

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#1093

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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.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
December 8  
8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM Mass

Immaculate Conception

## **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

December 7, 2025

**Second Sunday of Advent**

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 6**

**4PM Mass**

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

**+Albina Ferrari**

**Sunday, December 7**

**8AM Mass**

**Health & Blessings for  
Annette Franke**

**10:30AM Mass**

**+Erika Fleischacker**



**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, December 8**

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

**Tuesday, December 9**

**The Living & Deceased Members  
of the Joseph Monaco Family**

**Wednesday, December 10**

**+Albina Ferrari**

**Thursday, December 11**

**+Sylvia Rodriguez**

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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**

**November 19 — November 25, 2025**  
**\$7,595.00**

YTD Budget thru October 2025  
\$178,333

YTD Actual thru October 2025  
\$167,501

YTD Difference thru October 2025  
**- \$10,833**



**Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal**

*Diocese of Joliet*

	2025
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$58,200</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$71,016</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$69,028</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$1,988</b>
<b>Donors</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>2025 Rebate</b>	<b>\$7,580</b>

Updated 11/30/2025

### **UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS**

Dec 13/14 –Religious Retirement  
Dec 20/21 –C.O.R.E



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.



### **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







## Pray for the Sick



### 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  
A2C James Kochanski III

### ARMY:

LTC Robert Bowen  
LTC Grace Gallagher  
CAPT Elizabeth Gonzales  
SFC Zack Cieslak  
SPC Marco Garcia  
SPC David Patchter  
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

Cathy Alcozer	Bob Pauss
Bianca Marie Borowski	Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz
Michael Brann	
Micah Casey	Cindi Shea
Ady DeLargarza	Frank Staggs
Aldegunda Diego	Nancy Townsend
Thomas Franzen	Feliciano Vero
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales	Gloria Villanueva
Sarah Kasab	Salvatore Vivo
Jerad Klint	Joseph Yello
Therese Kotecki	Cyndi Zwadlo
Donald Lesmeister	
Michael Malek	

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

### Military and Prayer List

Please email: [hgbulletin@holychurchparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holychurchparish.org)  
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975  
to add or remove a name from the list.

**Thank you!**



## Knight of the Month



## PRAYER & WORSHIP

December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent

### 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 at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.



### In Memory of Elizabeth Connors

From Tom & Betsy Franzen

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

**January 2026** 10/11, 17/18, 24/25

**February 2026** 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/March 1

**March 2026** 7/8, 14/15, 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 the Kietbasiewicz Family

From the Meyer Family

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





## CATHOLIC ANGELOLOGY

The Mysterious Realm Of Angels

Angelology, the study of angels, delves into the nature, roles, and hierarchy of these celestial beings as presented in Christian theology.

Derived from the Greek words *\*angelos\** (meaning "messenger") and *\*logos\** (meaning "study"), Angelology explores the

unseen spiritual world and its connection to human life.

From a Catholic perspective, angels are understood as personal, spiritual beings created by God, who serve as messengers and servants of His divine will.

Their existence and role in salvation history are affirmed by both Scripture and Tradition.

By studying Angelology, Catholics deepen their understanding of God's providence, the spiritual dimension of reality, and the powerful support angels provide in the journey towards salvation.

## THE NATURE OF ANGELS IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

In Catholic teaching, angels are purely spiritual beings who possess intelligence and will but lack physical bodies. They are part of God's creation, distinct from humans and animals, and were created to serve and glorify God. Angels are immortal, meaning they do not experience death, and they exist outside the limitations of time and space. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), angels are "servants and messengers of God" (CCC 329), who constantly behold the face of God and serve Him by fulfilling His divine commands.

### 1. THE HIERARCHY AND ORDERS OF ANGELS

Explanation:

Catholic Angelology recognizes a hierarchy within the angelic realm, consisting of nine choirs or orders of angels, divided into three triads, each with specific roles and functions.

This hierarchy reflects the different ways angels interact with both God and humanity.

- FIRST TRIAD: Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones—These angels are closest to God and are primarily concerned with worship and the contemplation of divine mysteries.
- SECOND TRIAD: Dominions, Virtues, and Powers—These angels govern the universe and implement God's divine governance, acting as intermediaries between the first triad and the third.
- THIRD TRIAD: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels—These angels are more directly involved in human affairs.

Archangels, like St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, have specific missions in salvation history, while the angels are primarily guardians and messengers.

Example:

The Bible provides examples of these orders.

Isaiah 6:2-3 describes the Seraphim who stand in God's presence, constantly praising His holiness, while Genesis 3:24 refers to Cherubim guarding the way to the Tree of Life after Adam and Eve's expulsion from Eden.

### 2. ANGELS AS MESSENGERS AND PROTECTORS

Explanation:

Angels are often depicted as messengers of God, delivering divine revelations and guidance to humans.

They act as intermediaries between heaven and earth, conveying God's will and providing spiritual support and protection to believers.

