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

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3 to 3:45PM.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday - Thursday Mass 8:30 AM with Rosary following the weekday Mass
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
*Holy Days of Obligation
8:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM
*Except for Christmas, New Year & Easter

PRAYER FOR PEACE
God of peace and justice, today we hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers. Please bring peace to our world and the laying down of weapons. Jesus, we ask you to please end the invasion and war in Ukraine and soften the hearts of the Russian authorities. May all experience your spirit of comfort and compassion.

With Your mercy and grace, please save Ukraine and our world. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 11
4PM Mass
James O’Malley

Sunday, February 12
8AM Mass
Edward T Gisburne
Isabelle Gaspari
4 years

10:30AM Mass
Renia Nowak

The Parishioners of Holy Ghost
Living and Deceased

Monday, February 13
Rafael Rumilla

Tuesday, February 14
Health & Blessings for
the Jalowiec Family

Wednesday, February 15
Carlos Chavez

Thursday, February 16
John Gebala

Mass Intention Information
$10 stipend per Mass Intention.

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 continued support is most appreciated.

PRAYER, HUMILITY,
AND CHARITY
TOWARD ALL ARE
ESSENTIAL IN THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE:
THEY ARE THE WAY
TO HOLINESS.

Pope Francis

Dear Parishioners,

2023 CMAA Pledge Report

Thanks to your generosity, we have
reached our goal in paid pledges and
70% of the amount over our goal will
be returned to our parish for our needs.

2023 PARISH GOAL: $54,300
2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $15,475
2023 AMOUNT PAID: $8,395
2022 BALANCE DUE: $7,080

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 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
Waded Chaud
& Amira Panomitros
From Emily & Bill Parks

Our Parish’s goal for the 2023 CMAA is
$54,300. The diocese will return 70
percent of any amount we raise over this
goal to us. You should have received a
packet about the CMAA, including a
pledge card, in January. Please review
this information and prayerfully reflect on
your gift to this year’s CMAA.

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.

Health & Blessings for
Peter & Mary Ann Mazzoni
From Theresa, Dennis, Joni & Tony

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

Thank you for your generosity.

The opening report for the 2023 Catholic
Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in
today’s bulletin reflects how we belong
to God because we are part of Christ’s
Church.

Through the CMAA, we care for the most
vulnerable members of our community.
We also benefit, as a parish, from the
many ministries the CMAA supports, like
vocations, Catholic education and faith
formation.

Please help: Our food drive is ongoing.
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the gym. Your continued support is most appreciated.

*The following dates are open
donations:
February 25/26
April 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30
May 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28
June 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25

(*Availability subject to possible change
once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)
**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

February 12, 2023 | The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Let Us Pray for the Sick of Our Parish**

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 Shimaneck
- 1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
- SSGT Robert W. Dones
- SSGT Timothy Latvis
- SRA Randall Petrbok

Army:
- LTC Robert Bowen
- LTC Grace Gallagher
- LTC Patrick Rice
- SSGT Zack Cieslak
- SPC Marco Garcia
- SPC David Patcher
- CW04 Anderson Mann
- PVT Steven Badgley
- PVT Ian Schauchuk

Marine Corps:
- CAPT Edward W. Miller
- SGT Nicholas Reid
- CPL Charles Golowacz
- CPL Jack Rowley
- LCPL David Lozeau
- PVT Cameron Arensen
- PVT Vincent Anthony Eltmann
- PVT Billy Termine
- PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

Navy:
- LCDR Nicholas Lucania
- LT Matthew Starsiak
- HM3 Danielle Schlarb
- CST Ryan James Ruizol

Please help: Is our Military Prayer List current? Please email: joni@holyghostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information. Thank you!

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**Recognize God in Our Ordinary Moments**

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items—a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary—are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse.

