

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

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## A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1209

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### Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm  
Closed Friday - Sunday  
630-860-2975

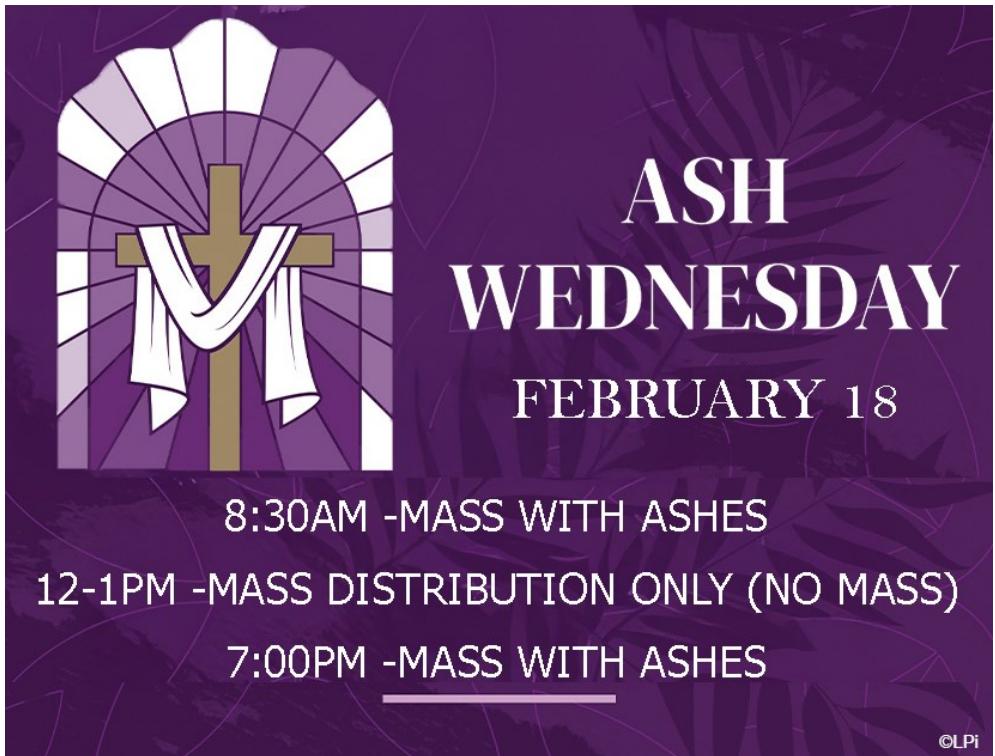
### Faith Formation Office Hours:

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.



# ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18

8:30AM -MASS WITH ASHES

12-1PM -MASS DISTRIBUTION ONLY (NO MASS)

7:00PM -MASS WITH ASHES

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### 6pm on Fridays in Lent

February 20

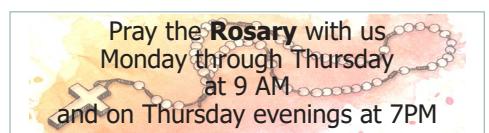
February 27

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27



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 15, 2026

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14

4PM Mass

+Eugene Sczubleski

Sunday, February 15

8AM Mass

+Irena Chilinska

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+William Delmonte



8:30AM Mass

Monday, February 16

Tuesday, February 17

+Silvia Heuser

Wednesday, February 18

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Thursday, February 19

Health & Blessings for Stasia Masny

### 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@holyghostparish.org](mailto:hbulletin@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

January 28 — February 3, 2026

**Sunday Collection \$7,756.44**

YTD Budget thru January 2026  
\$312,083.35

YTD Actual thru January 2026  
\$295,660.08

YTD Difference thru January 2026  
**-\$16,423.27**



Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal

Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$0
Amount Paid	\$0
Balance Due	\$0
Donors	0
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 2/9/2026

### Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is commitment weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a powerful way to put our faith into action.

This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! When we care for those in need, we answer this call. Our parish joins with other parishes to serve the vulnerable, grow children in faith, and strengthen vocations. We cannot foster these ministries alone. This is a diocese-wide effort. We receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift and help our parish reach \$54,200. Complete and return a pledge envelope in church today.

