JANUARY 29, 2023   THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME #1203

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.
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Inviting a Friend

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.

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In Memory of Thomas & Margaret Walsh, Matt, Desmond, Father Oliver and Sister Angela Walsh
From Geraldine Doherty

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 Edward & Cecylia Siwinski
From the Meyer Family

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

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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.

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway
As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year’s CMAA theme is We Belong to God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ’s Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. Our parish’s goal for the 2023 CMAA is $54,300, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal.

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

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

*The following dates are open for donations:
February 4/5, 11/12, 25/26
March 25/26
April 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30

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

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 Petrik

Army:
LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
LTC Patrick Rice
SSGT Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CWO4 Anderson Mann
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schaukuk

Marine Corps:
Capt Edward W. Miller
SGT Nicholas Reid
CPL Charles Golowacz
CPL Jack Rowley
LCPL David Lozeau
PVT Cameron Andreason
PVT Vincent Anthony Eltman
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!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Recognize God in Our Ordinary Moments

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words Blessed are the peacemakers, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven’s sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren’t something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. When you were cut low. Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi
"If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility and charity." — St. Philip Neri

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

First Reading:
The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant of Israel" who will survive God’s judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?

Second Reading:
Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. How would you describe your community of faith?

Gospel:
Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight “beatitudes” (blessings). Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself?
Please join Pope Francis in praying his January 2023 intention:
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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
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.

St. Blaise | February 3: You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Fight of Faith

That Man Is You! will be starting its Spring Semester on Saturday, February 4th

Each week, dozens of men gather for hot breakfast, fellowship, and most importantly to take the next steps to experience authentic freedom as sons of God together. The Fight of Faith will equip and enable men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day.

Come join us for this uniquely contemplative and practical multi-speaker video series and enter into the Fight of Faith!

Please come join this great group of men and give TMIY a try! It has the potential to change your life as a Catholic Husband, Father, Grandfather, or Friend!

MEETING INFORMATION
Saturday Mornings beginning
February 4th, 2023
6:30am - Breakfast and Fellowship
7:00am - Video Presentation
7:30am - Small Group Discussions
8:00am - Adjourn

LOCATION
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish – Barrett Hall
426 West Ave.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION
For more information or to register go to www.TMIY.org.
For questions, please contact:
Andrew Morgan - 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie - 847-980-2803
Advanced registration is not required to attend any session.
Returning participants DO NOT need to resubmit registration

That Man Is You! Elmhurst is open to men from ALL parishes!
DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
NATIONAL EUCARISTIC REVIVAL

In celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival year of the Diocese, everyone in Diocese is invited to spend some time in prayer at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on February 8, 9, 10. There will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and scheduled communal Prayer Services led by various Diocesan Parishes and Groups. Mass times and celebrants are listed below.

**Wednesday, February 8**
- 6:30am Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant
- 11am Led by Rev. Jeff Raths, OSA, St. Jude Church, New Lenox
- 2pm Led by the 8th Graders, Cathedral of St. Raymond School, Joliet
- 5pm Filipino Communities led by Deacon Gerrie Mempin, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bolingbrook
- 8pm Hispanic Communities led by St. Andrew, Romeoville, Rev. Eduardo Flores, Celebrant

**Thursday, February 9**
- 8am Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant
- 11am Led by Rev. Steven Borello, Diocesan Director of Vocations, St. Raphael Parish, Naperville
- 2pm Led by Very Rev. Christopher Groh, St. Bernard Parish & St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Joliet
- 5pm Special Needs Communities, led by Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant
- 8pm Polish Communities, led by Rev. Andrzej Maslajak, S. Chr. Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard and Rev. Tomasz Sielicki, S. Chr., Holy Cross, Joliet, Celebrants

**Friday, February 10**
- 8am Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant
- 11am Led by Diocesan Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill
- 2pm Led by Rev. Burke Masters, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale
- 5pm African American Community led by Sacred Heart Parish, Joliet Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant
- 8pm Closing of Forty Hours Devotion led by Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant, prepared by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Darien

EVERYONE IN THE DIOCESE IS ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER COMING TO THE CATHEDRAL DURING THESE THREE DAYS TO JOIN WITH OUR DIOCESAN CHURCH TO CELEBRATE A TIME OF SPIRITUAL DEVOTION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AS WE CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL EUCARISTIC REVIVAL. WHEN YOU COME TO THE CATHEDRAL PLEASE ENTER BY WAY OF THE FRONT AND NORTH DOORS.