

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1236

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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 it's own Facebook page?



Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

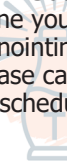
8:30 am

Please join us for **Adoration**
from 7AM to 8AM
before the 8:30AM
weekday morning Mass.



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.



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



Pray the **Rosary** with us
Monday through Thursday
at 9 AM
and on Thursday evenings at 7PM

WELCOME

JULY 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11

4PM Mass

+Marion Bero

Sunday, July 12

8AM Mass

**+Edward Koziel
+Christian Tatara**

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

10:30AM Mass

+Raymond Kolinski



Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, July 13

+Larry Mackey

Tuesday, July 14

Fr. Marek Herbut

Wednesday, July 15

+Earl Nelson

Thursday, July 16

+Fr. John Barret

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 hgbulletin@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. 630-766-4509

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 the wedding coordinator, Fran Hargadon, 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. 630-860-2975

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

June 24 - June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection \$8,833.16

YTD Budget thru May 2026
\$490,416.67

YTD Actual thru May 2026
\$454,191.00

YTD Difference thru May 2026
-\$36,225.67



	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$59,719
Amount Paid	\$46,680
Balance Due	\$13,039
Donors	213
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 7/5/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

July 18/19 - CORE



We're excited to announce that you can now give using **digital wallets**:

Apple Pay
Google Pay
Venmo
PayPal



Simply **scan the QR code** or visit our website to give securely from your smartphone. Thank you for supporting our ministries and mission!

Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation

Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation Program for children ages 4 through Parish 8 **will begin on September 13, 2026**. Forms can be found on the Holy Ghost web site at www.HolyGhostparish.org or in the church vestibules.



Pray for the Sick

PRAYER & WORSHIP
JULY 12, 2026
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Petrbock
A1C Ryan Leider
SRA 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
SGT Jeremy Ames

NAVY:

LCDR Nicholas Lucania
Ryan James Ruizol
CTT2 Kurtis Ames

Military and Prayer List

Please email: hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975
to add or remove a name from the list.

Thank you!



Cathy Alcozer	Cindi Shea
Bianca Marie Borowski	Frank Staggs
Michael Brann	Holly Staggs
Micah Casey	Nancy Townsend
Ron Catalano	Larry Venere
Ady DeLargarza	Feliciano Vero
Aldegunda Diego	Gloria Villanueva
Thomas Franzen	Salvatore Vivo
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales	Joe Vocino
Mike Kaiser	Matt Vocino
Sarah Kasab	Bernadette Watson
Jerad Klint	James Wilk
Therese Kotecki	Phil Yanez
Michael Malek	Joseph Yello
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz	Cyndi Zwadlo

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR (July)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

1 Brs. Robert Veselsky, John Viotoris FSC
2 Seminarian Frank Perrotta
3 Sr. Toby Marie Bonny OSF
4 Sr. Alice Drewek OSF
5 Seminarian Daniel Obendorf
6 Dcns. Patrick Lombardo, Jose L. Lopez, Marco Lovero, Ronald Madsen, David Mahoney
7 Sr. Colette Murawski PCC
8 Fr. Robert Basler
9 Fr. Josh White
10 Sr. Maria Murphy PCC
11 Fr. John McGeean
12 Dcn. Frederick Maier
13 Fr. Jason Stone
14 Fr. Alex Lorang
15 Sr. Alana Gorski OSF, Sr. Margaret Grempla OSF
16 Dcns. Robert Malek, Peter Manning
17 Dcns. Thomas Marciani, Philip Marrow
18 Fr. Michael McMahon
19 Dn. Anthony Martini

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.

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, 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.



Please include your choice of date from the list below.

***The following dates are open for donations:**

July 11/12, 25/26

August 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30

(*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.

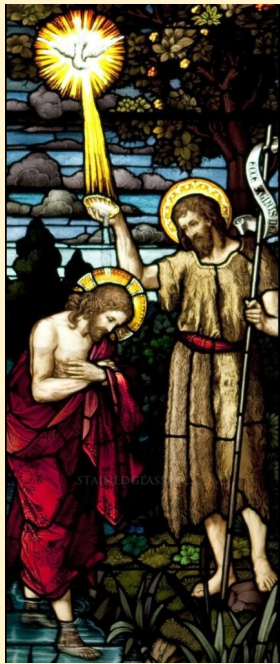
You may mail your request with your contribution to:
Holy Ghost Church
at 254 N Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale IL 60191



In Memory of William E Powers

From Rose Powers

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



WHAT CATHOLIC BAPTISM IS NOT:

Dispelling Misconceptions

In the Catholic tradition, baptism is considered the first and most fundamental sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith.