This role is vividly illustrated in numerous biblical accounts where angels bring messages of great significance to key figures.

In addition to their role as messengers, angels are also protectors.

The concept of Guardian Angels is a cherished belief in Catholicism, emphasizing that each person has an angel assigned to them from birth to guide, protect, and inspire them toward goodness and salvation.

Example:

In the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38), the Archangel Gabriel is sent to Mary to announce that she would conceive Jesus, the Son of God.

This example highlights the angel's role as a divine messenger, revealing God's plan for the salvation of humanity.

Another example is found in the Book of Daniel (Daniel 6:22), where an angel protects Daniel in the lions' den, showcasing their role as protectors.

### 3. THE FALL OF ANGELS AND THE REALITY OF DEMONS

Explanation:

Catholic Angelology also addresses the fall of certain angels who, through pride and disobedience, chose to rebel against God.

These fallen angels, led by Lucifer (also known as Satan), were cast out of heaven and became demons.

The rebellion and fall of these angels are understood as a definitive choice against God, resulting in their eternal separation from Him.

Demons seek to disrupt God's plan and lead humans away from God through temptation and deception.

The reality of spiritual warfare is emphasized in Catholic teaching, where believers are called to resist the influence of evil spirits through faith, prayer, and the sacraments.

Example:

The story of Lucifer's fall is alluded to in passages such as Isaiah 14:12-15 and Revelation 12:7-9, where a great battle occurs in heaven, and the dragon (Satan) and his angels are defeated and expelled.

This narrative illustrates the consequences of pride and disobedience, as well as the reality of evil spirits who work





against God's purposes.

#### 4. THE ROLE OF ANGELS IN SALVATION HISTORY

Explanation:

Angels have played significant roles throughout salvation history, from the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden to the annunciation of Christ's birth, the resurrection, and beyond.

They appear at key moments to provide guidance, comfort, and protection, reflecting their active participation in God's plan for humanity.

Angels also play a role in the final judgment. According to Matthew 25:31-32, angels will accompany Christ at His second coming and participate in the separation of the righteous from the wicked.

Their involvement underscores their continuous role in God's salvific plan.

Example:

At the Resurrection of Jesus, angels are present at the empty tomb to announce His resurrection to the women who had come to anoint His body (Matthew 28:5-7).

This event signifies the angels' role in proclaiming the Good News and affirming the truth of Christ's victory over sin and death.



#### 5. THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF DEVOTION TO ANGELS

Explanation:

Catholic teaching encourages devotion to angels, particularly Guardian Angels, as a means of drawing closer to God. By fostering a relationship with angels, believers are reminded of the spiritual dimension of life and the constant presence of God's care and protection.

Devotion to angels can enhance one's spiritual life by fostering

humility, as believers acknowledge their need for divine assistance. It also inspires a sense of awe and wonder at God's creation and His loving care for humanity.

Example:

The Feast of the Guardian Angels, celebrated on October 2nd, is an opportunity for Catholics to reflect on the role of angels in their lives and to seek their intercession for protection and guidance. Prayers such as the "Guardian Angel Prayer" express trust in the angels' role as guides and protectors in the journey of faith.

#### BIBLICAL REFERENCES SUPPORTING CATHOLIC ANGELOLOGY

##### 1. ANGELS AS SPIRITUAL BEINGS:

Psalms 103:20-21 - "Bless the Lord, all his angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obedient to the voice of His word."

##### 2. HIERARCHY AND ROLES OF ANGELS:

Colossians 1:16 - "For in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him."

##### 3. GUARDIAN ANGELS AND PROTECTION:

Matthew 18:10 - "See that you do not despise one of these

little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

##### 4. THE FALL OF ANGELS:

Revelation 12:7-9 - "Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven."

##### 5. ANGELS IN SALVATION HISTORY:

Luke 2:13-14 - "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'"

##### CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF ANGELOLOGY

Angeology remains a vital component of Catholic theology and spirituality.

In a world often dominated by materialism and skepticism, the study of angels serves as a reminder of the unseen, spiritual realities that influence and shape human life. Understanding the nature and role of angels helps Catholics remain aware of God's constant presence and the divine assistance available to them.

The angels' example of obedience, humility, and unwavering dedication to God's will offers a model for believers to emulate in their own spiritual journey. In an age where many feel isolated or overwhelmed by the challenges of life, the belief in Guardian Angels provides comfort and assurance of God's intimate care and protection.

It encourages Catholics to live with greater faith, hope, and trust in God's providential guidance.

Ultimately, Angeology invites believers to deepen their spiritual lives by acknowledging the interconnectedness of heaven and earth, the visible and invisible, and to respond with a renewed commitment to love and serve God, following the example of His heavenly messengers.



#### Advent 7 Hours of Confession

December 20 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**St. Peter the Apostle**

551 N Rush St. in Itasca

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.

