JULY 16, 2023  FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME #1236

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23


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.

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

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.
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15
4PM Mass
John Gallucci
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost
Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 16
8AM Mass
Diane Costello

10:30AM Mass
Raymond Kolinski

12:30PM Polish Mass
To Be Determined

Monday, July 17
Health & Blessings for
Phil & Maria Yanez on their
61st Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, July 18
Health & Blessings for
Reiner & Jeanette Siedentop

Wednesday, July 19
Health & Blessings for
Dennis Bero

Thursday, July 20
Rudy Di Domenico

Your participation in the CMAA is important.
If you have not had a chance to participate in the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) this year, there is still time. Please look for the mailing which will be arriving in homes shortly.

As your pastor, I encourage you to prayerfully reflect on God’s gifts to you and to give a gift to the CMAA. Participation is the key to a successful appeal and a chance for our parish to receive a parish rebate, too. Every gift helps!

If you do not receive this mailing and would like to make a gift to the CMAA, please call the Diocese of Joliet Development Office at (815) 838-8515. Or, if you wish to make your gift online, please visit www.jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Thank you, Father John Hornicak

2023 CMAA Pledge Report
2023 PARISH GOAL: $54,300
2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $57,454
2023 AMOUNT PAID: $43,897
2023 BALANCE DUE: $13,558

Thank you for your generosity

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.

In Memory of the deceased member of the Douglas & Sciortino families
From Sam & Nancy Sciortino

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

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3 to 3:45PM.

Father John’s Mother’s Prayer
Let nothing trouble thee, let nothing frighten thee.
All things pass away.
God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.
Nothing is wanted to him who possesses God.

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 Thanksgiving for 61 years of Marriage
From Phil & Maria Yanez

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

*The following dates are open for donations:
September 9/10, 16/17
September 30/October 1
October 7/8, 14/15, 28/29
November 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 23, 25/26
December 2/3, 16/17, 23/24, 30/31

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

**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.

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**RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Soil Conditions**

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn’t swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions. Because really, it’s all about the soil conditions — at least, that’s what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like “Why aren’t any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard.” I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can’t understand why it’s not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it’s all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the Sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

“...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” — Isaiah 55:11

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**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**AN INVITATION TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading:** The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God’s word is reliable and purposeful. How might you help friends or family trust more in God?

**Second Reading:** Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory that awaits all believers — “For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God.” What do you imagine earth would look like filled with God’s glory, absent any “corruption?”

**Gospel:** Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today’s parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. How would you describe your reaction to Jesus’s parables of the kingdom?

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It’s not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it’s interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew’s gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord’s riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted” (Matthew 13:11).

Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we’re dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren’t willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the “info” of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It’ll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don’t understand the Church or the Lord, let’s be patient.

"Health is God’s great gift, and we must spend it entirely for Him. Our eyes should see only for God, our feet walk only for Him, our hands labor for Him alone; in short, our entire body should serve God while we still have the time. Then, when He shall take our health and we shall near our last day, our conscience will not reproach us for having misused it."

— St. John Bosco

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Please join Pope Francis in praying his July 2023 intention: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Calling All Kids Ages 4 Through 6th Grade
Cool Kingdom Party-Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus-Vacation Bible School at Holy Ghost Parish begins on July 31 and goes through August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for ages 4 through 6th grade. This program helps kids explore, learn and grow in their Catholic faith. Another goal of this program is to help children understand the importance of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and how she leads us closer to her son Jesus. It will be a fun week with crafts, games, snacks, music and learning about our Catholic faith. Registration forms are at the Welcome Center or contact the Faith Formation office at 630-766-4509. (If your children aren’t available all five days, register and come on the days they are available.) The cost is only $35.00 per child for the week.

Calling All Teens From 7th Grade Through High School
Children in 7th grade through high school will also come from 9:00 a.m. to noon to journey through the Catholic faith in all its richness and to see how the sacraments, prayer and discipleship are the keys to a happy life; with a video series called The Chosen. A goal is to bring about a personal encounter with Jesus and a community full of disciples. The teens will also have fun assisting the younger children with music, games and crafts. Registration forms are at the Welcome Center or contact the Faith Formation office at 630-766-4509. (If your teens aren’t available all five days, register and come on the days they are available.) The cost is only $20.00 per teen for the week.

Anyone that would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School or to donate for the crafts, snacks, etc. please contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

Holy Ghost Parish Family Faith Formation Program for children ages 4 through 14 begins on September 10. If you haven’t already done so, it is time to register. Forms can be found on the Holy Ghost web site at www.holyghostparish.org or on the Welcome Center.

