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.

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14
More 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Many people spend their whole lives searching for a sense of belonging. As baptized missionary disciples, we need only to look to the Bible to know exactly Who we belong to: “I have called you by name: you are mine” (Is 43:1). What a comfort — a joy — to know, without doubt, that we belong to God!

We cannot keep this joy to ourselves. We must put our joy — our faith — into action and help further God’s Kingdom here on earth. In the Diocese of Joliet, the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) allows us to demonstrate our faith and bring greater assistance to those in need. Together, we invest in our future priests, catechize through Catholic education, promote social justice, and reduce the suffering of those in need.

Because of your generosity to the CMAA, you truly live out the Gospel as well as the theme for this year’s CMAA, We Belong to God.

As we launch the 2023 annual appeal, I ask that you prayerfully reflect on the love God has for you, as well as Christ’s Church, by making a gift or pledge this year. If you are able, please consider increasing your gift this year. You may find inspiration in the stories in the CMAA brochure, which shares how the CMAA impacts your brothers and sisters in Christ. Please return the pledge card by February 20 or go to jolietdioceseappeal.org to give online. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Peace,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

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.

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, and Holy Days of Obligation. No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.

Welcome to the Parish of Holy Ghost! We live and belong to God!
LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Sal Abbate
Cathy Alcozer
Gloria Anderson
Joel Calderone
Anna Canale
Ron Catalano
Martin Chiodo
James Cumo
John Davis
Rose Marie Davis
Philip Giancola
Gerry Grupe
Evelyn Hickman
Erika Hoeing
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
Meaghan K.
Mike Kaiser
Virginia Kapelanski
Kathie Kelley
Joyce Kordas
Carrie Krush
Patricia Krush
Angela Liga
Noel Lopez
Wendell Meyer
Bill Morse
Gloria Paz
Lisa Perez
Laverne Peterson
Rose Powers
William Powers
Joseph Prince
Robert Rosch Sr
Andrew Rosinski
John Rossi
Reiner Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Jim Wright
Maria Yanez

PRAYER & WORSHIP
February 5, 2023 | The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If ...

It’s a surprising little word — if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word “if” to explain away my own flaws. “If I wasn’t so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren’t always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn’t so hard.”

If, if, if.

I don’t always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can’t someone else season the dish? Sometimes it’s more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It’s so comfortable.

But if. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

“If” can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” — Matthew 5:14

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

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!
I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don’t provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples “salt of the world.” No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable.

Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, “It’s worth saving! We’ll preserve it! We’ll show you it’s wonderful.” If we can’t engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the “salt” of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.

— Father John Muir

Questions of the Week - An Invitation to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

**First Reading**: The prophet Isaiah spoke of God’s desire for us to not only feed the hungry and take care of the afflicted but also to rid ourselves of malicious and accusatory speech. Which of these directives might you be able to do this week?

**Second Reading**: Paul teaches the Corinthians to place their faith in the power of God more so than in human wisdom. What could be some good ways to make sure this becomes a regular spiritual exercise?

**Gospel**: Jesus calls his followers to be salt of the earth and light of the world. In other words, Jesus is calling his followers to have a positive influence on the world. In what ways can believers today do good in the world?
NEWS & EVENTS
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
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Please join Pope Francis in praying his February 2023 intention:
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES
We are gearing up for Lent! There are 5...5 different groups to choose from! Choose one (or more!) and sign up on SignUpGenius on the parish website: holyghostparish.org or contact Fran. Unless specified there is no cost for participation. A free will donation is always welcomed.

DISCOVERING CHRIST
Discovering Christ is a nine week experience that invites you to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. A typical session includes prayer, a video teaching and small group discussion. Join us and bring a friend of family member. Meets on Mondays beginning February 6th at 7pm in the Koinonia Room. All will enter the Religious Education door in the circular driveway. Join with other parishioners who are learning how to make Christ the center of their lives.

“This class gave me a sense of spiritual community...I enjoyed the small group discussions and how open everyone was to share their experiences and thoughts.”

SHARING CHRIST
Sharing Christ is an eight week mission that trains Catholics to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church. A typical session includes prayer, video teaching and small group discussion. If you have completed Discovering Christ and Following Christ, we can’t wait to continue to journey with you! Go to the parish website and register under SignUpGenius for Tuesdays at 7pm (begins February 7th in Room 9...enter door #12) Be sure to sign up!

“The videos were excellent...Most of all, I love the group discussions and sharing....its such an awesome group of people!”

BE FORMED: Man’s Freedom: Morality, Conscience and the Virtues
Be Formed is a multifaceted process where each participant does as much or as little as they are able to do. Fr. Burke Masters sends a daily video on the readings of the day; each week with the small group there will be a teaching on the third section of the Catechism, group discussion and reflection using Lectio Divina. The participants guide will be provided. Be Formed will meet on Mondays at 7pm in Room 9 (enter door #12) beginning on January 30th.

METANOIA
Metanoia means conversion, but it is much more than that. It means to change, to repent, to turn, to think differently. Metanoia is an ongoing process. As Christians we are to live a life of metanoia. Jesus invites everyone to a deeper more profound conversion—a metanoia—that moves us from something to someone, as metanoia ultimately turns us to Jesus. Sign up for Sundays virtually at 7pm (begins February 5th) or Tuesdays at Noon on campus in Room 9 at Noon...begins February 7th (enter door #12)

JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE
As Christian, as Catholics, we all know that Jesus is at the very heart of our Faith. Indeed, many of us know a great deal about Jesus, but do we really “know” Jesus himself? If we wish to have an intimate, life-changing relationship with Jesus, then we need to be reintroduced to him in a fresh and compelling way, in a way that help us actually come face to face with the Incarnate Son of God. These presentations will help you to know who Jesus is, what he is really like, what he did for our salvation, and what this means to us. It will help you know the difference Jesus makes for our lives. The participation booklet is $16 payable at the first class. Meets Mondays at 10am beginning February 6th or Wednesdays at 7pm beginning February 8th. Both groups meet in Room 9...please enter door #12.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION: RESTORED
Save the dates for our Parish Mission: Sunday, February 26 at 4pm and Monday, February 27 at 7pm in the Church. Deacon Keith returns by popular request. See you there!

May your faith journey be enriched this Lent by journeying with a small group of your fellow parishioners!

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

THERE IS A PLAN AND A PURPOSE FOR YOU
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 Hallow’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

To the Knights of Columbus of Holy Ghost Parish:

Thank you so much for supporting my vocation through your financial support, and more importantly, through your spiritual support. As a brother Knight, I understand and appreciate your commitment to serving Christ and His Church through this fraternal organization. Over the past six years of seminary, the Knights have been a constant source of support for me and for all the Joliet seminarians. Thank you for your generosity!

In your charity, please pray for me and my classmates: Deacon Alex Lorang, Deacon Frank Pusateri, and Deacon Jared Rutnicki as we prepare to be ordained priests for the Diocese of Joliet in May. Seminary has been an incredible journey of growth, healing, and joy as my heart has been conformed to Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. That said, I cannot wait to be assigned to a parish and serve the people of God!

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

May God bless you with an abundance of peace and love.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Jeremy Leganski

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.**
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.

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.

A free-will offering will be accepted each evening.