

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

July 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Assistants x131*

## 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)*



## **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**

## **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.

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

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



## **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.

## **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.

## **Baptismal prep classes:**

Our baptismal preparation classes are held on a Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. **This meeting must be attended before setting the date.** Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

## WELCOME

July 20, 2025

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 19**

#### 4PM Mass

**Health & Blessings for  
Dennis Bero**

**Blessings for Marites &  
Alexander on their Wedding  
Anniversary**

**Sunday, July 20**

#### 8AM Mass

**+Paul DeMichele**

**The Parishioners of Holy Ghost  
Living and Deceased**

#### 10:30AM Mass

**+Joey Schwarz**



#### 8:30AM Mass

**Monday, July 21**

**+Helmut Hoeing  
+Erika Hoeing**

**Tuesday, July 22**

**Health & Blessings for  
Maria Yanez**

**Wednesday, July 23**

**+Margaret P Gisburne**

**Thursday, July 24**

**+Krzysztof Arsenowicz**

#### **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](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org)

#### **Marriages:**

It is necessary that all couples desiring to be married at Holy Ghost Church call the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest 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.

#### **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 and Eucharist:**

Instruction for children on these sacraments is currently being offered in the 2nd Grade. It is diocesan policy that a person be in the Faith Formation program for two full years before receiving sacraments. A child needs to be in First Grade Faith Formation to be on track to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in Second Grade. Instruction in these sacraments are part of the Faith Formation (RE) program. Please call us to register. 630-766-4509.

#### **Confirmation:**

Youth instruction for the sacrament of Confirmation is currently being administered within the 8th Grade (Parish 8) 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. A child needs to be in Seventh Grade Faith Formation to be on track to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Eighth Grade. For more information 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*

**Sunday Collection  
July 3—July 9, 2025  
\$9,110.00**

YTD Budget thru June 2025  
\$573,000

YTD Actual thru June 2025  
\$536,671

YTD Difference thru June 2025  
**-\$36,329**



**Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal**  
Diocese of Joliet

	2025
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$58,200</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$64,196</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$53,025</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$11,171</b>
<b>Donors</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>2025 Rebate</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Updated 7/13/2025



#### **Initiation Sacraments for Adults:**

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation  
Through the parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process, adult candidates (individuals who were baptized and now wish to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church) may receive formation in the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. At the end of the instructional period, all candidates will complete their full initiation into the Church.

Adult Catechumen (individuals who seek to enter into the Catholic faith for the first time) will receive instruction in Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. At the end of the process, all catechumen will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. For more details contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.





### 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 Petrbook  
A1C Ryan Leider  
A1C Nicholas Pfeifer

### 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

### NAVY:

LCDR Nicholas Lucania  
Ryan James Ruizol

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Domenico Albergo

Cathy Alcozer

Hilde Alt

Joan Atkins

Carrie Baran

Bianca Marie Borowski

Gaetano Bottalico

Michael Brann

Joel Calderone

Ron Catalano

James Cumo

John Davis

Rose Marie Davis

Ady DeLargaza

Bernadine DeMichele

Rosalia DiGirolano

Ryan Fish

Tom Franzen

Phil Goulding

Evelyn Hickman

Michael Hoeing

Special Intention

Mike Kaiser

Sarah Kasab

Kathy Kennelly

Paul Kmiecik

Adam Kocik

Joyce Kordas

Therese Kotecki

John Kwarcinski

Marilyn Lambros

Bill LaPonte

Steven Leeson

Donald Lesmeister

Noel Lopez

Michael Loss

Julie McKay

Ange Mikuls

Robert Pauss

Gloria Paz

Lisa Perez

Laverne Peterson

John Pettineo

Pat Pitello

Linda Plesh

Rose Powers

William Powers

Joseph Prince

Elvira Prine

Karen Reedus

Sue Robertson

Andrew Rosinski

John Rossi

Paul Runyon

Izzy Santiago

Cindi Shea

Wanda Slupik

Fred Sobieski

Tony Szabelski

Jackie Vanjoske

Diamond Vega

James Paul Vega

Steve Vega

Larry Venere

Tina Wallace

Carol Williams

Blake Wishnow

Jordan Jr—Witold Dudziak

Maria Yanez

Cyndi Zwadlo

Meg

Meaghan

Paolo

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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.



Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

**August** 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/31

**September** 6/7

**October** 11/12, 18/19, 25/26

**November** 1/2, 8/9, 22/23, 27, 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 Jerzy Jurewicz

From the Meyer Family

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



### Is our Military and Prayer List current?

Please email: [hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org) or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information.

