

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1203

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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 its own Facebook page?

 Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.



4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

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

February 1, 2026

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31

4PM Mass

+John Zdunek

Sunday, February 1

8AM Mass

+Donata Bellino

10:30AM Mass

+Helmut Hoeing
+Erika Hoeing

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased



8:30AM Mass

Monday, February 2

+Elaine Beatovic

Tuesday, February 3

+Randy & Terry Maschek

Wednesday, February 4

+Michael McDermott

Thursday, February 5

Health & Blessings
Krystyna Natalia

Friday, February 6

+Maureen Oakley

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 hbulletin@holystparish.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

January 14 — January 20, 2026

Sunday Collection \$12,393.66
Christmas Collection \$35,740.92

YTD Budget thru December 2025
\$267,499.98

YTD Actual thru December 2025
\$250,054.57

YTD Difference thru December 2025
-\$17,445.41



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$74,151
Amount Paid	\$73,246
Balance Due	\$905
Donors	240
2025 Rebate	\$10,532

Updated 1/18/2026

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference.

This year's theme is *Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!* Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal is **\$54,200**. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Feb 18 -Church in Central/Eastern Europe

Feb 21 -CORE

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.





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
MAJ Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbok
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 Patcher
CW4 Anderson Mann
CW2 Carlos Contreras
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schachuk

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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.

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

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

Military and Prayer List

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

Thank you!



Newly Baptized

We welcome Sophie Collette Vazquez and Evan Benjamin Rimkus who were recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.



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 Joseph Diciolla

From the Scardina Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

*The following dates are open for donations:

February 14/15, 21/22, 28/1

March 14/15, 28/29

April 11/12, 18/19, 25/26

(*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



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

**FEAST OF THE STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Almighty God,

You renewed the marks of the sufferings of your Son in the body of our holy Father Francis in order to inflame our hearts with the fire of your love. Through his prayers may we be made conformable to the death of your Son and thus share also in his resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for us!

Reflections on the Stigmata of St. Francis

The Greek word stigma means “a scar left by a hot iron: brand,” according to Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary (Eleventh Edition). Stigmata—the plural form of the same Greek word—can also mean “bodily marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ.” This provides a basic background for understanding the mysterious phenomenon of the stigmata in Christian history.

I begin my reflections on the mystery of the stigmata by confessing that the first person I think of as having such bodily marks, apart from Jesus, is St. Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. As the founder of the Franciscan Order, St. Francis is certainly a primary shaper of Franciscan spirituality. St. Francis, therefore, is a preeminent focal point in helping us contemplate the meaning of the wounds of Christ and of his own wounds and thus to come to a Franciscan understanding of suffering.

The Crucified Christ Appears to Francis

On two separate, dramatic occasions, Francis had a vision of Jesus, wounded in hands, feet and side, suffering on a cross. If we look carefully at the two visions, we will see them as closely interrelated. Both visions are described in St. Bonaventure’s Life of St. Francis. It’s helpful to remember that Bonaventure, as a Franciscan theologian

and spiritual writer, often described God as a God of overflowing goodness and love.

The first vision happened to Francis shortly after his conversion from a rather worldly life. After that experience, Bonaventure tells us: “One day, while Francis was praying in a secluded spot and became totally absorbed in God through his extreme fervor, Jesus Christ appeared to him fastened to the cross. Francis’ soul melted at the sight, and the memory of Christ’s passion was so impressed on the innermost recesses of his heart that from that hour, whenever Christ’s crucifixion came to mind, he could scarcely contain his tears and sighs.”

Bonaventure points out that from that time on Francis began “rendering humble service to lepers with human concern and devoted kindness He visited their houses frequently, and generously distributed alms to them and with great compassion kissed their hands and their mouths.”

Francis’ Vision on Mount La Verna

About two years before his death, St. Francis had a second vision of Christ fastened to the cross. Here is how St. Bonaventure sets the scene in his Life of St. Francis: “On a certain morning about the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross [September 14], while Francis was praying on the mountainside, he saw a Seraph with six fiery and shining wings descend from the height of heaven. And when in swift flight the Seraph had reached a spot in the air near the man of God, there appeared between the wings the figure of a man crucified, with his hands and feet extended in the form of a cross and fastened to a cross. Two of the wings were lifted above his head, two were extended for flight and two covered his whole body.



“When Francis saw this, he was overwhelmed and his whole body was flooded with a mixture of joy and sorrow. He rejoiced because of



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gracious way Christ looked upon him under the appearance of the Seraph, but the fact that he was fastened to a cross pierced his soul with a sword of compassionate sorrow."

