

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

AUGUST 9, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Office Hours:

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

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509

*(Located on the north side of the church
in the Farrell Faith Formation Center)*

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



Follow us to get information on
upcoming events and more.



Knights of Columbus Council #10325

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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

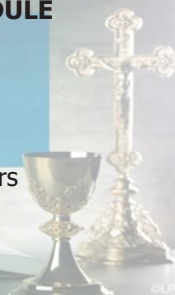
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 am

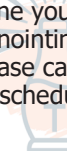


Please join us for **Adoration**
from 7AM to 8AM
before the 8:30AM
weekday morning Mass.



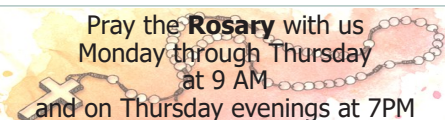
Homebound:

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.



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.



WELCOME
AUGUST 9, 2026
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8

4PM Mass

**Health & Blessings for
Eva & Mike Lebiecki**

Sunday, August 9

8AM Mass

+Jessica Pauscher

10:30AM Mass

**+Steve Pillis
+Susan Pillis**

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



Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, August 10

+Stephanie Rafa

Tuesday, August 11

+Enola Mele

Wednesday, August 12

Health & Blessings for Fr. Sam

Thursday, August 13

+Joey Albergo

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

July 22 - July 28, 2026

Sunday Collection \$6,999.00

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
\$11,150.00



**Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal**
Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$61,458
Amount Paid	\$51,877
Balance Due	\$9,581
Donors	216
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 8/2/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

August 15/16 - CORE



**Apple Pay, Google
Pay, Venmo, PayPal**



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

Bulletin Articles:

All articles for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted **at least 10 days before the published Sunday**. This allows time for editing, formatting, and printing. Make sure to plan ahead to meet the deadline and ensure your content is included in the upcoming bulletin! Please email bulletin content for consideration to hgbulletin@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 9, 2026
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Our Military

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

AIR FORCE:

LT COL Anthony Calabrese
LT COL Patty Calabrese
MAJ Mary Dones
CAPT Joseph Piscopo
MAJ Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbock
A1C Ryan Leider
SRA Nicholas Pfeifer
A3C James Kochanski III

ARMY:

LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
CAPT Elizabeth Gonzales
SFC Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CW4 Anderson Mann
CW2 Carlos Contreras
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schauchuk

MARINE CORPS:

CAPT Edward W. Miller
SGT Nicholas Reid
SGT Jack Rowley
LCPL Michele Giuseppe Bottalico
LCPL Vincent Anthony Eltman
PVT Cameron Andresen
PVT Gabriel Leon
PVT Billy Termine
SGT Jeremy Ames

NAVY:

LCDR Nicholas Lucania
Ryan James Ruizol
CTT2 Kurtis Ames

Military and Prayer List

Please email: hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975
to add or remove a name from the list.

Thank you!



Cathy Alcozer
Bianca Marie Borowski
Michael Brann
Micah Casey
Ron Catalano
Ady DeLargarza
Aldegunda Diego
Thomas Franzen
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales
Mike Kaiser
Sarah Kasab
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Michael Malek
Jose Joaquin Negrete
Paz

Cindi Shea
Frank Staggs
Holly Staggs
Nancy Townsend
Larry Venere
Feliciano Vero
Gloria Villanueva
Salvatore Vivo
Matt Vocino
Bernadette Watson
James Wilk
Phil Yanez
Joseph Yello
Cyndi Zwadlo
Colin

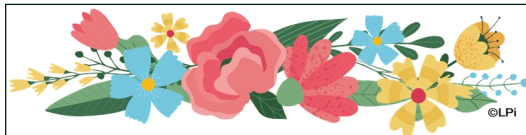
**And for those listed in our parish
book of prayers.**



Newly Baptized

We welcome Ania & Anastasia Bednarz who were recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.



Congratulations to Kelly Mary Cervantes as she celebrated her Quinceañera this weekend.



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.