**Thank you!**





### THE ETERNAL SACRIFICE OF CHRIST MADE PRESENT IN THE MASS AND ITS PERPETUAL CELEBRATION

At the heart of Catholic worship is the Eucharist, a profound mystery that makes present the once-and-for-all the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary. Although Christ's sacrifice was a unique historical event, its effects are eternal, allowing the faithful to continually participate in it through the celebration of the Mass. Central to this participation is the epiclesis, the calling down of the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This essay will explore how Christ's one sacrifice is made present in the Mass, why the Church repeats the celebration of the Eucharist, and the role of the epiclesis in this sacred mystery, referencing Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Apostolic Tradition, and the Early Church Fathers.

### THE ONCE AND FOR ALL SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

The belief that Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was unique and unrepeatable is central to Christian theology. The Letter to the Hebrews declares, "He has appeared once for all at the

end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26), highlighting the definitive nature of His offering, which accomplished humanity's redemption.

Catholic teaching holds that while this sacrifice was offered once in history, its effects are continually accessible through the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice" (CCC 1367). The Mass does not repeat Christ's sacrifice but makes it present, allowing the faithful to unite with His offering. Thus, the Eucharist is not a mere memorial but a real participation in the mystery of redemption.

### BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, commanding His disciples to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). The Greek word used for "remembrance" (anamnesis) signifies more than a simple recollection—it refers to making a past event present and effective. Through the Eucharist, the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ is made present, and the faithful participate in it.

Saint Paul reinforces this in his First Letter to the Corinthians: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). Every celebration of the Eucharist is a proclamation and participation in Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection, allowing the faithful to partake in its redemptive power.

### THE EPICLESIS: THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A key element in the Eucharistic liturgy is the epiclesis, the invocation of the Holy Spirit, asking that the gifts of bread and wine be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The Catechism teaches that in the epiclesis, "the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ's Body and Blood" (CCC 1105). This prayer highlights the essential role of the Holy Spirit in making Christ's sacrifice present in the Eucharist.

The epiclesis mirrors the role of the Holy Spirit throughout salvation history. Just as the Spirit overshadowed Mary to bring forth the Incarnation of the Word (Luke 1:35), so too does the Spirit descend in the Eucharistic celebration to bring forth Christ in the consecrated elements. The same Holy Spirit that brought Christ into the world makes His eternal sacrifice present in the Mass.

### HEAVEN, EARTH, AND PURGATORY UNITED IN THE EUCHARIST

One of the most profound realities of the Eucharist is that it unites heaven, earth, and purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is "the pledge of the glory to come" (CCC 1402). Each Mass draws the faithful





into the heavenly liturgy, where the angels, saints, and the souls in purgatory worship God unceasingly. This union between the Church in purgatory (the Church Suffering), the Church on earth (the Church Militant), and the Church in heaven (the Church Triumphant) is a foretaste of the eternal communion with God promised to the faithful.

The souls in purgatory, although undergoing purification, benefit greatly from the celebration of the Eucharist. The Catechism affirms that "the Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who 'have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified,' so that they may enter into the light and peace of Christ" (CCC 1371). Through the Mass, the merits of Christ's eternal sacrifice are applied to the souls in purgatory, hastening their purification and drawing them closer to the full vision of God. Although they cannot participate actively in the Eucharistic celebration, the Church's prayers and the offering of the Mass bring them grace and help speed their journey toward heaven.

The Book of Revelation describes the heavenly liturgy as an eternal offering of praise to the Lamb who was slain (Revelation 5:6-14). In the Mass, this heavenly worship is made present on earth, as the faithful participate in the same sacrifice that is eternally offered in heaven. As the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") is sung during the Eucharistic Prayer, the Church joins with the angels in their praise of God, symbolizing the unity of heaven, earth, and purgatory in this sacred moment.

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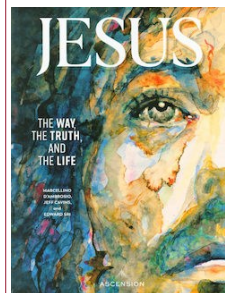
## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation Program for children ages 4 through Parish 8 begins on September 7, 2025. 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](http://www.HolyGhostparish.org) or on the Welcome Center.

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.