Thank you for your support!



The parish office will be closed for President's Day. Daily mass will be at 8:30am.



# Pray for the Sick

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

February 15, 2026

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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  
Ryan James Ruizol

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

Thank you!

### 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.



### Newly Baptized

We welcome Alexandra Elyanna Gonzales who was recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for her and her family.

### 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 Leon Konopka

From Alicja Piechocinski

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

\*The following dates are open for donations:

March 14/15, 28/29

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

May 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/31

(\*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:

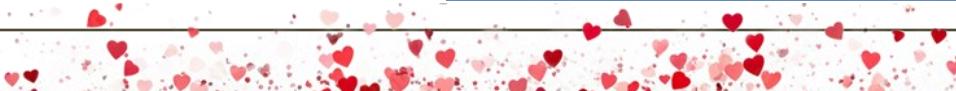
Holy Ghost Church  
at 254 N Wood Dale Road,  
Wood Dale IL 60191



### In Memory of Maria Kuta

From Kuczaj Family

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





### CATHOLIC THEODICY: Understanding God's Justice in the Face of Evil

#### DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF THEODICY

Theodicy is the branch of theology and philosophy that seeks to reconcile the existence of evil and suffering with the belief in a just and omnipotent God.

The term comes from the Greek words "theos" (God) and "dike" (justice), meaning "the justice of God."

In Catholic theology, theodicy addresses the profound question:

\*\*How can an all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-loving God allow evil and suffering to exist in the world?\*\*

Catholic theodicy is not merely an intellectual exercise; it is deeply pastoral, aiming to provide comfort and understanding to those who suffer.

It strives to maintain the coherence of the Christian belief system while offering explanations that resonate with both faith and reason.

#### KEY ELEMENTS OF CATHOLIC THEODICY

##### 1. THE NATURE OF GOD AND CREATION

- Catholic theology affirms that God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-good. God created the world out of love and desires the ultimate good of all His creation.

- The world, as created by God, is fundamentally good. This is emphasized in the Genesis account, where God declares His creation "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

##### 2. THE GIFT OF FREE WILL

- Free Will:

A cornerstone of Catholic theodicy is the doctrine of free will. God created human beings with the ability to choose freely between good and evil.

This freedom is necessary for genuine love and moral responsibility.

- The Problem of Free Will:

The misuse of free will by humans and angels (as seen in the fall of Satan) leads to moral evil—sin and suffering caused by human choices.

##### 3. THE NATURE OF EVIL

- Moral Evil:

Resulting from human free will, moral evil includes acts such as murder, theft, and lying, which harm others and disrupt the moral order.

- Natural Evil:

This refers to suffering not directly caused by human actions, such as natural disasters, diseases, and death. Catholic theology often addresses natural evil by examining the broader context of a fallen world.

#### 4. THE FALL AND ORIGINAL SIN

- The doctrine of Original Sin teaches that humanity's first parents, Adam and Eve, chose to disobey God, resulting in a fallen state of human nature (Genesis 3).

This original act of disobedience introduced disorder into creation, affecting both human nature and the world.

- Consequences of the Fall:

Catholic theology posits that the original sin brought about not only moral evil but also natural evil as a form of disorder in creation.

#### 5. THE ROLE OF SUFFERING

- Redemptive Suffering:

In Catholic thought, suffering can have a redemptive purpose. Jesus Christ's suffering and death on the cross are seen as the ultimate example of redemptive suffering.

Through His Passion, Christ transforms human suffering into a means of participating in God's salvific plan.

- Participation in Christ's Suffering:

Catholics believe that by uniting their suffering with Christ's, they participate in His redemptive work.

This concept is vividly illustrated in Colossians 1:24, where St. Paul states, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ."

#### 6. DIVINE PROVIDENCE AND GREATER GOOD

- Providence:

Catholic theology teaches that God, in His providence, can bring good out of evil. God's ultimate plan is to bring about a greater good, even if His ways are beyond human understanding (Romans 8:28).

