, regular reception of the Sacraments—especially Confession and the Eucharist—prayer, acts of charity, and spiritual disciplines like fasting.

FASTING AS PREPARATION FOR DEATH

Fasting is a powerful spiritual practice that aids in preparing for a holy death. It is a form of self-denial that purifies the soul, strengthens our will to resist sin, and helps us detach from worldly desires. Fasting is not just a physical act; it is a profound expression of interior conversion and penance. Jesus Himself fasted for forty days in the desert (Matthew 4:2), setting an example of how fasting strengthens our spirit to face trials and temptations. The Catechism teaches that fasting is an expression of interior penance, a way to "gain mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (CCC 2043). By fasting, we prepare our souls to meet God, cleansing ourselves of the attachments and sins that weigh us down. This spiritual discipline, when combined with prayer and almsgiving, helps us focus on the eternal life to come rather than the fleeting pleasures of this world.

LIVING WITH THE EXPECTATION OF DEATH

To prepare for a holy death, Catholics are encouraged to live with a constant awareness of their mortality. As "The Imitation of Christ" advises, "Every action, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out." This quote encapsulates the Christian ideal of living every moment as if it could be our last, with an unwavering focus on God and eternal life. By keeping the reality of death in mind, we are more likely to live virtuously, avoid sin, and remain vigilant in our spiritual practices.

OTHER MEANS OF PREPARATION

Living a life in union with Christ also involves regular reception of the Sacraments. The Sacrament of Confession is crucial as it restores us to a state of grace, cleansing us from the sins that separate us from God. The Catechism emphasizes that "those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ" (CCC 1023).

The Church also encourages the faithful to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as they approach the end of their earthly journey. According to the Catechism, this sacrament "confers a special grace on the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age" (CCC 1527). It unites the suffering person with the passion of Christ, strengthens them against the final struggles of life, and prepares them for the passage into eternal life.



BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF A HOLY DEATH

The Bible provides numerous examples of righteous individuals who faced death with faith and trust in God. St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, reflects on his own impending death with serene confidence: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). He viewed death not as a loss but as a gain—a gateway to a fuller union with Christ. Similarly, the New Testament offers the example of the righteous Simeon, who, upon seeing the infant Jesus, declared, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word" (Luke 2:29).

The goal of every Christian is to hear the words of Christ at the end of life: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:21). These words capture the essence of a holy death—one that is prepared for through a life of fidelity to God's will.

THE TEACHINGS OF THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

The Early Church Fathers echoed the biblical teachings on death and the importance of dying in a state of grace. St. Ignatius of Antioch, who faced martyrdom with courage, wrote, "Let me be food for the wild beasts, through whom it will be granted me to attain to God" (Letter to the Romans, 4). He saw death as the fulfillment of his discipleship in Christ—a passage to eternal life.

St. Cyprian of Carthage emphasized the peace that comes with a holy death, noting, "We should consider, beloved brethren, and we should ever have before our eyes, that we have renounced the world, and we are in the meantime living here as guests and strangers" (Treatise on Mortality, 19). He encouraged the faithful to live with a constant awareness of their heavenly homeland, where true life begins.

THE SAINTS AND THE ART OF DYING WELL

The saints provide us with powerful examples of how to live and die in Christ. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the "Little Flower," embraced



her death at a young age with profound faith, saying, "I am not dying; I am entering life." Her words reflect the Christian belief that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life with God.

St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is honored as the patron saint of a happy death because he is believed to have died in the presence of Jesus and Mary. His peaceful death serves as a model for all Christians, highlighting the importance of living in such a way that we are always prepared to meet the Lord.

St. Francis of Assisi, another saint who exemplified the art of dying well, referred to death as "Sister Death" and welcomed it with joy, seeing it as the moment when he would be united with God. In his "Canticle of the Sun", he wrote, "Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape." St. Francis teaches us to embrace death not with fear, but with hope and trust in God's mercy.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Doctor of the Church, also wrote extensively on the importance of preparing for death. In his work "Preparation for Death", he advises the faithful to meditate often on the reality of death and to live every day as if it were their last. He reminds us that "the greatest glory that we can give to God is to die in perfect conformity with His holy will."

These saints, through their lives and teachings, guide us in understanding that a holy death is the culmination of a life lived in faithful service to God. By following their examples and teachings, we can learn to view death not as an end, but as the fulfillment of our journey toward eternal life.

CONCLUSION

Dying in Jesus Christ is the ultimate act of faith—a final surrender to God's will and a passage into eternal life. The Catholic Church, drawing from Sacred Scripture, the Catechism, Apostolic Tradition, the Early Church Fathers, and the saints, teaches us to prepare for this moment through a life of holiness, sacramental grace, fasting, and unwavering trust in God's mercy. As we approach the end of our earthly journey, may we echo the words of St. Paul: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7), confident that in dying with Christ, we will rise with Him to eternal life, and hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



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)



National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn on Sept. 12

Join the Diocese of Joliet for a prayer service for the National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn at 1 pm on September 12, 2026 at Resurrection Cemetery, 200 W. Romeo Road, Romeoville, IL.

