

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm
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630-860-2975

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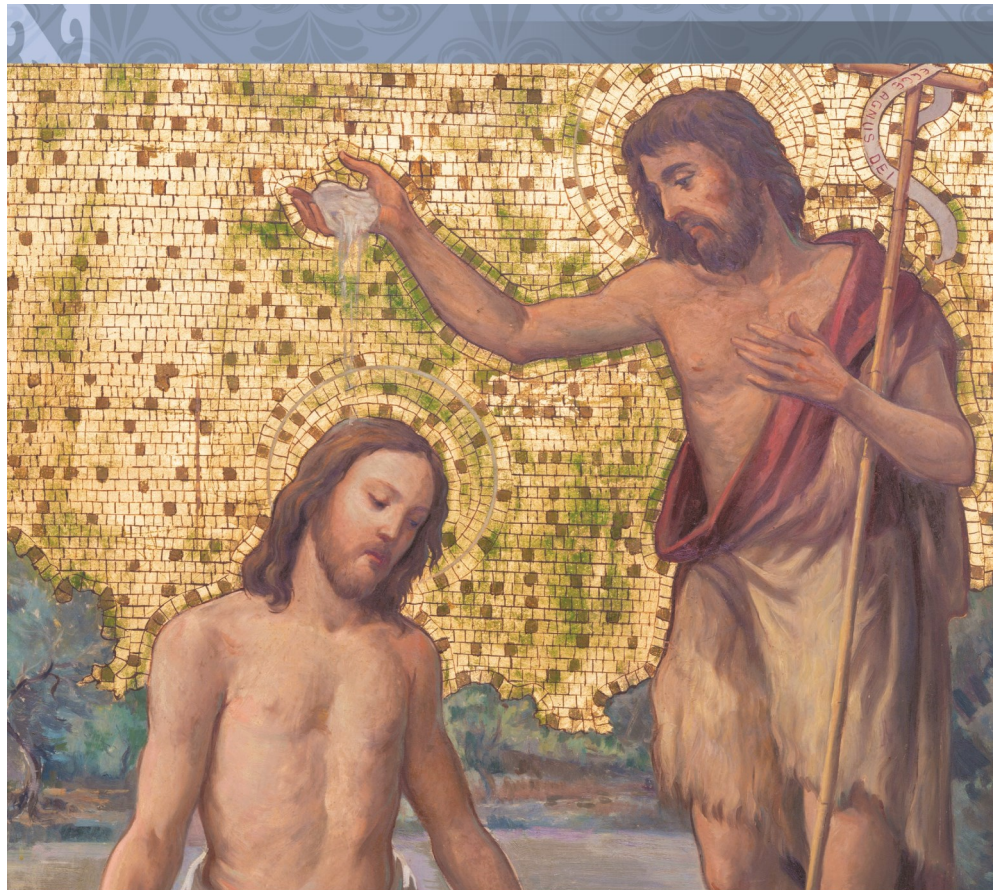
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509

*(Located on the north side of the church
in the Farrell Faith Formation Center)*

Did you know that Holy Ghost Church has it's own Facebook page?



Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

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

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord



Saturday, January 10

4PM Mass

+Jimmy Vellurattil

Sunday, January 11

8AM Mass

+Donald Paul Lasica

10:30AM Mass

+Helmut Hoeing
+Erika Hoeing



8:30AM Mass

Monday, January 12

+John Terkowitsch

Tuesday, January 13

+Joey Albergo

Wednesday, January 14

+Helmut Hoeing
+Erika Hoeing

Thursday, January 15

In Memory of Mrs. Cannon

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 hgbulletin@holychurchparish.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

THANK YOU

for your generosity

Sunday Collection

December 24 — December 30, 2025
\$6,850.45

YTD Budget thru November 2025
\$222,916.65

YTD Actual thru November 2025
\$209,371.84

YTD Difference thru November 2025
-\$13,544.81



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

Diocese of Joliet

	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$71,481
Amount Paid	\$70,576
Balance Due	\$905
Donors	238
2025 Rebate	\$8,663

Updated 1/4/2026

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

Jan 17/18 —C.O.R.E
Jan 24/25 —Church in Latin America



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





Pray for the Sick

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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 Petrbook
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 Schauchuk

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	Cindi Shea
Bianca Marie Borowski	Frank Staggs
Michael Brann	Nancy Townsend
Micah Casey	Larry Venere
Ady DeLargarza	Feliciano Vero
Aldegunda Diego	Gloria Villanueva
Thomas Franzen	Salvatore Vivo
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales	Joseph Yello
Sarah Kasab	Cyndi Zwadlo

Jerad Klint

Therese Kotecki

Michael Malek

Jose Joaquin Negrete

Paz

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

Military and Prayer List

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

Thank you!