## UPCOMING DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES PROGRAMS (more info to come)



**JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE** (10 weeks)

Tuesday Noon Room 9  
(starts October 7)

This course was so rich the first time around that we did not have time to adequately study the scriptures connected to the material. This time around, the scriptures and the small book will be our focus. This course is open to people who previously went through the course who already have the books and to new participants who really want to "know" who Jesus is, what he is really like, what he did for our salvation and what it means for us. Definitely homework for this course but even if you don't have time to do it, you will learn plenty during the class.

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## EVENTS & MORE

July 20, 2025

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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 kind support is greatly appreciated.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



DIOCESE OF JOLIET



# QUO VADIS DAYS

**Sunday, July 27 – Wednesday, July 30, 2025**  
**Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL**

Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Seminarians, open to young men who have graduated middle school and have an openness to growing in discipleship and fraternity, and learning more about the priesthood.



**SCAN QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION!**



Bishop Hicks' Column  
July 2025  
A Revival on the Road



NEWS & EVENTS  
July 20, 2025  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Please don't let this be a one and done!" That was the heartfelt plea voiced by many who attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis last summer. For five days, more than 60,000 Catholics from across the country gathered to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive His Word, to be nourished by His grace, and to be sent out on mission. It was not simply a conference; it was a mountaintop moment—a deeply spiritual encounter that ignited hearts with a renewed love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that unforgettable gathering, we have already begun to see fruits. Across the nation, more people are returning to the sacraments, seeking reconciliation, and encountering the Lord in new ways. Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we saw the number of individuals preparing to enter the Church more than double at this year's Rite of Election, and I believe it is a direct fruit of this National Eucharistic Revival.

To ensure the momentum continues, the organizers of the Congress initiated a profound follow-up, including a Eucharistic pilgrimage across the country. Our diocese had the great honor of being the first to welcome the procession on its journey from Indianapolis toward Los Angeles.

I had the privilege of receiving the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance, along with many faithful of all ages, at St. Mary Parish in Paxton, Illinois. After a beautiful Holy Hour, I accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to Immaculate Conception in Gilman, where more faithful were waiting in adoration. From there, the journey continued to St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee for overnight adoration.

The next day, Bishop McNamara High School, with Bishop Spies, hosted a devout celebration with students, teachers, and community members gathered for Eucharistic adoration and praise. Bishop Spies then accompanied the Lord from Kankakee to Immaculate Conception in Morris, Illinois, where we processed and concluded with a beautiful Holy Hour.

I was so proud of our people—not only for organizing these processions and liturgies, but also for the outpouring of thousands of participants of every age and language.

One of the most touching moments for me was driving in the van that carried the Eucharistic Lord and 12 young adult pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. As we traveled from Morris to Seneca, the pilgrims prayed a "Eucharistic Rosary of Gratitude." On each of the 50 beads, they took turns expressing a unique prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gifts and blessings they experienced while in the Diocese of

Joliet. Among their heartfelt prayers, one of them expressed gratitude for the simple joy of a delicious homemade breakfast burrito received earlier in Kankakee. That small moment was a powerful reminder: the Eucharist draws us into deep reverence while also opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary. Gratitude, born from the Eucharist, transforms how we see the world.

As we made our way west, I handed the monstrance to Bishop Lou Tylka in Seneca, Illinois, and the pilgrimage continued its sacred path across the country. Eventually, the procession reached Los Angeles on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This massive, coast-to-coast movement is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a literal and spiritual journey of our Lord passing through cities, towns, farmland, and neighborhoods, blessing the land and sanctifying His people.

And the journey isn't over. Indeed, the National Eucharistic Revival is blossoming into a long-term spiritual renewal. In addition to the pilgrimages, organizers have laid out a bold and inspiring vision for what comes next, including the formation of Eucharistic Missionaries—lay leaders who commit to daily prayer, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and intentional accompaniment of others on the journey of faith. Parish and diocesan initiatives are taking root all over the country, fostering ongoing prayer, Eucharistic formation, and local missionary outreach. And the 2029 National Eucharistic Congress is already on the horizon!

But for this revival to bear lasting fruit, it must reach into the very fabric of our daily lives. We are each called to respond with renewed fervor: to make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives, to witness to the Real Presence of Jesus with joy and confidence, and to put our faith into action by carrying His love to the peripheries—wherever people are hurting, lonely, or searching.

So, thankfully, this Eucharistic Renewal is not a one and done! May this movement continue in our diocesan parishes, in our schools, in Eucharistic adoration chapels, whenever the priest elevates the Host at Mass, and every time we receive this extraordinary gift of Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To learn more about how to keep the fires of the Eucharistic Revival burning at your parish, visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival) or email us at [dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org).