JULY 23, 2023  SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME #1239

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”
- Mt 13:43a

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.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the members of Holy Ghost Parish, are one body of Roman Catholic people with diverse gifts and blessings, who share responsibility for the transformation of ourselves and our world according to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Fed by the Holy Spirit, we nurture our faith through private prayer, liturgy and sacraments, through life-long learning and teaching of Gospel values, and through love and support of each other. Empowered by the same Spirit, we live our faith in action through the ministries of service, social justice, evangelization and witness, because all are called to one and the same goal: unity with God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME
July 23, 2023
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22
4PM Mass
Linda Johns

Sunday, July 23
8AM Mass
Marcia Baxa
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

10:30AM Mass
Health & Blessings for the St. John, Pitello & Costa Families

12:30PM Polish Mass
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

Monday, July 24
Health & Blessings for Ann Ellerman

Tuesday, July 25
Lourdes Jeppesen

Wednesday, July 26
Eileen Blanda

Thursday, July 27
Keith Ellerman

The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

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.

INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS NEXT WEEK!

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 Cecylia & Edward Siwinski
From the Meyer Family

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

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, and Holy Days of Obligation. No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.
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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Gloria Anderson
Joel Calderone
Anna Canale
Ron Catalano
Martin Chiodo
James Cumo
John Davis
Rose Marie Davis
Gerry Grupe
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Special Intention
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
Meaghan K.
Mike Kaiser
Virginia Kapelanski
Joyce Kordas
Carrie Krush
Patricia Krush
Angela Liga
Noel Lopez
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 Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Blake Wishnow
Maria Yanez

AIR FORCE:
LT COL Anthony Calabrese
LT COL Patty Calabrese
MAJ Mary Dones
CAPT Joseph Piscopo
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jawlowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbo

ARMY:
LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
1LT Elizabeth Gonzales
SSGT Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CW4 Anderson Mann
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schauchuk

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
LT Matthew Starsiak
Ryan James Ruizol

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Catholic Bubble
There’s a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here’s how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it’s all made up.

Don’t misunderstand me: I love a good devout Catholic parish. I live for a supportive, devout Catholic community. It’s one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. But.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms’ group.

No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

“And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will.”
— Romans 8:2

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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Patience is rooted in Hope. (An image of a bush filled with birds would be great.)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord’s parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus’ parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It’s funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like … wait for it … a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It’s the secret of the Cross. Not how we’d prefer it. But finally, great news.
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.

Vacation Bible School

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
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!!

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! Call Susan at 630-860-3691 for more information.

CALLING 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 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

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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
The Blood Drive returns for the first time since November of 2019!
Sponsored by the Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women.
Facilitated by Vitalant.
Appointments available from 8AM to 12:45PM

Please visit our website: holyghostparish.org to sign up online for the blood drive.

Please note: The blood donation ban has been lifted on people who spent time in Europe in the 80’s and the 90’s. Please check to see if you are eligible.

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Blood is vital for trauma victims, cancer patients and many others, and there’s a constant need for it. Doctors depend on a ready source of blood when performing surgeries and providing other treatments for their patients. What’s more, blood cannot be manufactured and can only come from volunteer donors — people like you.

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

Did you know we are on Facebook?
You can find us listed as: Holy Ghost Parish
Like our page to receive uplifting messages.

The Department of Catechesis and Evangelization is organizing the first annual retreat for parents of persons with disabilities. This will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Darien located at 8040 Cass Avenue on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

There will be two sessions from which to choose:
9:00AM - 12:30AM beginning with 9:00AM Mass
OR
1:30PM - 4:30PM ending with Mass at 4:30PM

To receive updates on the planning and other events, please complete the survey at the QR code or email rchowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org

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No man is too busy to be an active Knight of Columbus.
Spending just 24 hours per year can make an enormous difference in your life.
Serve the parish, give back to the community, grow in your faith, and access our optional top-rated insurance to protect your family.
The order was made for the moment we are in, as a church, as a country, as families and as men.
The council’s members include Father John, Deacon Dino and Deacon Robbie.
Contact Grand Knight: Warren at 630-487-7925 for more information.