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

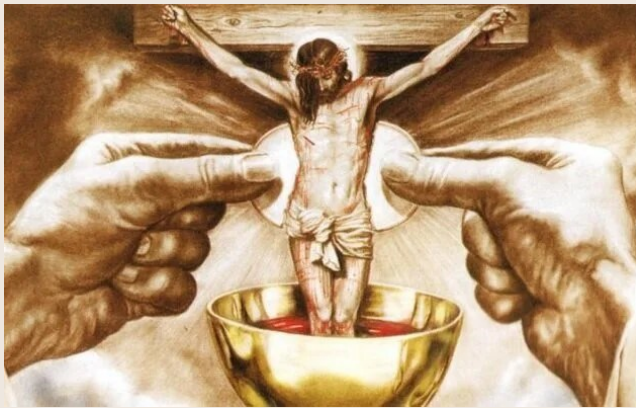


In Memory of Bogdan Gaca

From the Gaca Family

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





TRANSUBSTANTIATION:

A Deeper Understanding

Transubstantiation is a theological doctrine in the Catholic Church that describes the change that occurs during the Eucharist when the bread and wine become the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

This concept is rooted in the belief that, although the appearances (or "accidents") of bread and wine remain, their "substance" transforms into the real presence of Christ.

This teaching was notably articulated by St. Thomas Aquinas, who used Aristotelian philosophy to explain the distinction between substance and accidents.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF TRANSUBSTANTIATION

1. SUBSTANCE VS. ACCIDENTS: In Aristotelian terms, "substance" refers to what something fundamentally is, while "accidents" are its observable characteristics.

In the case of the Eucharist, transubstantiation posits that the substance of bread and wine changes into the substance of Christ's Body and Blood, even though their physical properties remain unchanged.

2. PHILOSOPHICAL CONTEXT: The adoption of Aristotelian philosophy in the Middle Ages allowed the Church to articulate its understanding of the sacraments in a way that made sense in the intellectual climate of the time.

Aquinas's integration of philosophy and theology helped provide a framework for understanding the mystery of the Eucharist, making it accessible to a scholarly audience.

3. FAITH AND MYSTERY: Despite the philosophical underpinnings, the Church emphasizes that transubstantiation remains a mystery of faith.

The change is not something that can be empirically observed but is accepted through the lens of faith in Christ's words and the teachings of the Church.

COLOSSIANS 2:8: A Caution Against Philosophy and Deception

The verse from Colossians 2:8 states: "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, which are based on human tradition and the spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."

This passage invites a critical examination of how philosophy can be used both constructively and destructively in the context of faith and doctrine.

1. CONTEXTUAL INTERPRETATION

PHILOSOPHY VS. FAITH: The Apostle Paul warns against philosophies that do not align with the teachings of Christ.

This does not imply that all philosophy is inherently negative but rather that some philosophical systems may lead believers away from the truth of the Gospel.

EMPTY DECEPTION: The "empty deception" referenced in this verse can relate to any belief system or philosophical approach that undermines the central tenets of Christianity.

Paul emphasizes that any philosophy or tradition that does not originate from Christ is inadequate and potentially harmful to the believer's faith.

2. APPLICATION TO TRANSUBSTANTIATION

PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS: While transubstantiation employs philosophical language, it is firmly rooted in the tradition of the Church and the teachings of Christ.

The Church maintains that understanding the Eucharist through the lens of philosophy does not detract from its spiritual significance but rather seeks to illuminate it.

FAITH AS THE BASIS: The acceptance of transubstantiation is ultimately a matter of faith.

Catholics believe that through the Eucharist, they encounter Christ truly present, a belief grounded in Christ's words at the Last Supper and supported by the consistent teaching of the Church.

AVOIDING MISINTERPRETATION:

The warning in Colossians serves as a reminder for believers to be vigilant.

While philosophical frameworks can aid in understanding, they should not replace or distort the core truths of faith.



The Church emphasizes that any philosophical approach must be harmonized with Scripture and the Tradition of the Church to avoid falling into "empty deception."

3. THE UNITY OF FAITH AND REASON

CATHOLIC TEACHING: The Catholic Church teaches that faith and reason are complementary.

The use of philosophy to understand doctrines such as transubstantiation should enhance the believer's relationship with Christ rather than detract from it.

ENGAGING WITH PHILOSOPHY: A critical engagement with philosophy allows Catholics to articulate their faith in a way that is intellectually robust, but it must be approached with discernment.

