



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

August 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1259

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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)



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 31, 2025

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Saturday, August 30

4PM Mass

+Paul DeMichele

Sunday, August 31

8AM Mass

+Richard Hansen

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

10:30AM Mass

+Vincent Patrick Walsh



8:30AM Mass

Monday, September 1

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

Tuesday, September 2

+Tim Mackey

Wednesday, September 3

+Filemon Garcia

Thursday, September 4

+Mary Ann Vichio

Friday, September 5

+Maria-Afra Nazquez

Bulletin Articles:

All articles for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted **at least 10 days before the published Sunday**. This allows time for editing, formatting, and printing. Make sure to plan ahead to meet the deadline and ensure your content is included in the upcoming bulletin! Please email bulletin content for consideration to hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org

Baptisms:

Parents or guardians are required to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are held on the first and third Saturdays. Please call us to register.

Baptismal prep classes:

Our baptismal preparation classes are held on the first Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. **This meeting must be attended before setting the date.** Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

Marriages:

It is necessary that all couples desiring to be married at Holy Ghost Church call the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date of their wedding and BEFORE they set a date with a banquet facility. Please call us to register.

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education Program builds and supports informed, practicing, and faith filled families. The program is held on select Sundays from September through April between 9:00-10:15 AM. Families are then encouraged to attend mass together either at 8 AM or at 10:30 AM. Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Instruction for children on these sacraments is currently being offered within the religion curriculum in the Faith Formation programs. It is diocesan policy that a person be in the Faith Formation program for two full years before receiving sacraments. For more information and to register please contact the (RE) Faith Formation Office at 630-766-4509.

THANK YOU

for your generosity

Sunday Collection
August 14—August 20, 2025
\$6,835.30

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	\$57,910
Balance Due	\$6,461
Donors	223
2025 Rebate	\$0

Updated 8/24/2025

Parish Membership:

Holy Ghost church welcomes you and your family. Please register by calling, stopping by the office during the week, or download the form from our website and return to the office.

Initiation Sacraments for Adults:

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
Through the parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process, adult candidates (individuals who were baptized and now wish to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church) may receive formation in the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. At the end of the instructional period, all candidates will complete their full initiation into the Church.

Adult Catechumen (individuals who seek to enter into the Catholic faith for the first time) will receive instruction in Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. At the end of the process, all catechumen will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. For more details contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

Mass Intention Information \$10 stipend per Mass Intention.

Mass Intention requests, in compliance with the Decree on Mass Stipends, began on January 1, 2016: There will be one intention for a Mass. Mass will be offered for all Parishioners in the Parish on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, & Holy Days of Obligation.



Pray for Our Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

AIR FORCE:

LT COL Anthony Calabrese
LT COL Patty Calabrese
MAJ Mary Dones
CAPT Joseph Piscopo
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbook
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

Jose Juaguin Negrete Paz

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.



In Memory of Scott Baskin

From The Dardano Family

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 Mario & Angela Ziocchi

From Kevin & Marlene Crowley

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!

EVENTS & MORE

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CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM



WHAT CATHOLICISM IS NOT:

Debunking Misconceptions About the Faith

Catholicism is a rich and profound tradition with a long history of theological, moral, and social teachings. However, like any faith, it is often misunderstood or misrepresented.

To understand what Catholicism truly is, it is also essential to clarify what it is **not**.

Here are key misconceptions about Catholicism and what the faith does **not** represent:

✠ 1. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A RELIGION OF MERE RITUALS

While the Catholic Church is known for its rich liturgical traditions—such as the Mass, sacraments, and prayers—Catholicism is not just about external rituals.

The rituals are meant to deepen the relationship with God and reflect inner faith.

The sacraments, for instance, are outward signs of inward grace, not just empty ceremonies.

✠ 2. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A WORKS-BASED SALVATION

A common misunderstanding is that Catholics believe they can "earn" their way to heaven through good works.

However, Catholic doctrine teaches that salvation is by grace through faith, as St. Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9.

Works, in the Catholic understanding, are a response to God's grace, a fruit of faith, not the cause of salvation.

✠ 3. CATHOLICISM IS NOT ANTI-SCRIPTURE

Contrary to some beliefs, Catholicism holds Scripture in the highest regard.

The Bible is central to Catholic life, teaching, and worship.

The Church teaches that Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition are both vital to the transmission of the faith, and both are rooted in God's revelation.

✠ 4. CATHOLICISM IS NOT OPPOSED TO SCIENCE

Catholicism has a long history of engagement with scientific inquiry.

Many Catholics, including priests like Georges Lemaître (the father of the Big Bang theory), have made significant

contributions to science.

The Church teaches that faith and reason, including scientific understanding, are not in conflict but complementary ways of knowing truth.



5. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A POLYTHEISTIC RELIGION

Some confuse Catholic veneration of saints, especially the Virgin Mary, with polytheism. However, Catholicism firmly teaches monotheism—belief in one God.

The saints are honored, not worshiped. They are viewed as intercessors who pray to God on behalf of the faithful, much like asking a friend to pray for you.



6. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A NEW TESTAMENT-ONLY FAITH

Catholicism embraces the entire Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. The Church teaches that the Old Testament reveals God's covenant with humanity, which is fulfilled in the New Testament through Jesus Christ.

The Church reads both in continuity, seeing the Old as prefiguring the New.



7. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A RELIGION OF GUILT AND FEAR

While Catholic teaching includes moral guidelines and a sense of accountability for sin, the faith is primarily about love, mercy, and reconciliation.

The Church emphasizes God's infinite mercy, especially through the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), where Catholics are invited to experience God's forgiveness and healing.



8. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A POLITICAL IDEOLOGY

Although the Church engages in social and political issues, Catholicism is not aligned with any political party or ideology.