This is a good place to say a word about the Seraph. Seraphs are those angels closest to God, burning with love as they bow before the Most-High God, shouting "Holy, holy, holy!" (See Isaiah 6:2-3.) Their fiery wings, as depicted here, suggest the flaming intensity of God's love that Christ communicated to Francis, which in turn, set Francis' heart afire. The word seraphic is often used to describe Francis' passionate style of relating to God and is often applied to the whole Franciscan Order, which is sometimes called the Seraphic Order.

The Meaning of the Stigmata

As suggested earlier, St. Francis is an important key for us in unlocking the meaning of Christ's Stigmata. September is a good month to contemplate the meaning of the Stigmata for any of us who consider ourselves followers of St. Francis. As many of us know, Franciscans celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi each year on September 17, which is an estimated date of his receiving the wounds of Christ at Mount La Verna in 1224, two years before his death.

When St. Francis saw in his vision of the Crucified Christ the incredible outpouring of God's love upon him, he was inspired to respond with the same kind of overflowing love. We too contemplate that vision and try to respond in the same spirit.



NEWS & EVENTS

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Plan on joining us for one of the following Lenten courses by signing up on SignUpGenius today which can be found on the parish website: holylghostparish.org. Contact Susan: 630-860-3691 or stutaj@holylghostparish.org with questions.

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH MASS: Sunday 7pm Virtual (starts 2/22; Monday 10am Room 9 (starts 2/23) ; Wednesday 7pm Room 9 (starts 2/25)

This course is a scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns and rituals of the Mass. Almost every part of the Mass finds its inspiration in Scripture. The more we understand the biblical background, the more we will be able to enter into all we do and say at Mass. No matter your age, I guarantee you will learn something new!

"Everyone would benefit from experiencing this course to deepen their understanding of the mass."

"The videos were great, very energizing, very informative."

"This course has caused me to think more about all that is happening during the Mass and to participate more fully. It would be wonderful if all parishioners understood the significance of the actions and prayers in the Mass."

THE RESCUE PROJECT: Monday 7pm Room Koinonia Room (starts 2/23); Tuesday Noon Room 9 (starts 2/24)

All adults and teens are invited to join us in discovering their faith story. The Rescue Project is led by Fr. John Riccardo. Each video session is followed by reflection questions that can be discerned by the group or privately. The Rescue Project makes the gospel repeatable and accessible; calls out the enemy; that Jesus is unconquerable; integrates the Sacraments in the context of the gospel; clarifies the mission of Jesus and His disciples; and is rooted in early Church preaching.

"Do it, you'll love it!"

"The videos were very informative and engaging, The discussions in class felt open, honest and authentic and not at all intimidating which made it easy to participate." "Rescued People Rescue People"

READY TO GET TO WORK ON THOSE RESOLUTIONS?

JOIN US FOR A FREE CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS.

MEET IN THE HG GYM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 7PM

ALL EQUIPMENT FOR THE CLASS WILL BE PROVIDED BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR PERSONAL BANDS & LIGHT WEIGHTS

STAY FOR FRIENDLY CONVERSATION AND REFRESHMENT AFTERWARDS



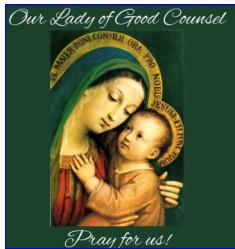


Call for Nominations for Woman of the Year

The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women will be electing their Woman of the Year for 2026 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. Seal it in an envelope and give it to Joanne in the Church Office to put into the CCW Envelope. We look forward to your participation in this event. Nominations will be accepted up to February 15th.