It is a sacred act that symbolizes spiritual rebirth, cleansing from original sin, and entrance into the community of believers.

However, over time, misunderstandings and misconceptions about baptism have developed, leading to confusion about its true purpose and meaning.

To gain a clearer understanding, it is essential to examine what Catholic baptism is not, in contrast to what it truly represents.

1. Baptism is Not a Mere Symbolic Gesture

One of the most common misconceptions is that baptism is merely a symbolic ritual without any real effect.

While baptism does have symbolic elements—such as the use of water to signify purification and rebirth—Catholic teaching holds that it is far more than a mere symbol.

Baptism is a sacrament, which means that it is an outward sign that actually confers grace.

Through baptism, a person is truly cleansed from original sin, incorporated into the Body of Christ, and receives the Holy Spirit.

This sacramental grace is transformative, marking a real change in the person's soul.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1213), it is clearly stated: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit."

This means that baptism initiates a profound, spiritual change and is not just an external ceremony.

2. BAPTISM IS NOT A "ONE-TIME TICKET" TO SALVATION

Another misunderstanding is that baptism is a guarantee of salvation, regardless of how one lives afterward.

Some may believe that once baptized, they are automatically saved and need not worry about the state of their soul in the future.

However, Catholic theology teaches that while baptism removes original sin and infuses the soul with sanctifying grace, it is the beginning of the Christian journey, not its completion.

Salvation, in Catholic teaching, involves ongoing cooperation with God's grace, living a life of faith, good works, and repentance.

Baptism does indeed initiate a relationship with God, but that relationship requires nurturing through the other sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, and a life of faith and virtue.

As St. Paul writes in Philippians 2:12, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," indicating the need for continued commitment to God beyond baptism.

3. BAPTISM IS NOT MAGIC OR SUPERSTITION

Baptism is sometimes misunderstood as a form of magical protection or as a superstitious act that guarantees certain outcomes, such as good fortune, physical protection, or success.

This perception can be particularly common in certain cultural contexts where baptism might be seen as a way to ward off bad luck or ensure a prosperous life.

However, in Catholic teaching, baptism is not a magical rite but a sacramental encounter with God.

It does not operate automatically or magically to bring material benefits or shield individuals from all harm.

Instead, it provides spiritual rebirth and initiation into the Christian community, equipping the person with the grace needed to grow in holiness and resist sin.

While baptism does impart sanctifying grace, it is not a guarantee of an easy life; rather, it strengthens the person spiritually to face the trials and challenges of living a Christian life.

4. BAPTISM IS NOT JUST FOR ADULTS

A common critique of Catholic baptism is the practice of baptizing infants, leading some to believe that only adults should be baptized, since adults can consciously choose to follow Christ.

However, Catholic baptism is not reserved solely for adults or those who are capable of making an informed decision.

While adults who convert to the faith are indeed baptized, the Catholic Church also baptizes infants based on the belief that baptism is a gift of grace that does not depend on the individual's ability to understand or make a conscious decision.

Infant baptism is supported by the understanding that all people, including infants, are born with original sin, and baptism is the means by which this sin is cleansed.





The Church teaches that infants, too, are in need of the grace of baptism and that parents and godparents are responsible for nurturing the child's faith until the child can make his or her own commitment.

As Jesus said in

Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

5. BAPTISM IS NOT A REPEATABLE SACRAMENT

Some may believe that if they fall away from the faith or commit serious sins, they can or should be rebaptized to renew their relationship with God.

However, the Catholic Church teaches that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime sacrament that leaves an indelible spiritual mark on the soul.

This mark, called a "sacramental character," signifies that the person is forever claimed by Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1272) explains that "Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark... No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation."

If a baptized person falls into serious sin or strays from the faith, the remedy is not rebaptism, but rather the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), through which they can be reconciled with God and the Church.

6. BAPTISM IS NOT MERELY A CULTURAL TRADITION

In some cultures, baptism is sometimes treated as a social or family tradition, detached from its spiritual meaning.

Families may have their children baptized because it is expected or customary, without a true understanding of the sacrament's significance.

This can lead to baptism being seen as a cultural milestone rather than a transformative encounter with God.

While baptism often has cultural and familial significance, in the Catholic Church, it is primarily a sacrament of faith.