- Example:

The story of Joseph in the Old Testament (Genesis 37-50) is a classic example. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, an act of moral evil, yet God used this event to save many people from famine, turning a tragic situation into a source of salvation.



#### 7. THE ESCHATOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Eschatology:

Catholic theodicy also emphasizes the ultimate fulfillment of God's justice and mercy at the end of time.

The full understanding of God's plan,



including the existence of evil and suffering, will be revealed in the eschaton (the final event in the divine plan; the end of the world).

### - The Beatific Vision:

The final resolution of the problem of evil is found in the promise of eternal life with God, where all tears will be wiped away, and there will be no more death or suffering (Revelation 21:4).

## EXAMPLES OF CATHOLIC THEODICY

### 1. THE SUFFERING OF JOB

#### - Biblical Narrative:

The Book of Job addresses the issue of undeserved suffering. Job, a righteous man, suffers immense losses and physical afflictions despite his faithfulness to God.

His friends argue that his suffering must be a punishment for sin, but Job maintains his innocence.

#### - Theological Interpretation:

The narrative does not provide a direct answer to why Job suffers, but it emphasizes trust in God's wisdom and sovereignty.

God's response to Job highlights the limitations of human understanding and invites a humble submission to His divine will.

#### - Catholic Understanding:

Job's story is often cited in Catholic theology to illustrate that suffering is not always a direct result of personal sin and that the reasons for suffering can be mysterious, ultimately inviting deeper faith and trust in God.

### 2. THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

#### - Theological Significance:

The crucifixion of Jesus is central to Catholic theology and its understanding of theodicy. Jesus, who is sinless, suffers and dies on the cross, taking upon Himself the sins of humanity.

#### - Redemptive Suffering:

The cross is the ultimate symbol of redemptive suffering. Through His Passion and death, Jesus transforms suffering from a consequence of sin into a means of salvation. The crucifixion is not just a tragic event but the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.

#### - Example:

In the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks of His impending death as a moment of glorification (John 12:23-24). His suffering leads to the resurrection and the promise of eternal life, demonstrating how God can bring the greatest good (salvation) out of the greatest evil (the unjust killing of the Son of God).

### 3. NATURAL DISASTERS AND HUMAN RESPONSE

#### - Case Study:

Natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, or pandemics are often cited as examples of natural evil that challenge the understanding of a loving and omnipotent God.

#### - Catholic Response:

Catholic theology often interprets these events in light of a fallen world but also emphasizes the human response of solidarity, charity, and compassion. Through these responses, people participate in God's work of healing and restoration.

#### - Example:

In the wake of a natural disaster, Catholic charities and organizations often mobilize to provide aid and relief. This response reflects the belief that while evil and suffering exist, they provide opportunities for Christians to demonstrate God's love and mercy.

### 4. THE LIFE AND SUFFERING OF SAINTS

#### - Saints as Examples:

The lives of the saints are often held up as examples of how to understand and respond to suffering. Many saints, such as St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II, experienced intense suffering but saw it as a means of drawing closer to Christ.

#### - Example of St. Maximilian Kolbe:

St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan friar, was imprisoned in Auschwitz during World War II. When a fellow prisoner was condemned to death, Kolbe volunteered to take his place, offering his life out of love and self-sacrifice.

This act of ultimate love in the face of evil reflects the Catholic belief in redemptive suffering and the transformative power of self-giving love.

## CONCLUSION

Catholic theodicy provides a framework for understanding the existence of evil and suffering in a world governed by a just and loving God.

It emphasizes the importance of free will, the redemptive value of suffering, and the ultimate hope found in God's providence and eschatological promises.

Through examples from Scripture, tradition, and the lives of the saints, Catholic theology offers a nuanced and compassionate approach to the problem of evil, one that seeks to reconcile the mysteries of divine justice with the lived experience of faith.



## DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



Ash Wednesday begins on February 18, 2026. In addition to the Biblical Walk Through the Mass and The Rescue Project, we have two more courses for you to consider.

Go to SIGNUPGENIUS on the parish website: [holyghostparish.org](http://holyghostparish.org) or contact Susan: 630-860-3691 or [stutaj@holyghostparish.org](mailto:stutaj@holyghostparish.org) with questions or help.