These days, “I'm not feeling it,” is a genuine excuse to avoid something. “I feel that,” we say to indicate agreement. “I feel like...” is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I’m a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

“If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.” — Matthew 5:30

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
February 12, 2023
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand.
—St. Anselm of Canterbury

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - AN INVITATION TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The Jewish sage Sirach speaks of the wisdom in being obedient and loyal to God’s will and commandments. How can you exercise obedience and loyalty to God this week?

Second Reading: Paul instructs the Corinthians about the power of the Holy Spirit who guides believers to a mature faith and to understanding God’s wisdom. In what ways do you experience the Holy Spirit in your life?

Gospel: As Jesus continues with his Sermon on the Mount, he addresses a variety of topics in the daily life of his Jewish audience (the Law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths), only now filtered through God’s point of view. How can Christians today live daily life according to these standards?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s readings we are looking at options – good and bad, right and wrong. With free will, we have actual options. We can choose, but those choices come with ramifications and outcomes. We have what we need to make good choices. We have the commandments. These laws are not capricious or onerous. They are appropriate and eternal. Don’t kill. Don’t cheat. Don’t steal. They come down to treating each other respectfully and showing that we love God by loving his creation. It’s really simple at its basis: love God and love one another.

We can and should choose to do that. Unfortunately, not everyone does. We can choose to do the right thing. We can choose to treat others decently and respectfully, but unfortunately not everyone does. Even some who call themselves Christians do not prove that by loving God’s creation and following the commandments. Jesus says in the gospel that we can choose to be good. We can choose to do right. We can choose to respect others and their property. But if we choose not to, even though we may gain some benefit here on earth, we will not gain a place in heaven. We know what we should do. We know how we should act. It’s no secret, and it’s really basic decency. This is an informed choice.

We can choose to do what’s right. We can choose to do good. And we should do it for its own sake, but if we do right, we will get a heavenly reward as well.

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I WILL BUILD MY LIFE UPON HIS LOVE

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Observances for the week of February 12, 2023
Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine’s Day
Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES**

Our small groups have begun this past week. You can still join us! Call Susan if you are interested in **Discovering Christ** (Mondays 7pm); **Sharing Christ** (Tuesdays 7pm); **BE FORMED** (Mondays 7pm); **Metanoia** (Sundays virtually 7pm or Tuesdays Noon); **Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life** (Mondays 10am or Wednesdays 7pm).

Please plan on joining us for our **Parish Mission: RESTORED**. Deacon Keith Strohm will return to Holy Ghost on Sunday, February 26 at 4pm and Monday, February 27 at 7pm. **Please see page 7 for more information.**

Invite your neighbors, family and friends.

Save Saturday, March 11 from 10AM-Noon for our next Spirit Saturday! This will be a **Morning of Reflection: The Broken Pot.** We will examine brokenness. We have all experienced brokenness at some point in our lives. In spite of the cracks, chips and brokenness, we are always beloved in the eyes of our Creator. We will meet in the Koinonia Room. Enter the Religious Education door in the circular driveway.

Please sign up on the parish website on SIGNUP GENIUS or contact Fran: 630-766-4508.

**HALLOW PARISH LENTEN PROJECT**

Hallow, the #1 Catholic prayer app in the world, is partnering with Holy Ghost Parish this Lent as one of only a handful of parishes to pilot a new Lenten program. As part of this partnership, we will be journeying through Hollow’s Lenten Challenge together as a parish, centered around the spiritual classic: **The Imitation of Christ**. Please join us for a Challenge kick-off event on Sunday, February 26 at 9am in the gym. A light brunch will be provided. This will be a Religious Education Family Event but the parish is also invited to attend. Parishioners just need to register below with Hallow or call Fran: 630-766-4508 to register for brunch. Please bring your electronic device (phone, ipad, etc) to our meeting so you are able to download the app. We will meet all the Sundays of Lent with the exception of March 26th. There is no cost to be part of this pilot program. To learn more about the Challenge, please sign up at hallow.com/lentenchallenge. We look forward to praying with you this Lent.

