JULY 2, 2023   THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME #1230

“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, HE WILL SURELY NOT LOSE HIS REWARD.”
—MT 10:42

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.

The parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be Adoration and morning Mass. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and safe holiday!

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
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1
4PM Mass
Kenneth Kotecki

Sunday, July 2
8AM Mass
Karl & Maria Fleischacker
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost
Living and Deceased

10:30AM Mass
Bill Lally

Monday, July 3
Joseph Bellisario

Tuesday, July 4
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost
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Wednesday, July 5
Jillian Garcia

Thursday, July 6
Joseph Meyer

Friday, July 7
Brian K. Tickler

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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!

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Thank you, Father John Hornicak

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as of 6/19/2023
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2023 AMOUNT PAID: $42,184
2023 BALANCE DUE: $14,695
Thank you for your generosity.

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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
Alicja, Julian & Jerzy Jurewicz
From The Meyer Family
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Please include your choice of date from the list below.
*The following dates are open for donations:
August 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27
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
(*Availability subject to possible change once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)
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.

Cathy Alcozer
Gloria Anderson
Joel Calderone
Anna Canale
Ron Catalano
Martin Chiodo
James Cumo
John Davis
Rose Marie Davis
Gerry Grupe
Evelyn Hickman
Special Intention
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
Meaghan K.
Mike Kaiser
Virginia Kapelanski
Joyce Kordas
Carrie Krush
Patricia Krush
Angela Liga
Noel Lopez
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Mary Marino
Wendell Meyer
Bill Morse
Bonnie Murphy
Gloria Paz
Lisa Perez
Laverne Peterson
Pat Pitello
Rose Powers
William Powers
Joseph Prince
Robert Rosch Sr
Andrew Rosinski
John Rossi
Reiner Siedentopf
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Blake Wishnow
Maria Yanez

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.

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LT COL Anthony Calabrese
LT COL Patty Calabrese
MAJ Mary Dones
CAPT Joseph Piscopo
CAPT Jeremy Shimaneck
1st LT Joshua Jaloieic
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbok

ARMY:
LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
1LT Elizabeth Gonzales
SSGT Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CWO4 Anderson Mann
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schaubchuk

MARINE CORPS:
CAPT Edward W. Miller
SGT Nicholas Reid
CPL Charles Gоловacz
CPL Jack Rowley
LCPL David Lozeau
PVT Cameron Andresen
PVT Vincent Anthony Eiltman
PVT Billy Termine
PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
LT Matthew Starsiak
Ryan James Ruizol

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Reckon God
A Prophet's Reward

“Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house,” my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” — Matthew 10:39

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

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!
"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."

—St. Charles Borromeo

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

First Reading: The Shunammite woman is rewarded with the promise of a newborn son for her generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha. To whom could you show a good measure of charity this week?

Second Reading: In Paul’s view, since Jesus defeated death in his resurrection, he challenged the believers in Rome to think of themselves as “being dead to sin and living for God.” How often do you think of ways to put your faith into action?

Gospel: Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of following him. What do you personally find most challenging or rewarding in following Jesus?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we “surely will not lose our reward.”

The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders.

— Father John Muir

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Tuesday: Independence Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1b-2/Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
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.

OCIA Classes for adults needing Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation

Do you know any teens 15 years old or older or adults that want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or may want to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation? Please have them contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

Nancy Siemers
Director of Faith Formation

Seeking Faith Formation Administrative Assistant

Holy Ghost parish Faith Formation office is seeking a part time up to 20 Hours a week Administrative Assistant. Must have excellent communication and computer skills including proficiency with core Microsoft products including Outlook, Word, Excel, etc. Will handle a variety of general administrative assistant and secretarial duties for the Faith Formation office and Director of Faith Formation and for the Coordinator of Discipleship. Must have previous experience in an administrative assistant/secretarial role. For additional information contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.
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
**NEWS & EVENTS**

**July 2, 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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.

**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.

**Please help: Our food drive is ongoing.**
Visit the Holy Ghost Website and check out our new and updated articles and fresh new look. The “new” site launched on June 30, 2023. We hope you enjoy your visit.

**CHECK IT OUT!**
www.holyghostparish.org
Same old Web Address! Fresh new look!

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

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**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 cost 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

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