

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

JULY 19, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1239

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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.



Knights of Columbus Council #10325

Website: kofc10325.org
Facebook: facebook.com/kofc10325



Spend an Hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration

"Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

Everyone is warmly invited to **Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**, concluding with **Benediction**.

Eucharistic Adoration is a sacred time of prayer spent in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life, to sit quietly with Our Lord, to pray, listen, give thanks, seek guidance, and place your intentions before Him.

The fruits of Adoration are countless. Time spent with Jesus deepens our relationship with Him, strengthens our faith, brings peace to anxious hearts, renews hope, and provides grace for the challenges of everyday life. Many experience greater clarity in discerning

God's will, healing of mind and spirit, and a growing desire to live as faithful disciples.

Whether you come for the entire hour or just a few moments, Jesus is waiting for you with love. Make Eucharistic Adoration a regular part of your spiritual life and discover the peace and strength that come from simply being in His presence.

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday – Thursday
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

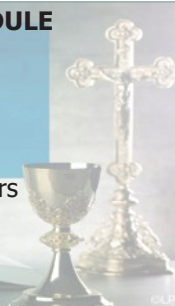
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 am

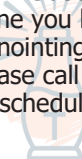


Please join us for **Adoration** from 7AM to 8AM before the 8:30AM weekday morning Mass.



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 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18

4PM Mass

+Linda Johns
+Bruno Sosnowskis

Sunday, July 19

8AM Mass

+Marie Luz Yanez

10:30AM Mass

+Pasqua Rotondi

For the Parishioners of Holy
Ghost Parish Living & Deceased



Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, July 20

+Maria Luz Yanez

Tuesday, July 21

+Jerri Giza

Wednesday, July 22

+Earl Nelson

Thursday, July 23

Holly Williams

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

July 1 - July 7, 2026

Sunday Collection \$10,452.45

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
\$11,150.00

CORE Collection \$313.00



	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$61,168
Amount Paid	\$48,679
Balance Due	\$12,489
Donors	215
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 7/12/2026

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 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	Matt Vocino
Mike Kaiser	Bernadette Watson
Sarah Kasab	James Wilk
Jerad Klint	Phil Yanez
Therese Kotecki	Joseph Yello
Michael Malek	Cyndi Zwadlo
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz	Colin

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

18 Fr. Michael McMahon
19 Dn. Anthony Martini
20 Seminarian Joseph Min
21 Dcns. Artemio Martinez, David Marlowe, Ricardo Marquez
22 Fr. Timothy Andres O.Carm.
23 Sr. Alice Reckamp OSF, Sr. Audrey Marie Rothweil OSF
24 Fr. Marcin Michalak, Fr. Joshua Miller
25 Dcns. Todd Bly, Stephen Contreras, Michael Doerries
26 Fr. Thomas Milota, Fr. David Mowry
27 Sr. Monica R. Sesko
28 Dcn. Wilfredo Marrero
29 Dcn. Michael Doerries
30 Fr. Patrick Mulcahy
31 Dcn. Christopher Mazzacano

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.



In Memory of Maria Luz Yanez

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

July 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 Gaetano & Mildred Tripoli

From Ann Marie Scurto

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



Understanding the Mind of the Divine

In Catholic theology, God's infinite power of cognition refers to His unlimited and perfect knowledge.

This concept is tied closely to the doctrine of God's omniscience—His ability to know all things, past, present, and future, simultaneously and completely.

To explore this deeply, we must understand how this power of cognition transcends human understanding, why it is necessary for God's nature, and how it impacts our relationship with Him.

1. GOD'S OMNISCIENCE:

Beyond Time and Space

God's cognition is not limited by the constraints of time and space that define human knowledge.

Humans acquire knowledge through experience, education, and reasoning, all of which take place within time.

But for God, His knowledge is immediate and eternal.

He does not learn, discover, or experience the world progressively; rather, He knows all things in a single, timeless act of cognition.

•Scripture Reference:

"Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure."

(Psalm 147:5)

This "beyond measure" nature of God's understanding implies that His knowledge is not limited to mere facts.

God's omniscience includes knowledge of all potential realities, every possible outcome, and even the inner thoughts and intentions of all His creatures.

2. THE INFINITE SCOPE OF GOD'S KNOWLEDGE

When we say God's cognition is infinite, we mean that there is no limit to what God knows.

He knows not only what exists but also what could exist, what could have existed, and what will exist in every detail.

This is often referred to as middle knowledge, where God knows all possible worlds and every possible choice every human could ever make.

•Example:

Imagine every possible decision you could make in your life—whether you go left or right at a crossroad, choose one career over another, or even what you think before taking an action.

God knows every possible outcome of these choices, and He knows them with perfect clarity. For God, there is no uncertainty.

This infinite cognition also means that God comprehends Himself fully.

Since God is infinite, only an infinite mind could fully grasp His own nature.

Human beings, even the wisest theologians, can only grasp small glimpses of God's nature, but God knows Himself perfectly.