Baptism is a profound commitment to raise the baptized person (especially in the case of infants) in the Catholic faith, ensuring they grow up knowing and practicing the teachings of Christ.

The focus should be on the spiritual responsibility it entails, not just the ceremonial or cultural aspects.

CONCLUSION: Embracing the True Meaning of Catholic Baptism

Understanding what Catholic baptism is not helps dispel common misconceptions and highlights its profound spiritual significance.

Baptism is not just a symbolic ritual, a magical rite, or a cultural tradition—it is a sacrament that imparts real grace, initiating the baptized person into a life of faith and a relationship with God.

It is a one-time, transformative act that invites continuous growth in holiness and commitment to Christ.

In today's world, where religious practices can sometimes be misunderstood or reduced to mere traditions, Catholics are called to reclaim the true meaning of baptism.

It is the beginning of a journey toward eternal life, the foundation of Christian identity, and the gateway to the other sacraments that sustain and nourish a life in Christ.



Please join Pope Leo in praying his July 2026 intention:

For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Inviting all Crafters and Vendors...

to participate in this year's

Holy Ghost Parish Holiday Bazaar

Tables are available for rent
one or both days -

One day-\$50 per table

Two Day - \$80 per table

Application available online:

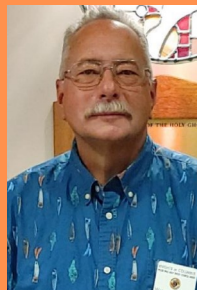
*Holyghostparish.org under the
Parish Events tab*



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@ 630-860-2975 ext. 121 or
email: fran@holyghostparish.org
text - 708-218-6511*

MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED WARREN WAWCZAK



I was raised Catholic, by parents who were Catholic. I attended 8 years of Catholic grade school. I was an altar boy. We went to church on Sunday, and Holy Days of Obligation, we put our envelopes in the collection basket, went to communion, blessed ourselves with Holy Water on the way out of church, and went home. That's how I thought it was supposed to work.

Fast forward 60 years. I can't help but feel like I'm missing something in my life. I go to church on Sundays, put my envelope in the basket, go to communion, but still, I'm looking for more. I want to know God. I want to see his face and hear his voice, and feel his presence around me. What is it that others seem to possess that I seem to lack?

It wasn't until Covid hit, and the world around us changed, that I think I found my answer. The marquee sign out in front of church displayed the message "Be still, and know that I am near" Ps. 46:10. One day, that message jumped off the sign and has stuck in my head ever since.

In my search for God, His face, and His voice, I had failed to open my eyes to the fact that God was literally all around me! There's an old adage that says "Sometimes, you can't see the forest for the trees". After spending countless hours in a boat fishing, getting to watch the most spectacular sunrises and sunsets, a continually changing sky of clouds, winds that could go from a whisper to a gale in the blink of an eye, and an ever changing palette of colors as the time of day and the seasons changed, I think I finally found my answer. God was always in front of me, I just needed to and open my eyes to see Him! Every fish, every bird, every flower, every snowflake, was created by God for my enjoyment. His handiwork, His perfection, has surrounded me all of my life, I just needed to see it, and realize how it got there.

I haven't seen God's face, or heard his voice, but I have seen what He has created, and when I am outside, whether in a boat or a car, or just walking, I do say "THANK YOU" for all the beauty that He has given to me to enjoy.

When I do see God's face, and hear His voice, the first thing I will say to him is THANK YOU!

Children's Bulletins Weekly Children's Bulletins, containing pictures, puzzles and information about the Sunday Scriptures are available in the vestibules. Children are welcome to take them home each week and Grandparents are invited to pick them up for their grandchildren.

NEWS & EVENTS

JULY 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Women's Retreat
Saturday, July 18, 2026
Visitation Parish • 779 S. York St., Elmhurst
9:00AM – 3:00PM

Moms, Daughters, Grandmas, Friends...Sisters in Christ



- Bring your Mom, your Daughter and your friends
- 9AM check-in at Podesta Hall
- Light breakfast and lunch included
- 3PM Confession and 4PM Mass in the Church
- Raffle (cash only)
- Ages 12 - 100+ (under 18 accompanied by adult)
- \$20 per person. Please register online, so we can plan for food.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation

Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation Program for children ages 4 through Parish 8 **will begin on September 13, 2026**. Forms can be found on the Holy Ghost web site at www.HolyGhostparish.org or in the vestibules.

Do you know any older teens or adults that want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or may want to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation? If you know anyone needing Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation have them contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

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