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR (January)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

11. Fr. Raed Bader
12. Seminarian Jared Beltz
13. Dcn. Andrew Bogusz
14. Sr. Judith Ann Heble, Sr. Irene Jasien, Sr. Lois Jean Jensik OSB
- 15.. Dcn. Ralph Bias
- 16 Sr. Helen Jilek, Sr. Christine Kouba OSB
17. Fr. John Balluff, Fr. Brad Baker
18. Msgr. James E. Burnett, Fr. Thomas Cargo
19. Sr. Alberta Kywela, Sr. Norbertha Mlowe, Sr. Margaret Mary Schima OSB
20. Dcns. Patrick Blaney, John Blumenstein, William Boucek, James Breen, David Brockman
21. Fr. Juan Carlos Pirir

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.



Please include your choice of date from the list below.

***The following dates are open for donations:**

January 2026 10/11, 17/18, 24/25

February 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/1

March 7/8, 14/15, 28/29

(*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 Bogdan Gaca

From the Gaca Family

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





CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY:

An In-Depth Examination

Catholic sacramental theology is a rich and profound aspect of Catholic faith, focusing on the means through which grace is conferred and how the sacraments function as channels of divine grace.

This discussion delves into the theology of the sacraments, their Biblical foundations, Church teachings, and examples from the tradition.

1. DEFINITION AND UNDERSTANDING OF SACRAMENTS

Sacraments are defined as "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1131).

They are central to Catholic life as they not only signify grace but actually confer it.

2. THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF SACRAMENTS

Sacramental theology has its roots in the Bible. Key scriptural references include:



- Confirmation:

This sacrament is rooted in Acts 8:14-17, where the apostles laid hands on the newly baptized, and they received the Holy Spirit.



- Reconciliation (Confession):

The authority to forgive sins is given by Jesus in John 20:22-23: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."



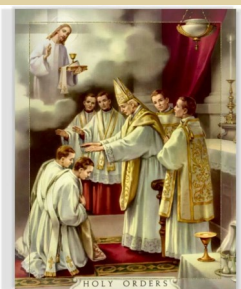
- Anointing of the Sick:

James 5:14-15 encourages the sick to call the elders of the Church to pray over them and anoint them with oil, and "the prayer of faith will save the sick."



- Baptism:

Jesus' command to baptize is found in Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Baptism is seen as the gateway to all other sacraments (John 3:5).



- Holy Orders:

Jesus' choice of the apostles and His command to "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19) establish the sacrament of Holy Orders.



- Eucharist:

Instituted at the Last Supper, the Eucharist is described in Matthew 26:26-28, where Jesus says, "Take, eat; this is my body," and "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."



- Matrimony:

Marriage is blessed by Christ (John 2:1-11), and it is elevated to a sacrament, reflecting the union between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:25-32).



3. THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF SACRAMENTS

Efficacy:

Sacraments are not mere symbols but effective means of grace. As noted in CCC 1127, sacraments "produce the grace they signify."

This principle underscores that sacraments bring about what they signify through their proper rites and intentions.

Ex Opere Operato:

This Latin phrase, meaning "from the work performed," indicates that the efficacy of sacraments does not depend on the personal holiness of the minister but on the sacramental action itself. This principle is essential in maintaining the sacraments' objective efficacy (CCC 1128).

Sacramental Character: Some sacraments, such as Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, imprint a spiritual mark or character on the soul, which configures the recipient to Christ and remains indelible. This means they cannot be repeated (CCC 1121).

4. THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS AND THEIR EFFECTS

Baptism:

Initiates one into the Church, cleanses from original sin, and marks the person as a member of the Christian community (CCC 1213).

Confirmation:

Strengthens and deepens the grace of Baptism, increasing the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian (CCC 1285).

Eucharist:

Nourishes and sustains the spiritual life, allowing believers to participate in the divine nature of Christ (CCC 1324).

Reconciliation: Restores grace lost through sin, reconciles the individual with God and the Church (CCC 1468).

Anointing of the Sick: Provides comfort and healing, forgives sins, and prepares the person for eternal life (CCC 1520).

Holy Orders: Confers the sacramental grace to serve in the ministry of the Church, including the roles of bishop, priest, and deacon (CCC 1536).

Matrimony: Sanctifies the union of husband and wife, enabling them to live their vocation to love and

support each other in grace (CCC 1601).

5. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND CHURCH DOCUMENTS

The understanding and practice of the sacraments have evolved, reflected in key Church documents:

- The Council of Trent (1545-1563):

Codified the seven sacraments and clarified their roles and effects, countering Protestant Reformation critiques.

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992): Provides a comprehensive synthesis of sacramental theology, grounding it in both Scripture and Tradition.

- The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965): Emphasized the communal and participatory aspects of the sacraments, particularly in documents like **Sacrosanctum Concilium**.