The Church's mission is to promote the dignity of the human person and the common good. Catholics are called to apply their faith in all areas of life, including politics, but the Church transcends political affiliations.



9. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A RELIGION OF "BLIND OBEDIENCE"

Catholics are encouraged to engage their intellect and conscience in understanding and living out their faith.

The Church teaches that reason and faith work together, and Catholics are expected to form their consciences through prayer, study, and reflection on Scripture and Tradition.



10. CATHOLICISM IS NOT EXCLUSIVE TO A CERTAIN ETHNIC OR CULTURAL GROUP

Catholicism is a global faith that transcends race, nationality, and culture.

With over a billion adherents worldwide, the Church embraces a wide variety of cultures and traditions.

Its universal nature is reflected in the meaning of the word "catholic," which means "universal."

✠ 11. CATHOLICISM IS NOT ABOUT SUPPRESSING HUMAN FREEDOM

Catholicism teaches that humans are created with free will and are called to use that freedom responsibly. The Church's moral teachings are not about restricting freedom but about guiding individuals to use their freedom in ways that lead to authentic human flourishing and ultimate fulfillment in God.

✠ 12. CATHOLICISM IS NOT A RELIGION OF HOPELESSNESS

The message of Catholicism is one of profound hope. The central truth of the faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which assures believers of victory over sin and death. Catholic eschatology (study of the end times) speaks of eternal life and the hope of the new creation, where God will make all things right.

✠ 13. CATHOLICISM IS NOT AN UNCHANGING RELIGION

While the core doctrines of the Catholic Church are unchangeable, Catholicism is not static. The Church believes in the development of doctrine, where the understanding of the faith deepens over time under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Second Vatican Council is a prime example of the Church's ability to engage with the modern world while remaining rooted in ancient truths.

✠ 14. CATHOLICISM IS NOT ABOUT INDIVIDUALISM

The Catholic Church emphasizes community, particularly through the concept of the Body of Christ. Catholics believe that they are part of a larger spiritual family and are called to live out their faith not in isolation but in communion with others. The Church fosters this community through its emphasis on the Eucharist, sacraments, and social teachings.

✠ 15. CATHOLICISM IS NOT INDIFFERENT TO OTHER RELIGIONS

The Catholic Church recognizes elements of truth and holiness in other religions and encourages dialogue with them. While maintaining that Christ is the fullness of truth and salvation, the Church respects the spiritual experiences of people of different faiths and seeks common ground in promoting peace and justice.

✠ CONCLUSION :

A Faith of Depth, Tradition, and Compassion Catholicism is often misunderstood, but by clarifying what it is *not*, we can better appreciate its profound spiritual, theological, and moral depth. Far from being a faith of empty rituals, guilt, or blind obedience, Catholicism offers a vision of human life centered on love, truth, justice, and the ultimate hope of communion with God. The Church calls its members to live out this vision in a world that often misunderstands or misrepresents its teachings, challenging Catholics to bear witness to the Gospel in every dimension of life.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



We have three new courses being offered this Fall. Please check your calendars and save time to attend. Even if you can't make it every week, we are glad to have you join us as you are able! Join us by going to the parish website: holyghostparish.org and register by clicking on SignUpGenius to choose your course and fill in your personal information.

THE RESCUE PROJECT (9 weeks)

Sunday 7pm Virtual (begins October 5)
Wednesday 7pm Room 9 Begins October 8)

The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way in a small group format. The goal is to create an opportunity for people to be overwhelmed and be brought to the decision to surrender their lives to Jesus and be moved into mission. Let by the Holy spirit, we will pray, be enriched by a video by Fr. Riccardo and challenged by a series of discussion questions. Delve into how you have been called to be a disciple. Dare to discover how God is calling you.

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS (9 weeks)

Monday 7pm Room 9 (starts October 6)
Monday 7pm Koinonia Room (starts October 6)

This course is scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns and rituals of the Liturgy. Almost every part of the Mass finds its inspiration in Scripture. The more we understand the biblical background, the more we will be able to enter into all we do and say at Mass. Each session includes a small group discussion, a video and some home preparation.

WHEN YOU PRAY (7 weeks)

Monday 10am Room 9 (begins October 6)

"When You Pray: A clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God" meets over 7 weeks and includes a familiar format for those who have been in courses by Edward Sri previously. Included in this study are session summaries, engaging discussion questions, Talk Notes on the videos and short home reading assignments. The 30 minute videos are recorded in Italy by Dr. Sri. They provide comprehensive teaching and commentary on Catholic Prayer.

And don't forget the courses back by popular demand: **Discovering Christ** on Sundays 9-10:15am in the Gym and **Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life** on Tuesdays at noon.

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

CCW & MORE

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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!

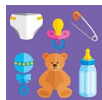
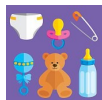
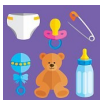
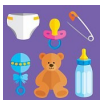
“Caring Network’s mission is to equip women to
choose life – both physical and spiritual. That means
connecting future moms to local baby supplies
programs, small groups, and spiritual guides who
can cheer them and their new children on to more
abundant life.”

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.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which grotto located in France is
visited by millions of pilgrims every year?

Answer: on next page



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



Answer: Lourdes.



**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.

NEWS & EVENTS

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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Join the Knights of Columbus

- ◆ We have more than 2,100,000 men in more than 16,900 councils headquartered in Catholic parishes around the world.
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- ◆ The Knights of Columbus annually contributes nearly \$190 million to worthy charitable causes around the world, and our members donate nearly 47 million hours of their time.
- ◆ Our founder – Blessed Michael McGivney – has been beatified by the Church. People around the world seek his intercession through prayer.
- ◆ All practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are invited to join.
- ◆ Call Grand Knight Warren Wawczak for more info. 630-487-7925