For all seeking Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation or for anyone that wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, classes will begin in the fall. Please sign up now. For more information, contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509 or at: nsiemers@holyghostparish.org.
Complete this form and return it to the Faith Formation Office or drop it in the collection basket.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________
Date of Birth: _____________________________________

Please circle the sacraments needed:  Baptism        Communion        Confirmation
AN INVITATION TO WIDOWS

INTERESTED IN AN EVENING GROUP FOR WIDOWS?

Our Thursday 1pm group for widows has begun but I have had several requests for an evening group.

If you would be interested in meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, please give me a call 630-860-3691 or email me: stutaj@holyghostparish.org.

Please leave me a message. I would appreciate it if you would spell your name and leave me your phone and email.

I am looking forward to meeting you.
Susan Tutaj
Coordinator of Discipleship

BE FORMED SEASON 7: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
REGISTRATION OPENED JULY 11

At Holy Ghost, we will be offering two opportunities for new Be Formed groups beginning in September:
* Tuesdays at 7pm
* Wednesdays at 1pm

During this second year of the Eucharistic Revival, we are focused on the “Year of the Parish.”

BE FORMED will include opportunities for
* Fellowship
* Prayer
* Scripture
* Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism
* USCCB Small Group material will be included as it comes available
* Adoration

Please leave a message for Susan at 630-860-3691 or email: stutaj@holyghostparish.org Let her know the group you prefer, your email and cell phone. She will contact you when registration opens so that you can register for the Holy Ghost group. There is a very minimal charge for the cost of copying the materials for September 10 through December 8.

Join us as together we take a deeper look at Holy Eucharist...not only at mass but every day! Join us!!

Called and Gifted

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Called and Gifted is a unique process from the Catherine of Siena Institute. It was developed by Sherry Anne Weddell and operates under the premise that each and every person was gifted with a charism from the Holy Spirit at their Baptism:
* Charisms are not inherited
* They are meant to be given away so they are for others and not for ourselves
* Charisms cannot be used for evil

Called and Gifted meets for 5 sessions. After Session 1, the participants take an online survey which gives each person an idea of what charisms they may have been gifted. At the end of 5 session, each participant has a private interview, at their convenience, which assists in the discernment of one’s gift or gifts.

With the knowing of your charism comes a call as you discover how God wants to use you in ministry or the secular world. Your charism brings you joy and is always meant to be given away. In using your charism you will find yourself energized and helped to avoid burnout, ineffectiveness and frustration.

I would like to bring Called and Gifted to Holy Ghost but need a small group (5-6) to volunteer to be my first group. I am looking for this group to meet on Thursdays from 7-9pm on July 27; August 3, 10, 17 and 24. If you are interested...even if you can't make all the sessions....please leave me a message at 630-860-3691 or stutaj@holyghostparish.org. I will be in and out of the office on a limited basis but I will return your call or email when I return. Let me know your availability as we may be able to adjust the schedule.....

There will be a cost for the materials as we will need to order them through the Siena Institute. More information will come after the group is formed. Please consider helping me begin this ministry so in the future every parishioner can have the opportunity to find their God-given giftedness. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,
Susan Tutaj  Coordinator of Discipleship
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.

Sunday, August 13
The vitalant Blood Drive returns for the first time since November of 2019!

Sponsored by the Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women.

Appointments available from 8AM to 12:45PM

You are cordially invited to the Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks ALL ARE WELCOME!

Date: July 23, 2023
Time: 2:00pm
Please RSVP below - QR Code or Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192

“His mercy is from age to age.” Luke 1:50

CALLING PARISH NURSES!
The parish could use your help after Masses with a new quarterly Blood Pressure Screening program to begin in July. If you can help, contact Gina Reckard at ginareckard@gmail.com or 630-536-7427

It’s wedding and graduation season! Are you ready? We are!

Every gift card you purchase from the SCRIP program is money to benefit Holy Ghost at no additional coast to you. We carry hundreds of stores, including VISA gift cards with NO ACTIVATION FEE!

http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrip

Questions? Contact Kathy at 630-860-2975 or kgrant@holyghostparish.org

PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE!
The acclaimed Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at Visitation Catholic Church in Elmhurst for Year 1 on Mondays 7-9 p.m. OR Zoom in Live Online classes for Year1 on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Year 2 in person classes will be held at St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield on Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

In Person Preview Event in July:
Holy Ghost Church (Wood Dale)
July 24 (Monday) 7-8:30 p.m.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class!

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