**There will be no confessions at Holy Ghost on Dec. 20.**





CCW & MORE  
December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent



Holy Ghost Council 10325 is offering Achatz pies for Christmas. ACHATZ PIES are rated by the Food Network as "Best Handmade Pies in



America." If you enjoyed an Achatz pie at Thanksgiving, tell your friends. Make your Christmas special with a delicious pie and support the charitable work of the Knights.

Fill out the form at the Holy Ghost Welcome Center

pay by cash or check payable to:  
K of C #10325.

Order online with credit/debit card with the QR code or

<http://knights-of-columbus-council-10325.square.site>



Orders must be received by

**Noon Wednesday, December 10.**

Pies will be ready for pick-up at the kitchen window in the Holy Ghost gym **between 3 pm and 6 pm Tuesday, December 23.**



Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Visit [retiredreligious.org/2025photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2025photos) to meet the religious pictured.

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**A lifetime of service deserves care in return.**

"Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week. There will be a second collection Dec 13 and 14 for the Retired Religious Fund.

**Please join Pope Leo in praying his December 2025 intention:**  
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 9am - 1pm**

Come in, choose your box, walk around and choose from tons of different cookies, sweets and treats.

**Only \$10 per lb.**

**But first we need your help to make our cookie walk amazing! Donations Needed!**

Cookies, Brownies, Krispy Treats, Mini Cupcakes, any bite sized sweet treats... You decide what to donate homemade or store-bought treats, both are acceptable.

Please drop off donations Thurs 12/11 8am-3pm,

Sat 12/13 4-5pm or Sun 12/14 7-9am

Contact Frannie for info call/text 708-218-6511 or email

[fran@holyghostparish.org](mailto:fran@holyghostparish.org)

## Christmas Cupcake Decorating

**Sunday, December 14, 2025 11:30-12:30pm**

**ONLY \$15.00 PER PERSON**

**ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.**



Decorate with icing, sprinkles and candies. Tons of fun and easy! Get creative!

**Containers will be provided for two decorated cupcakes.**

**Walk-ins Welcome...** SUPPLIES and SPACE Permitting

To sign up contact Frannie

Call 630-860-2975 or text 708-218-6511 or email [fran@holyghostparish.org](mailto:fran@holyghostparish.org)

**Children's Bulletins** Weekly Children's Bulletins, containing pictures, puzzles and information about the Sunday Scriptures are available in the vestibles. Children are welcome to take them home each week and Grandparents are invited to pick them up for their grandchildren.



## ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

DECEMBER 9: THE VISITATION  
DECEMBER 16: THE NATIVITY

### TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM

The discipleship team invites you, your family, and friends to join us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Each week builds on the season of Advent.

Centering on Mary this Advent, we will pray together with song; gospel readings; reflection; a reverse collection where you get to take a token of the season from the basket, and end each evening with a litany to our blessed mother. Our prayer service will last less than an hour and support your Advent journey for the remainder of the week.

**Don't let another Advent disappear because of the busyness of presents, tinsel and wrapping paper. Join us!**

**MAKE JESUS AND MARY  
THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**



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## NEWS & EVENTS

December 7, 2025  
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### DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



MAKE: A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet: [Evangelization](#)

Last month we looked at Bishop Hicks' first point in his letter: Catechesis. This month we will look at Evangelization.

Bishop Hicks writes: "As we deepen our knowledge of Jesus, we also discover His invitation to enter into a loving, personal relationship with Him. This is evangelization, which opens our heart to His love and intimate friendship." This definition of evangelization might be different than you thought and if you sit and think about it, it is really quite beautiful.

At Holy Ghost, your discipleship team has named that our parishioners find opportunities to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus through:

- Daily and Sunday Masses
- Holy Eucharist
- Adoration
- Prayer Services
- Holy Hour
- Rosary
- Reconciliation
- OCIA: Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation
- Retreat Opportunities
- Sacraments

What have we missed that has offered you the opportunity to truly know the presence of Jesus in your life?

Bishop Hicks writes: "I want you to love Jesus too! This is a deep desire of all who accept the Lord's invitation to go and make disciples."

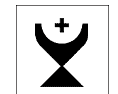
Here is another question for you to reflect upon: "In what ways can I lead others to an encounter with God?" Please reach out to me with your ideas and please pray for the Discipleship Team and Fr. Sam as we put the Bishop's Pastoral Letter into action.

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

~ Three New Advent Buttons in the My Parish App ~



**Advent Reflections:** Through our partnership with Ave Maria Press, reflections from the book *Let Heaven and Nature Sing: Daily Prayers for Advent and Christmas* will be available!



**Higher Ground - Advent Podcast**  
The Podcast by Elevated Parish Missions that helps ignite a deeper love for Christ throughout the Advent Season.



**A Christmas Carol - Audio Drama**  
Through our partnership with The Merry Beggars, listen to the classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge in an audio Advent calendar! Enjoy 25 10-minute episodes, one for each day of Advent. Brought to life with an award-winning cast, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol will cheer and inspire you in the classic tale of redemption.

