

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

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## A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1200

### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Sam Conforti  
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*Permanent Deacon*

Boguslaw Kowalski  
*Permanent Deacon Candidate*

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*Director of Faith Formation/ Human Resources x130*

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*Coordinator of Discipleship x132*

Veronica Borowski  
*Faith Formation Administrative Assistant x131*

### 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.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' " Mt 4:19

### **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 25, 2026

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**Our Mass Intention guidelines have been updated. Please read the last page of this bulletin for more information.**

**Saturday, January 24**

**4PM Mass**

**+Edward Sosnowski**

**Sunday, January 25**

**8AM Mass**

**+Vito Ciaccia**

**For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased**

**10:30AM Mass**

**+Emil Pituch**

**+Edward Kozel**



**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, January 26**

**+Joseph Ferrari**

**Tuesday, January 27**

**+Paul Andershon**

**Wednesday, January 28**

**+Richard Gergats**

**Thursday, January 29**

**+Robert Gniech**

### 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

### Sunday Collection

**January 7 — January 13, 2026**  
**\$9,388.92**

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

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

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

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 appreciated.





### 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 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

# Pray for the Sick

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

January 25, 2026

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### Memorare

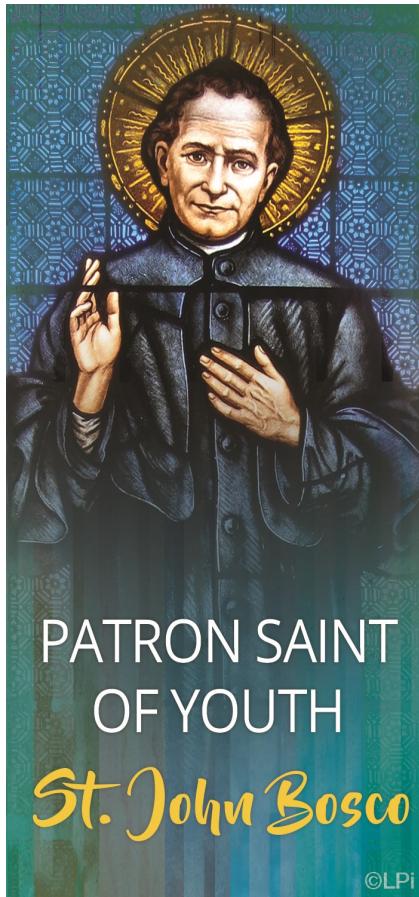
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

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  
Paz  
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!



### 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 Michael B. Curiale

From the Curiale S. 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** 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



### For successful surgery for Sandy Fischer

From Anita

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



### THE ESSENCE OF WORSHIP: Why Interior Worship Must Complement Communal Worship



Communal worship, central to Catholic practice, is the collective act of honoring God within a

community, typically through the Mass, prayers, and sacraments.

However, the Catholic Church teaches that communal worship alone is insufficient if it is not supported by interior worship, which involves a personal, internal disposition of reverence and relationship with God.

Here's an in-depth exploration of why interior worship is essential for authentic communal worship and examples of how this relationship manifests:



#### 1. THE NATURE OF INTERIOR WORSHIP

a. Personal Relationship with God: Interior worship involves cultivating a personal relationship with God that goes beyond external rituals. It is the inner experience of devotion, love, and openness to God's presence.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2560) states, "Prayer is the relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure."

This personal relationship forms the foundation of true worship, affecting how one participates in communal worship.

b. Transformation of the Heart: Interior worship transforms the heart and mind, aligning them with God's will.

It involves regular practices like prayer, meditation, and reflection, which help individuals grow in holiness and purity of heart.

Jesus emphasizes this internal transformation in Matthew 5:8: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

#### 2. THE INSUFFICIENCY OF COMMUNAL WORSHIP Alone

a. The Risk of Formalism: Without interior worship, communal worship can become a mere formality, characterized by rote actions and superficial

participation.

This formalism can lead to a disconnect between the worshipper's external actions and their internal disposition.

For example, participating in the Mass without a personal connection to the liturgy or understanding its significance can reduce it to a ritualistic exercise rather than a profound encounter with God.

b. Lack of Genuine Encounter: Communal worship should facilitate a genuine encounter with God.

However, if one's interior life is not oriented towards God, this encounter is diminished.

In the Gospels, Jesus criticizes those whose worship is outwardly pious but lacks inner sincerity (Matthew 15:8-9): "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

#### 3. Integrating Interior Worship with Communal Worship

a. Preparation for Worship: Interior worship prepares individuals to engage more deeply in communal worship.

Regular personal prayer and spiritual practices help cultivate an openness to God's grace, which enhances the experience of communal worship.



For example, approaching the Eucharist with a heart attuned to God's presence can lead to a more meaningful reception of the sacrament.

b. Active Participation: Interior worship fosters active participation in communal worship by aligning one's intentions and emotions with the liturgical actions.

As the Second Vatican Council's \*Sacrosanctum Concilium\* (1963) asserts, active participation in the liturgy involves not only external actions but also internal engagement, where individuals actively join in the spiritual and sacramental aspects of worship.

#### 4. EXAMPLES FROM CATHOLIC TRADITION

a. Saint Teresa of Ávila: Saint Teresa of Ávila, a Doctor of the Church, emphasized the importance of interior prayer and contemplation.