If you have questions, please call Susan: 630-860-3691 or stutaj@holyghostparish.org

Blessings!
Susan Tutaj  Coordinator of Discipleship

**Soup and Scripture:**

**“Questions Jesus Asks”**

Threshold Bible Study by Stephen Binz
Facilitated by Mary Lally

Be nourished and renewed by the living word of God, as you share a meal with others in our faith community.

One of the most striking characteristics of Jesus, ministry is the way he continually asks questions of those he encounters. Jesus’ questions help us to come to new understandings, see different perspectives and ultimately change our lives.

Please join us as we explore thirty questions Jesus asks us including: “Why are you afraid?” “Do you want to be made well?” “Do you know what I have done for you?”

Cost: $30 Lunches are included.

Please sign up at holyghostparish.org on SignUpGenius or call Fran at 630-766-4508.
Call for Nominations for Woman of the Year

The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women will be electing their Woman of the Year for 2023 at a future General Membership Meeting. Please write a short nomination note about your candidate and the reasons why she should be elected Woman of the Year. This woman should have shown outstanding service to Holy Ghost Parish.

Please seal your nomination in an envelope marked CCW Woman of the Year and drop it off at the parish office. The parish office is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM until 3PM. We look forward to your participation in this event. Nominations will be accepted up to February 19th.

Celebrate a wonderful tradition with us!

Holy Ghost Parish Saint Joseph Table
Sunday, March 19

Two Seatings:
Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass
Lunch after 10:30 AM Mass
Our celebration ends at 2PM

If you would like to be a sponsor, volunteer or make a monetary or food donation, please sign up at the Welcome Center or call us:
Nancy: 630-673-7906
or
Antoinette 630-802-5535

Here are some suggestions of food items that may be donated to our St. Joseph Table:
- Bagels
- Muffins
- Donuts
- Cookies
- French Toast Sticks
  (Costco or Sam’s Club)
- Juice
- Potato Salad
- Pasta Salad
- Sandwich Tray
- Olives

If you would like to bring a home cooked dish, please ensure that it is fresh, wrapped properly and placed on a food safe plate. We want to keep food safety in mind.

Thank you!

Every gift card you purchase from the SCRIP program benefits Holy Ghost with no additional cost to you. Skip the mall, save your gas and your mileage by buying SCRIP! We carry hundreds of stores, and we also have VISA gift cards with NO ACTIVATION FEE!

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For more information call the parish office at 630-860-2975 or email: kgrant@holyghostparish.org

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Parish Mission 2023: RESTORED

Sunday, February 26th @ 4pm
Monday, February 27th @ 7pm

Join us for one or both nights!

Enhance your Lenten journey this year by attending our Parish Mission.
Back by popular demand,
Deacon Keith Strohm, will be our presenter.

Through Jesus’ life, death, resurrection and ascension, we have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness onto the Kingdom of Light. Jesus restored us from the power of sin and death so that we might live as free, forgiven children of our Heavenly Father.

Join us for this two-night parish mission as Deacon Keith breaks open what it truly means to be set free by Christ.

What are the characteristics of life in God’s Kingdom, how does Satan, our enemy, try to work against us, and how can we cooperate with the grace of God to break free from the enemy’s lies to live as we were created to live.

This will be an experience of God’s love and freedom that you won’t want to miss.

A free-will offering will be accepted each evening.

Deacon Keith Strohm is a popular author and speaker. He is the former director of the Office for the New Evangelization and a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago. A well-known international and conference keynote speaker, he has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the gospel message and encounter the mercy, love, and power of Jesus Christ. Deacon Keith has extensive experience in creating and sustaining processes and programs of evangelization and formation at the group, parish, and diocesan level that focus on the making, maturation, and missioning of disciples of Jesus Christ. He is the executive director of M3 Ministries and a co-author, along with six other collaborators, with Sherry Weddell for the book Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples. Deacon Keith has published three other books — Jesus: The Story You Thought You Knew, a proclamation of the Good News, The 10 Biggest Lies of the Enemy and how to combat them and Ablaze: Five Essential Paradigm Shifts for Parish Renewal.

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