President: Most Rev. Dennis E. Spies
Speaker: Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller, Ph.D.
Founder, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society
Questions: Don Hrdlicka at 630-415-6603
or pharmdon@hotmail.com.



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.

HG CCW MUMS AND PLANTS SALE



LET US HELP YOU GET
READY FOR FALL

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

ORDER AND PAY WITH CREDIT/DEBIT
after 8:00 mass and before 10:30 mass

PICKUP: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
10am-11am and after 4pm Mass
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH after all masses

MUMS (8" pots) \$10.00 per plant
 Fire Halo Orange QTY: _____
 Stellar Yellow QTY: _____
 Poppin Purple QTY: _____
 SUBTOTAL _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

ORNAMENTALS (Cabbage and Kale)

(4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant
 Cabbage – Ruby Perfection Red QTY: _____
 Kale – Glamour Red QTY: _____
 SUB TOTAL _____ @ \$7.00 = \$ _____
TOTAL # PLANTS _____
TOTAL SALE \$ _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE/CELL: _____

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.



Bunco!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for fun and fellowship
Tuesday, September 8 @ 7 PM



SAVE THE DATE

Holy Ghost Blood Drive
Sunday, September 27 after Sunday masses

Details and pre-registration to follow.
Watch the bulletin for updates.

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 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!

Mayslake Ministries
Website: mayslakeministries.org

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

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ADULT FAITH EDUCATION



As a response for your request in the survey for courses for a shorter length of time, we are offering the following at the end of September. All Sunday sessions will be held in the gym. To register, you can contact Susan to register or go to the parish website: holyghostparish.org; click at the top on the "register for classes" button and click on the following courses:

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: Sunday 9-10:15am September 20 and 27 only

Do you want to know how to use the Bible? These two classes will be a very brief introduction to the basics about the Bible. Bring your own Bible (New American) or purchase one for \$10. Bring your teens and grandparents!

WALK THROUGH THE MASS: Sunday 9-10:15am (starts 10/4)

This course will meet for 5 weeks. Each week Dr. Edward Sri will guide us through the words, gestures and rituals of the Mass which are rich in meaning. It will change how you worship and encounter God.

Be sure to watch this space for upcoming information on the Scripture courses offered this fall and a new group of Discovering Christ.

Susan Tutaj
630-860-3691
stutaj@holyghostparish.org



JOIN BISHOP SPIES, PRIESTS & DEACONS ACROSS THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET FOR A Night of Prayer, Music, & Adoration



Wednesday, September 23rd

7:00PM

Dupage County Campus
503 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton

As our nation marks its 250th anniversary, people across the Diocese of Joliet are invited to gather for a historic public Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join Bishop Spies, priests, deacons, and people across the Diocese for an hour of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration as we pray for our nation.



MORE INFO

MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED RITA AND TOM VERCROYSE (PART 3)



Now Rita has this thing she does as a nurse. She talks to her patients, whether they're conscious or comatose. She inspires them....she encourages them....she prays for, and with them! She gives them hope, even in the face of despair. I believe this was the absolute turning point.

Dénouement a French word that, in Hollywood jargon, means the final resolution, or untying of plot complexities in literature, film and theater, occurring after the climax. It clarifies storylines, ties up loose ends, and provides closure by revealing the final fates of characters. The purpose is to provide validation, demonstrating the impact of the journey. The dénouement continues to this day as we consider how on that day, we experienced the Hand of the Father, the Guidance of the Son, and the breath of the Holy Spirit. Legions of Angels fought for what would become one of the most memorable, yet surreal, days of our lives.

Rita noticed some stirring, some restlessness by her comatose Mom. Rita called for the nurse and doctor, and it appeared that my mother-in-law was slowly returning to the conscious world. After a time, Mom began to respond, talk, and then Rita knew she was back when she asked her first question, Rita later related to me that Mom suddenly remembered right back to the last thing she had consciously seen. She asked Rita "Where is Tom? Is he OK?" thinking that we had been in a serious car accident and wondering why I was not there with Rita. I'll skip forward to say that my mother-in-law recovered and lived a very full life for another nine years. We came to learn that her small bouts of dozing off while sitting in the living room were precursors to the ventricular tachycardia event.

Through all these years that have passed since then, we stop and we ponder. Sometimes we drive by the sight of where it all happened. We become quiet in the car only for a few seconds, and then we thank God for his presence that day. We realize that we have truly taken part in a living miracle. This was a surreal event for both of us, happening in the tiniest fraction of time. Yet it has become the forever story of our eternal connectedness with God. We were blessed to have an opportunity to experience the actual hand of God guiding us. It is an intensely personal experience with the mercy of God, the might of God, and the fragility of human life. Every time we think about that day, we are filled with the awe and wonder all over again....God fills us all over again with his life giving power.

We truly have the power, when given, to be the right hand of the Trinity

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 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.