6. EXAMPLES FROM CHURCH TRADITION

Saint Augustine:

He emphasized that sacraments are signs of grace that work *ex opere operato*, ensuring their efficacy independent of human merit.

Saint Thomas Aquinas:

In his **Summa Theologica**, Aquinas elaborates on the nature of sacraments as signs and causes of grace, affirming their central role in the life of the Church.

Pope John Paul II:

In **Familiaris Consortio**, he highlighted the sacrament of Matrimony's role in reflecting Christ's love for the Church and its significance for family life.

CONCLUSION

Catholic sacramental theology underscores the profound belief that sacraments are essential channels of grace instituted by Christ.

They are not merely symbolic but active means through which believers encounter and participate in divine grace.

Understanding this theological foundation helps Catholics live out their faith more fully and appreciate the transformative power of the sacraments in their spiritual lives.



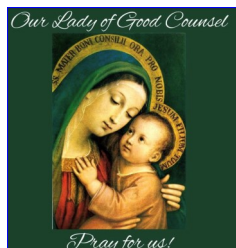


Call for Nominations for Woman of the Year

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.

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| 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 |
| | 2025 Mary Lally |
| 1989 Sue Reher* | |
| 1990 Diana Mendez* | |
| 1991 Pat Goldstein | |
| 1992 Lynn Kampas | |
| 1993 Nina Fedorchuk | |
| 1994 Pat Morey* | |
| 1995 Nancy Siemers | |



Faith Formation

Supplies are needed for
Service Sunday. Our Religious Education families will need supplies to assist their Service Sunday event in February.

Please consider donating Blessing Bag supplies which will be given to the homeless. We need monetary donations to purchase snacks and we are looking for **new** adult warm socks, knit hats, gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste, personal tissue packets, \$5 or \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's, etc; (you can purchase \$10 gift cards from SCRIP) and a card with words of encouragement. To give dignity to the homeless, we ask that all items are new. Items can be dropped off at the Religious Education Office (door 20) or in the main office **by January 18.**

Thank you.
Nancy Siemers
Director of Faith Formation
630-766-4509



Marriage Ministry Workshop with Dr. Edward & Beth Sri

Come all who are interested in supporting marriage ministry across the Diocese of

Joliet. This workshop is for all who want to help with marriage preparation, marriage enrichment or any ministry to marriages and families. We will begin with a presentation by the Sris followed by an introduction to specific offerings for marriage and family ministry. Leave with resources you can put into place at the local level, inspired with others who want to do the same!

Wednesday, 2/4/26
3pm to 4:30pm

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504

Register for FREE at <https://forms.office.com/r/uRuS8wARba> or by scanning the QR code.



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A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet



NEWS & EVENTS

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Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets that will provide \$1450 to support the two seminarians supported by the Holy Ghost Council: Peter Davis and Deacon Jonathan Hernandez.

2025 VOCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM RAFFLE WINNERS

DECEMBER 6, 2025

WINNERS	AMOUNT	NAME	AFFILIATION
1ST	\$10,000	DENNY SHOOK, SR.	745
2ND	\$2,500	ANNE WILSON	1444
3RD	\$1,000	REY FELEBRICO	4330
4TH	\$1,000	GARY & JOAN VOGELGESANG	716
5TH	\$1,000	KEVIN GLEESON	1691
6TH	\$1,000	MATTHEW RIPPINGER	12841
7TH	\$500	MATT JOHNSON	1599
8TH	\$500	NATE JOYNER	1659
9TH	\$500	BAERTSCHI	8021
10TH	\$500	WM. DISSETTE	1444
11TH	\$200	TERESO CASTELLANOS	8021
12TH	\$200	SAM FURLAN	4338
13TH	\$200	SUZZETTE MCFARLAND	8021
14TH	\$200	MIKE KUSTER	11582
15TH	\$200	RICH SCHLISSMANN	10637
16TH	\$100	DAVE BROWN	574
17TH	\$100	STEPHAN A. ZALAS, JR.	8473
18TH	\$100	ART GASEY	4483
19TH	\$100	FR. DICK ALLEN COUNCIL	10926
20TH	\$100	BILL FOYE	14171
TOTAL	\$20,000		

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



Happy New Year! While we want to savor Christmas in our hearts for a few days I would like to give you time to think about how you want to enhance your Lenten journey because Lent begins early this year....Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday,

February 18, 2026. Plan on joining us for one of the following courses by signing up on SignUpGenius which can be found on the parish website: holyghostparish.org. Contact Susan: 630-860-3691 or stutaj@holyghostparish.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!

THE RESCUE PROJECT:

Monday 7pm 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.



We welcome Trace & Brysen Mullen and Reid Bennett Hoban who were recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost. Please pray for them and their families.

