GRANT ME, O LORD
MY GOD, A MIND TO
KNOW YOU, A HEART
TO SEEK YOU, WISDOM
TO FIND YOU.

-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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.

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 29
4PM Mass
Michael O’Malley

Sunday, July 30
8AM Mass
John Terkowitsch

10:30AM Mass
Raymond Kolinski

The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

12:30PM Polish Mass
The Szewczyk & Krawczyk Families

Monday, July 31
Joyce Tognocchi

Tuesday, August 1
Roberto Baeza

Wednesday, August 2
Joanne Wilson

Thursday, August 3
Celia Sifuentes

Friday, August 4
Lori Muscia

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.

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Thank you, Father John Hornicak

2023 CMAA Pledge Report
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2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $57,779
2023 AMOUNT PAID: $47,624
2023 BALANCE DUE: $10,155

Thank you for your generosity

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In Memory of Pamela Sanchez
From Jay Babowice

In Memory of
the Rafa & Kmiecik Families
From Paul & Lorraine Kmiecik

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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.

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 Petribok

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 Schauchuk

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

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
LT Matthew Starisciak
Ryan James Ruizol

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!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Falling Action and the Field
In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases “The Gang” through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven’t yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

“Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.” — Psalm 119

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.”

–St. Thomas Aquinas

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

First Reading: The young King Solomon asked the Lord in prayer for a wise and discerning heart, and it was granted to him. What gift would you ask from the Lord?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the believers in Rome that God calls us “according to his purpose.” Do you have a sense your purpose in life? If so, what is it?

Gospel: Jesus offers several kingdom of heaven parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an invitation to all). With these parables, what do you think Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of heaven?

Reflection by Candice Tucci, OSF

It was the summer of 1973. I had just received my BFA degree, and I headed west to the Rosebud Reservation. It is the home of the Indigenous Brule/Lakota People in South Dakota. I will teach Art at St. Francis Indian School, Sciangu Oyte Ho, Inc. Having already been there three previous summers, I was excited to actually stay for a while to become more involved and integrated into the life and culture of a people I grew to love, and still do.

This time, I would live in a house that would provide a homey setting for some high school girls along with another sister from a different community. It became a difficult situation as we, (the sister and I) had differing opinions and ways to “run” the household concerning rules and regulations. My room in a rather unfinished basement was my refuge. I recall crying, begging God to help me make sense of what I was doing there. As Psalm 97 prays, Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live...

I opened scripture to what is today’s first reading and also Solomon’s prayer for wisdom. In that I found peace and direction not only for that moment, but for years ahead, a lifetime in ministry.

Have you ever found yourself in a situation when you just begged God for clarity?

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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
DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

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

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!!
“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

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.

Companions on the Journey Ministry

God does not want us to be alone as we encounter the joys and challenges which we all experience during our journey here on earth. God blesses us with His Word, the Church, the sacraments, our families, and faithful friends. We can receive healing grace and strength through prayer.

Jesus is the Divine Physician, the infinite font of grace for healing and redemption. Throughout our lives, Jesus is there beckoning us to draw closer to Him and to trust Him completely. Jesus wants to heal us and restore us to wholeness.

Call the parish office at (630) 860-2975 to find out more or to schedule an appointment:

To receive the special blessings of the Sacrament of the Anointing
To have a trained prayer team pray in Jesus’ Name with you
To meet with a trained Spiritual Director (spiritual companion)
To become involved with a small group to read and discuss the book “Be Healed” by Bob Schuchts. (This book is being widely used within the Dioceses of Joliet and throughout the world at retreats.)
To have a Minister of Care bring the Eucharist to you if you are homebound.

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

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

“Hope & Healing”

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.

July 30, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time