1958	Viola Malcom*	1996	Marge Merchut
1959	Dorothy Langfeld*	1997	Patricia Fattes*
1962	Dolores Arno*	1998	Mary Beth Kurpiel
1963	Jo Kuffel	1999	Joanne Ostrega
1964	Cora (Sally) Brockman*	2000	Karen Kosakowski
1965	Eleanor Sodaro*	2001	Lorraine Miechur
1966	Myrtle Ciesla	2002	Tina Rush
1967	Mary Ann Brabec*	2003	Anita Pollock*
1968	Angela Mikuls	2004	Ginny Brady
1969	Eloise Connolly *	2005	Barbara O'Malley
1970	Pat Stejskal	2006	Marie Scully*
1971	Dorothy Millen*	2007	Pat Rice
1972	Betty Deering	2008	Rosemary Sumang
1973	Helen Creed*	2009	Sabine Petrovic*
1974	Helen Sofka*	2010	Cathy Mudd
1975	Irene Smielewski*	2011	Anita Fischer
1976	Joyce Fredericks	2012	Kelly Scardina
1977	Colleen Caron	2013	Raffaella Franch
1978	Corrine Russo	2014	Patty Jalowiec
1979	Sally Lettenberger*	2015	Marge Thomka
1980	Audrey Youngman	2016	Kathy Grant
1981	Ruth Bono*	2017	Sandi Sobieski
1982	LaVonne Lombardo*	2018	Lorraine Kmiecik
1983	Cindy Daly	2019	Emily Parks
1984	Joan Hanover	2020	Judy Carter
1985	Margaret Smielewski	2021	Ann Scurto
1986	Maureen Cole	2022	Frances Hargadon
1987	Helen Rizzo*	2023	Carole Fitzpatrick
1988	Jeanne (Cunningham) Leix	2024	Peggy Gisburne
1989	Sue Reher*	2025	Mary Lally
1990	Diana Mendez*		
1991	Pat Goldstein		
1992	Lynn Kampas		
1993	Nina Fedorchuk		
1994	Pat Morey*		
1995	Nancy Siemers		



Please join Pope Leo in praying his February 2026 intention:
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



We are in a National Blood Shortage

The next Holy Ghost Blood Drive is Sunday, Feb. 15 after Sunday masses.



Every two seconds, someone in the world needs blood. Whether due to surgery, trauma, cancer treatments, or chronic illnesses, there is a constant need. This is why donating blood is one of the most impactful and selfless acts a person can do. And one donation can help 3 lives!

If, in the past you were told you cannot donate, it's likely you can now!

Certain blood types and genetic markers common in people of European heritage may better match to local patients with similar heritage.

Also you can donate if you have high blood pressure or diabetes, as long as your blood pressure and blood sugar are well-controlled.

Donating blood has health benefits for you, the donor, too. It can provide a free mini health check (automatic cholesterol for free) and foster a sense of community. It's a simple process that only takes about 40 minutes, including the pre-check and rest/snack period after.

Minimum age: 17 years or 16 with parental consent

Minimum weight: 110 pounds. Females, see chart.

FEMALE HEIGHT	FEMALE REQUIRED WEIGHT
≥ 4'10"	≥ 146
≥ 4'11"	≥ 142
≥ 5'	≥ 138
≥ 5'1"	≥ 133
≥ 5'2"	≥ 129
≥ 5'3"	≥ 124
≥ 5'4"	≥ 120
≥ 5'5"	≥ 115

You must have a good breakfast, be feeling well, not taking antibiotics, have no fever and a blood pressure under good control. You will be asked several confidential health and lifestyle questions, which protect you as a donor and the recipient of your blood. You will be asked about recent travel, certain medications and vaccinations.

LENT/EASTER 2026



Ash Wednesday:

Wednesday, February 18

Mass with Ashes 8:30AM

Ash Distribution 12PM—1PM (no Mass)

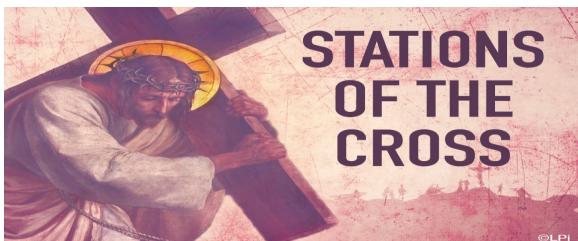
Mass with Ashes 7:00PM



Rosary:

Weekdays at 9:00AM

Thursdays at 7:00PM



Stations of the Cross:

Fridays 6:00PM

February 20, 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Reconciliation:

Held at: Immaculate Conception Church

132 Arthur St., Elmhurst

630-530-8515



Saturday, March 21, from 8:00AM to 3:00PM.

(Instead of individual parishes having penance services, this Deanery Reconciliation event is offered for you to attend.)

There will be no confessions at Holy Ghost on Saturday, March 21.

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday Mass:

March 28 Mass 4:00PM

March 29 Masses

8:00AM and 10:30AM



Holy Thursday:

April 2

7:00PM - Mass

8:00PM - Midnight

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament (Emmaus Room)



Good Friday Service:

April 3 3:00PM



Holy Saturday:

April 4

10:00AM - Basket Blessing

7:00PM - Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday:

April 5 Masses

8:00AM and 10:30AM