Philosophical inquiry should always lead back to a deeper understanding and love of Christ, reinforcing rather than undermining faith.

CONCLUSION

Transubstantiation is a profound mystery that encompasses the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, articulated through philosophical language yet grounded in faith.

Colossians 2:8 serves as an important reminder for Catholics to navigate the interplay between philosophy and theology carefully.

While philosophy can provide valuable insights, it must always be subordinate to the teachings of Christ and the Church. In this way, believers are called to engage with the depth of their faith, embracing the mystery of the Eucharist while remaining vigilant against ideas that seek to diminish the richness of their relationship with Christ.

Ultimately, the Eucharist remains a source of spiritual nourishment and communion, inviting Catholics to deepen their faith in the reality of Christ's presence among them.



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:

- **The Blanchette Center** (Crest Hill)
Aug 18 (Tues) 7-8:30 p.m.
- **St. Michael Catholic Church** (Wheaton)
Aug 20 (Thurs) 7-8:30 p.m.
- **St. Andrew Parish** (Romeoville)
Aug 15 & 16 at Masses
- **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!

Mayslake Ministries

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Celebrating 30 Years

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Phone 630-852-9000 OR 630-698-8961
- Email jgorski@mayslakeministries.org
- Web site mayslakeministries.org

The parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday, August 12 so the staff can celebrate Fr. Sam's Birthday.



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.

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!

MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED ANGEL HERMIDA



My story with Jesus began when I attended one of the Catholic club meetings at my university. It was at one of these meetings where I found out about an event called SEEK, an annual Catholic conference hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). I had never heard of SEEK until that meeting, and based on the presentation given by one of the FOCUS missionaries, it sounded interesting.

The whole idea behind SEEK is that it gives young Catholic adults and university students the opportunity to encounter Christ through prayer, the sacraments, the Mass, and guest speakers on various topics—and to do so within a young Catholic community. With that said, it sounds a bit boring when I say it compared to how I actually felt throughout the entire event; this is coming from someone who had absolutely no expectations for SEEK.

My encounter with Christ at SEEK wasn't just a single, life-changing, one-time event, but rather the recurring realization that His grace is all around me. I saw this in everything, from the thousands of people around my age who were in attendance showing their reverence, faith, and humility, to the many months of planning that go into hosting such a sacred event for thousands of people who are also in a spiritual search for Jesus Christ. I have never been as spiritually open as during the five days I spent in Columbus, Ohio, for SEEK 2026!

ANNUAL HOLY GHOST PARISH PICNIC

Sunday,
Aug 23, 2026
11:30am-1:00pm

Celebrate the end
of summer and
The beginning
of the school year
with your
Holy Ghost
Parish Community!

Join us for some
"spirited" fun!

Games
Music
Family Activities
Food for Purchase
Ice Cream



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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Knights of Columbus Vocations Support Program

Founded by a parish priest, the Knights of Columbus has always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call to service in the priesthood or religious life. Support money is needed by seminarians for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, emergency expenditures, and other living expenses.

You can help to support our Religious of Tomorrow with raffle tickets

\$20,000 IN CASH AWARDS

1st PRIZE \$10,000

2nd PRIZE \$2,500

4 PRIZES OF \$1000

4 PRIZES OF \$500

5 PRIZES OF \$200

5 PRIZES OF \$100

RAFFLE TICKETS are \$20.00 a Book for 5 chances

Each Raffle Ticket is \$5.00

Raffle tickets are available at the Church doors
August 1-2, 8-9 & 15-16.

Bring your return address labels to church to attach to the stubs or take a book home to fill in stubs. Turn in the book with the cover attached with \$20.

Make Checks Payable to:

Knights of Columbus Council 10325

Deadline Sunday 11/8/26.

Drawing will be December 4, 2026

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

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.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation

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

Do you know any older teens or adults that want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or may want to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation? If you know anyone needing Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation have them contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

Inviting all Crafters and Vendors...

to participate in this year's

Holy Ghost Parish Holiday Bazaar

Tables are available for rent
one or both days -

One day-\$50 per table

Two Day - \$80 per table

Application available online:

*Holyghostparish.org
under the Parish Events tab*



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