Her writings, particularly in \*The Interior Castle\*, describe the necessity of deepening one's interior life to experience a genuine encounter with God. She taught that without this inner transformation, communal worship remains incomplete.





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### b. Saint John of the Cross:

Saint John of the Cross, another Doctor of the Church, highlighted the significance of interior purification and spiritual ascent.

His work, \*The Dark Night of the Soul\*, illustrates how interior purification and detachment from worldly desires are essential for a deeper union with God, which then enriches one's participation in communal worship.



### 5. CONTEMPORARY APPLICATIONS

#### a. Personal Spiritual Practices:

In today's context, interior worship can be fostered through personal spiritual practices such as daily prayer, meditation, and reading Scripture.

For instance, spending time in silent reflection before attending Mass can help individuals approach communal worship with a heart prepared to encounter God.

#### b. Spiritual Formation Programs:

Many Catholic parishes and organizations offer spiritual formation programs that emphasize the importance of both interior and communal worship.

These programs often include retreats, prayer groups, and faith-sharing activities that encourage deeper personal engagement with the faith, enhancing the communal worship experience.

### CONCLUSION

In Catholicism, communal worship and interior worship are mutually reinforcing aspects of a holistic spiritual life.

While communal worship provides the structure for collective expression of faith, interior worship ensures that this expression is genuine and transformative.

By nurturing an inner life of prayer, reflection, and personal connection with God, Catholics can fully engage in communal worship, making it a powerful and authentic encounter with the Divine.



## NEWS & EVENTS

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## DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



Lent begins on February 18th so be sure to enhance your Lenten Journey by joining a small group for A Scriptural Walk Through the Mass on Sundays at 7pm Virtually; Mondays at 10am I Room 9; The Rescue Project at 7pm on Monday in the Koinonia Room or on Tuesday at Noon in Room 9 or one of the following courses:

### 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.

### 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.

Register by using SignUpGenius on the parish website: [holylghostparish.org](http://holylghostparish.org) or contact Susan: 630-860-3691 or [stutaj@holylghostparish.org](mailto:stutaj@holylghostparish.org)

Susan Tutaj, Coordinator of Discipleship

## 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 January 2026 intention:

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



## 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.

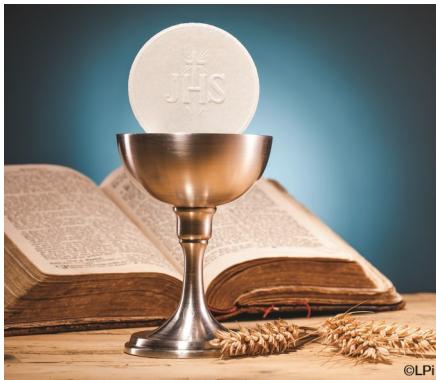
Donating blood has health benefits for you, the donor, too. It can provide a free mini health check (automatic cholesterol for free) and foster a sense of community. It's a simple process that only takes about 40 minutes, including the pre-check and rest/snack period after.

Minimum age: 17 years or 16 with parental consent

Minimum weight: 110 pounds. Females, see chart.

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.

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



# Mass INTENTIONS

## Mass Intention Guidelines (Effective January 1, 2026)

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. In our parish, we have many requests for scheduling such Mass intentions. We try to honor these to the best of our ability and in accordance with the Code of Canon Law for the Universal Catholic Church. As such, the following guidelines are being implemented to accommodate the numerous requests in a reasonable and fair manner. **Any mass intentions already in the books will still be honored this year. We will not be removing anyone.**

### Requesting a Mass:

*Anyone may request a Mass Intention for:*

- A person who is living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic.
- Intentions for a particular person/people.
- Intentions for members of a particular family/families.
- A special intention appropriate to the celebration of the Eucharist e.g.: World Peace, Vocations, Respect for Life, etc. These intentions should be general and not specific to an individual.
- Mass intentions will be honored in the parish office on a first-come, first-served basis, in order in which the request is received.

*We begin accepting new intentions only a few months at a time.*

Currently accepting intentions thru June 2026

July 2026 & August 2026 we will begin accepting in April 2026

September 2026 & October 2026 we will begin accepting in May 2026

November 2026 & December 2026 we will begin accepting in June 2026

January 2027 & February 2027 we will begin accepting in July 2026

March 2027 & April 2027 we will begin accepting in September 2026

May 2027 & June 2027 we will begin accepting in November 2026

July 2027 & August 2027 we will begin accepting in January 2027

September 2027 & October 2027 we will begin accepting in March 2027

November 2027 & December 2027 we will begin accepting in May 2027

*Intentions can be accepted over the phone.*

When requesting a Mass Intention please use the Mass Intention Request Form found on our Parish website, at the Parish Office or the vestibules in the church. You can drop off request forms in person, or send by mail or email to the parish office at [hgsecretary@holylghostparish.org](mailto:hgsecretary@holylghostparish.org)

**Each household or group may request a maximum of four (4) Mass Intentions at one time.**

A \$10 stipend is suggested per Mass Intentions. A Mass offering may be more than the suggested stipend.

Please write checks payable to Holy Ghost Church.

Mass intentions will be published in the parish bulletin and announced at each Mass.

### Changes & Cancellations:

If a Mass is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the intention will be rescheduled on the next available date.

The pastor reserves the right to reschedule a Mass intention due to unforeseen parish conflicts.

This information is also on our website under the Mass Intention tab.

