

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

August 17, 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1253

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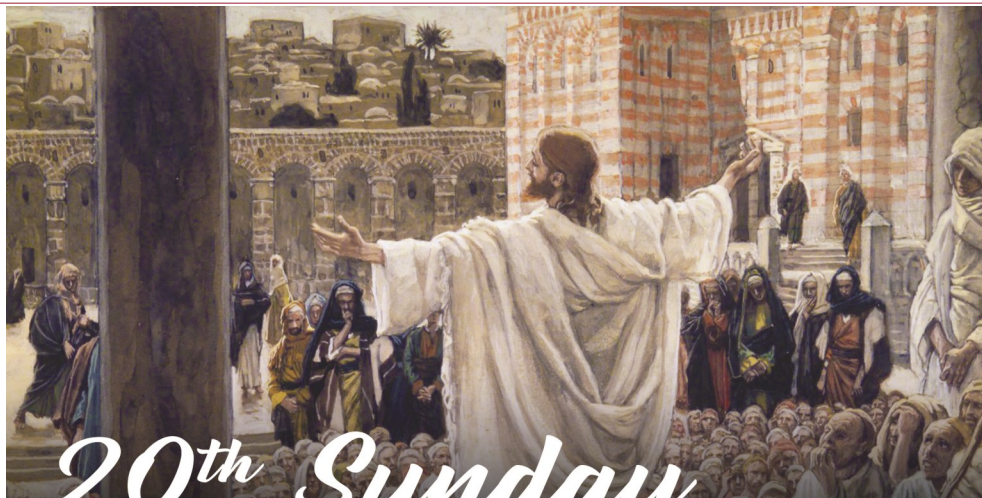
Parish Office Hours:

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)



20th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 16

4PM Mass

**Health & Blessings for Carmel
Walsh-Tickler & Family**

Sunday, August 17

8AM Mass

+Gilbert Martinez

10:30AM Mass

+Aleda Campagnolo

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



8:30AM Mass

Monday, August 18

+Richard Hansen

Tuesday, August 19

+Catherine Marie Hilton

Wednesday, August 20

+John Gniech Jr

Thursday, August 21

+John Santoro

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
July 31—August 6, 2025
\$9,201.98

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	\$64,356
Amount Paid	\$56,107
Balance Due	\$8,249
Donors	223
2025 Rebate	\$0

Updated 8/10/2025

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 DeLargaza

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

August 17, 2025

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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:**

August 9/10, 16/17, 23/24

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 Maureen Oakley

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.

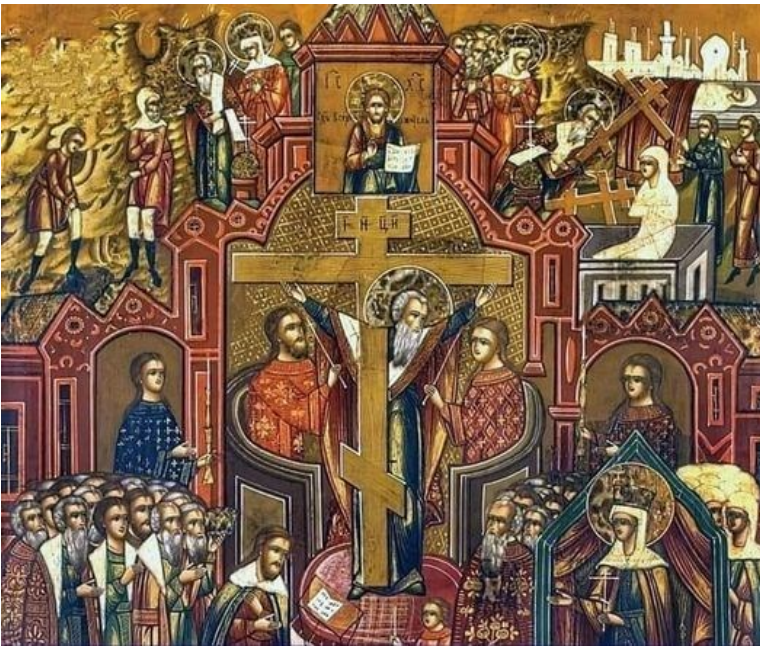
Thank you!

EVENTS & MORE

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CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM



The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice.

It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ.

We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "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" (Matthew 16:24–25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others.

Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance.

I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.



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

Fr. Sam has been posting on it since he has arrived here at Holy Ghost. You can also watch his homily from the weekend.

Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.

Scan the QR code to go to our Facebook page.



**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!





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

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ANNUAL HOLY GHOST PARISH PICNIC



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



EVENTS & MORE

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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 an 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!

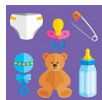
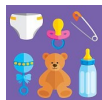
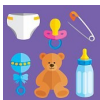
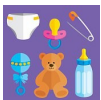
“Caring Network’s mission is to equip women to
choose life – both physical and spiritual. That means
connecting future moms to local baby supplies
programs, small groups, and spiritual guides who
can cheer them and their new children on to more
abundant life.”

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.



Please help. Our food drive is ongoing. Non-perishable canned,
boxed and bagged food items may be
placed on the shelving unit in the gym.



Your kind support is greatly appreciated.

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 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 2-3, 9-10 & 16-17.**

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 11/9/25.

Drawing will be December 6, 2025

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



"We're Going to Sell Out!" Encountering Jesus at Our Youth Conference

"We are going to sell out all the tickets instantly!" That was my spontaneous reaction when I first heard the news: Father Mike Schmitz had agreed to be our keynote speaker for our 2025 Youth Conference in the Diocese of Joliet.

If you do not know who Father Mike Schmitz is, it likely means you do not spend much time online or listening to Catholic podcasts. A priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz has become one of the most recognizable Catholic voices in the digital world. His Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year podcasts have touched millions of lives. With a rare mix of clarity, humor, and conviction, he brings the Faith alive to all generations.

And that is exactly why we were elated when he was chosen as one of the speakers for our inaugural Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference. Yet long before a speaker was booked or ticket sales opened there was a dream to bring a Youth Conference to our diocese. For years, teens from the Diocese of Joliet had been traveling long distances to experience dynamic Catholic conferences hosted by Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. The fruit was undeniable: renewed faith, deep conversions, and young people stepping into lives of discipleship. We began to ask, what if we brought that encounter home? What if we did not just send our teens away to find Christ, but invited Christ into our own backyard?

So, we did it. With prayer, planning, and no shortage of volunteers, collaborators, and donors, the Steubenville-Joliet Youth Conference took place on the weekend of June 27 - 29, 2025, at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. The response was overwhelming.

Nearly 2,000 teens, plus chaperones and youth ministers, filled the campus. More than 1,700 confessions were heard. Parishes that had never connected before were praying side by side. There were moments of joyful chaos with laughter, dancing, and games, and moments of reverent silence that moved even the most skeptical hearts. One youth minister told me, "It felt like this conference had been running in our diocese for ten years." And in a way, it had, only in prayer and in the longing of many hearts.

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, our young people were immersed in an experience centered around Christ. There was music and praise, compelling keynote talks, breakout sessions for young men and women, and powerful times of small group reflection. But it was Saturday night's Eucharistic Adoration that left the deepest mark. I watched as Jesus in the monstrance was processed through the crowd. Two thousand voices quieted. Two thousand hearts opened. Christ was truly present—not only in the Eucharist, but also in their lives. The weekend concluded with the Sunday closing Mass, which I had the privilege of celebrating. After the final prayer, Father Mike Schmitz stepped forward and invited anyone who was not yet baptized, but who had felt stirred by the Lord over the weekend, to come forward to receive a special blessing. He then invited any young people who were considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to do the same. Slowly, and then more confidently, over 100 teens stood and came forward. Some were weeping, and others were smiling with unapologetic joy. As I extended my hands in blessing over each group, the entire crowd prayed for them too. Sometimes, I worry that if a young person loves God and wants to participate in the sacramental and communal life of our Church, they can feel like an anomaly or like they are the only ones with this desire. And that can be isolating and discouraging for them. Yet, at this Youth Conference, Christ was working in their hearts, and emboldened their steps toward faith, hope, and the future with the Church. Looking out at the participants, I saw joy, renewal, and courage. These teens were not just attending a Church-sponsored youth conference. They were meeting the Lord and being sent out as disciples.

I thank the many partners who made this possible, such as our parishes, our Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and of course Partnership For Youth who organized the logistics of the conference. Together, apostolates, higher education, and the local church can work together to build the Kingdom of God.

We are committed to building something sustainable and Spirit-filled for the youth of our Church. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 dates for our next Youth Conference are already set: June 26 - 28, 2026, again at Benedictine University. Praise be to God, it is that popular! So, stay alert for when those tickets go on sale, because if this year was any indication, they will not last long.