### WHEN YOU PRAY: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God Monday 7pm Room 9 (starts 2/23)

When You Pray meets 7 weeks and includes a familiar format for those who have been in courses facilitated by Edward Sri previously. Included in this study are session summaries, engaging discussion questions, Talk Notes for the videos and short home reading assignments. The 30 minute videos are recorded in Italy by Dr. Sri. They provide comprehensive teaching and commentary on Catholic Prayer.

"First time in a group. The group has been calming for me. Inspired by the Holy Spirit to sign up."

"Brought me deeper into richer prayer."

"Reminded me to listen and ask God directly what he wants me to know. Focusing on silence helped me to go deeper."

### NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION Tuesday 7pm (starts 2/24)

If you missed this class last year or want to take it again, be sure to sign up this year! It will greatly enrich your Lenten journey. This course begins with Jesus in Gethsemane and ends 5 weeks later with the Seven Last Words of Jesus. This is a scripture based course assisted with a video for each session.

"No Greater Love brought the passion and death of Our Lord and Savior to life for me. The videos gave me the experience of walking the Way of the Via Dolorosa."

"I loved the series and the book reflections!"

## Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Joliet Diocese Liturgical Enrichment Day

### Eucharistic Revival in our Deanery

All those who participate in liturgical ministries, including ExtraOrdinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Musicians, Greeters, and Ushers are invited.

Please register at [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org)

Saturday, March 7th

Ascension of Our Lord Parish

15314 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace

Mass will be celebrated from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 – 9:50 Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast

Mass Presider and presentation by  
Rev. Brian Geary

Final Blessing will be at 12 Noon

To register, visit [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org) Or scan the QR code



### 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.



## Holy Ghost Church

Is proud to celebrate the

### Feast Day of St. Joseph

with a St. Joseph Table

Celebrate a Wonderful Tradition with Us

Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Celebration Starts at 8:00am and ends at 12:30pm

We are in the planning stages of this event. If you would like to be a Volunteer, Sponsor or make a monetary or food donation, please call us at:

Nancy @ 630-673-7906

or

Antoinette @ 630-802-5535

Monetary and Food donations will also be accepted on the day of the event at the door.



## Holy Ghost Church

Presents

### International Potluck Lunch

Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Celebration Starts at 11:30am and ends at 1:00pm

Celebrate your culture and bring a dish!

If you would like to be a Participant, Volunteer or to make a monetary donation, please call:

Frannie 630-860-2975 ext 121

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

Food donations will also be accepted on the day of the event at the door.

We are looking forward to your participation. Please be aware that our potluck dishes are homemade and may contain common allergens and cross-contaminations are possible, so enjoy responsibly.





## 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

## 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

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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.**

## **SPECIAL CAMPS**

Counselors who volunteer will:

Have fun alongside campers!

Earn 100 volunteer hours!

Attend for FREE!

Participate in activities including:  
 archery, canoes & kayaks, crafts, sports & field games, swim, drum line lessons, yoga, zip line, dance parties, high ropes course, talent show



Colleen McDonald: 630-690-0944

26710 Nippersink Rd.  
 Ingleside, IL 60041

Adults Week: June 7-12 with campers age 23+  
 Kids Week: June 14-19 with campers age 8-22

### Volunteers Needed for Special Camps

We are also looking for additional **camp volunteers**. An **experience you'll never forget!** There's a reason our Volunteers call this their favorite week of the year. So much, love, so much joy, tons of fun activities going on constantly, with enough belly laughter and hugs to last you until you want to return the next summer. Our volunteers always want to return, that's why many of them have been volunteering for #20+ years. Time commitment of one week (Sunday morning - Friday afternoon).

An opportunity you'll never forget... full of love, enthusiasm, pure joy and sooo many great activities. Play side by side with our amazing campers.

#### Dates

June 7 - 12 for our adult campers  
 June 14 - 19 for our youth camp

**Location:** Camp Red Leaf in Ingleside. Beautiful campground. Stay in nice dorms with attached bathrooms.