•Scripture Reference:

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?" (Romans 11:34)

This verse illustrates that no one can instruct or inform God because His knowledge is complete and perfect.

3. God's Knowledge and Human Free Will

One theological question often raised is how God's infinite knowledge coexists with human free will.

If God knows all future events, does that mean our actions are predetermined?

Catholic teaching reconciles this by explaining that God's knowledge does not infringe on human freedom.

God knows what each person will freely choose, but His knowledge of these free choices does not cause them.

This mystery is part of the depth of God's infinite cognition: He can foresee all human actions without forcing or determining those actions.

•Example:

Imagine watching a pre-recorded movie. You already know how the movie will end, but your knowledge does not change the fact that the characters in the movie made their decisions within the plot.

Similarly, God's foreknowledge of our choices does not negate the freedom we have to make those choices.

4. THE COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF GOD'S KNOWLEDGE

God's infinite cognition also means He knows everything about every individual—not just their external actions but also their innermost thoughts, motivations, desires, and even their struggles.

This level of knowledge is sometimes overwhelming to think about, but it also means that God understands each of us perfectly, even better than we understand ourselves.

•Scripture Reference:

"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You





know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar."

(Psalm 139:1-2)

This intimacy of knowledge means that God is not a distant, detached observer but is deeply aware of each person's life.

His cognition penetrates into the most secret places of the heart, and He responds to us in ways that are perfectly suited to our needs.

5. GOD'S COGNITION AND HIS PLAN FOR SALVATION

God's infinite cognition also encompasses His divine plan for the universe.

From before creation, God has known every detail of His plan for salvation, every moment in history, and every human soul.

His knowledge is not passive; it is actively engaged in guiding the course of history towards the fulfillment of His divine will.

•Example:

The salvation history of the Bible demonstrates how God's knowledge guides the world.

From Abraham's covenant to the coming of Christ, God's plan unfolds across generations.

Even when human beings sin or deviate from God's will, His knowledge and providence work to bring good out of evil.

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

(Romans 8:28)

This illustrates that God's knowledge allows Him to work through all circumstances, using even human failings to bring about His ultimate good.

6. HOW GOD'S COGNITION AFFECTS OUR LIVES

Knowing that God has infinite cognition can be both a comfort and a challenge for Catholics.

It is a comfort because we can trust that God knows our every need and concern, even before we express it in prayer.

His knowledge of us is perfect, and His care for us is rooted in this deep understanding.

•Prayer Example:

"Lord, You know my heart and my struggles. Help me to trust in Your wisdom and guidance, knowing that Your knowledge of my life is perfect and that You are leading me toward Your will."

On the other hand, it is a challenge because it reminds us that nothing is hidden from God.

We cannot deceive Him or pretend that we are something we are not.

God knows our sins, our shortcomings, and our deepest wounds, but He also knows how to heal us.

•Scripture Reference:

"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." (Hebrews 4:13)

7. GOD'S COGNITION AND HUMAN WISDOM

Finally, God's infinite cognition should inspire humility in us. No matter how much knowledge or wisdom we may gain, it is a mere shadow compared to the infinite knowledge of God.

This realization should draw us closer to God in trust, recognizing that His ways are far above our ways.

•Scripture Reference:

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

In seeking God's guidance and wisdom, we rely on His infinite cognition to guide our limited understanding, trusting that His knowledge is always for our ultimate good.

CONCLUSION:

Trusting in God's Infinite Cognition

God's infinite power of cognition assures us that nothing is beyond His understanding, and He knows every aspect of creation intimately and perfectly.

His knowledge is immediate, complete, and eternal.



Please join Pope Leo in praying his July 2026 intention:

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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 ANN BURCH



For 29 years, Holy Ghost has been my spiritual home. Over that time, I've had the privilege of serving in our parish's faith formation program and assisting with baptism preparation for families. I often think of this work as planting tiny seeds of faith and trusting that God will help them grow in His time. My hope is always that these small encounters might help others become disciples of Christ.

Faith truly is a lifelong journey. Through the many classes and experiences, I've had at Holy Ghost, I continue to grow in my relationship with God. I used to see faith mostly in the "big moments"—Mass, sacraments, Church events—but now, I see God in everything. He is in laughter of children during a lesson, in peace after reconciliation, and in the deep gratitude that fills my heart when I witness others encountering His love.

One of my greatest blessings has been teaching my granddaughter and helping her prepare for her First Holy Communion. Sitting in the front row as she received Jesus for the first time was pure joy, an unforgettable reminder that God's presence weaves through every generation, every moment, and every act of faith.

So often, we go through the motions of our faith without pausing to reflect on the meaning behind what we do. But when we take that time, when we open our hearts to understanding the familiar becomes alive with God's presence. Our faith evolves, and we begin to see that God truly is everywhere and in everything. My prayer is that each of us takes time to notice Him more each day.

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

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Plan Today
for
Peace of Mind Tomorrow*

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoli.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!

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