



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

July 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Permanent Deacon

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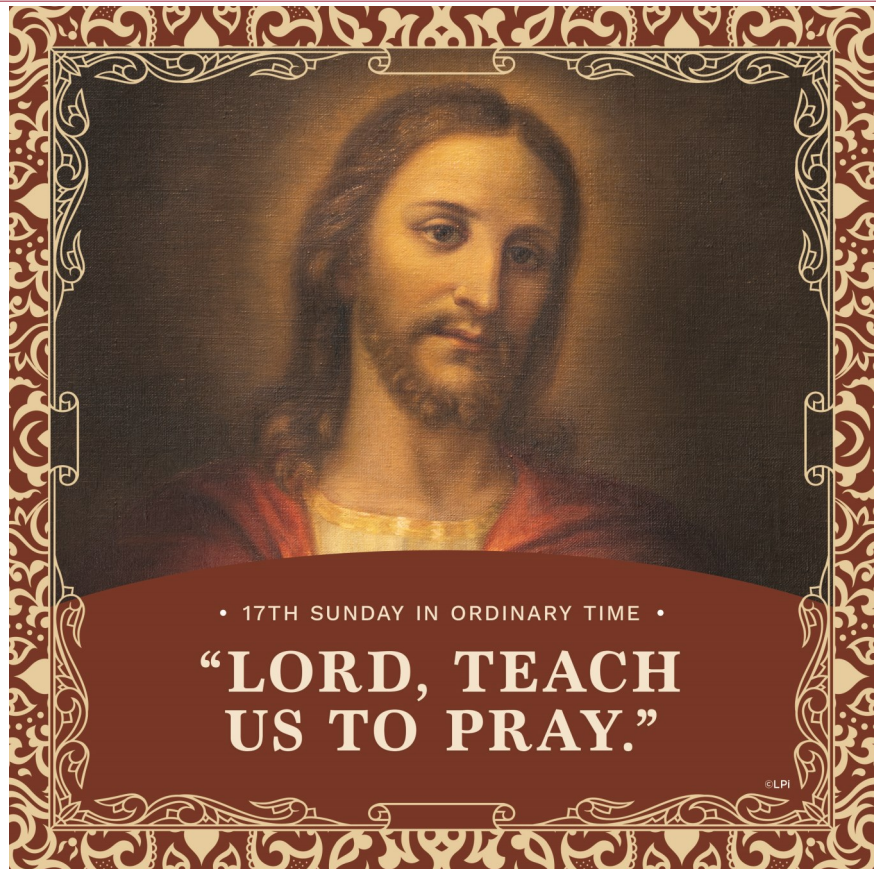
Parish Office Hours:

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)*



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

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

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.

WELCOME

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 26

4PM Mass

+Linda Johns

Sunday, July 27

8AM Mass

+Evelyn Helen Frontier

10:30AM Mass

+Margaret Walsh

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



8:30AM Mass

Monday, July 28

+Joyce Tognocchi

Tuesday, July 29

**Health & Blessings for
Lorraine & Paul Kmiecik**

Wednesday, July 30

+Graciela Medina

Thursday, July 31

+Dominic Selvaggio

Friday, August 1

+Raymond Kolinski

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

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 10—July 16, 2025
\$7,690.20

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
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$64,236
Amount Paid	\$53,115
Balance Due	\$11,121
Donors	222
2025 Rebate	\$0

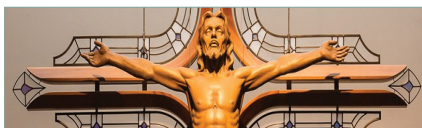
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Initiation Sacraments for Adults:

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	Ange Mikuls
Cathy Alcozer	Robert Pauss
Hilde Alt	Gloria Paz
Joan Atkins	Lisa Perez
Mary Bacci	Laverne Peterson
Ron Bacci	John Pettineo
Carrie Baran	Pat Pitello
Bianca Marie Borowski	Linda Plesh
	Rose Powers
Gaetano Bottalico	William Powers
Michael Brann	Joseph Prince
Joel Calderone	Elvira Prine
Ron Catalano	Karen Reedus
James Cumo	Sue Robertson
John Davis	Andrew Rosinski
Rose Marie Davis	John Rossi
Ady DeLargarza	Paul Runyon
Bernadine DeMichele	Izzy Santiago
Rosalia DiGirolano	Cindi Shea
Ryan Fish	Wanda Slupik
Tom Franzen	Fred Sobieski
Phil Goulding	Tony Szabelski
Evelyn Hickman	Nancy Townsend
Michael Hoeing	Jackie Vanjoske
Special Intention	Diamond Vega
Mike Kaiser	James Paul Vega
Sarah Kasab	Steve Vega
Kathy Kennelly	Larry Venere
Paul Kmiecik	Tina Wallace
Adam Kocik	Carol Williams
Joyce Kordas	Blake Wishnow
Therese Kotecki	Jordan Jr—Witold Dudziak
John Kwarcinski	Maria Yanez
Marilyn Lambros	Cyndi Zwadlo
Bill LaPonte	Meg
Steven Leeson	Meaghan
Donald Lesmeister	Paolo
Noel Lopez	
Michael Loss	
Julie McKay	

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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.

In Memory of Vince Bystrom

From Kitty Bystrom & Family



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.

Health & Blessings for Jerad Klint

From Bill & Bernice Sosnowski

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
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975
to help us update this information.
Thank you!



Continued from last week:

THE ETERNAL SACRIFICE OF CHRIST MADE PRESENT IN THE MASS AND ITS PERPETUAL CELEBRATION LIVES OF THE FAITHFUL AS A LIVING SACRIFICE

While the Eucharist makes Christ's sacrifice present, the faithful are also called to offer their own lives as a "living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Romans 12:1). This call reflects the transformative power of the Eucharist, which not only unites the faithful with Christ's sacrifice but also empowers them to live sacrificially in their daily lives. By participating in the Eucharist, the faithful are invited to offer their sufferings, joys, and works as a spiritual sacrifice, joining them with Christ's eternal offering.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "In the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body" (CCC 1368). This means that every act of love, service, and self-giving becomes a way of offering one's life to God. United with Christ in the Eucharist, the faithful's lives become a reflection of His sacrificial love, contributing to the sanctification of the world.

APOSTOLIC TRADITION AND EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

The early Christian community, guided by Apostolic Tradition, consistently viewed the Eucharist as a true participation in Christ's sacrifice. The Didache, a first-century Christian text (circa 50-70 AD), provides instructions for Eucharistic celebrations, highlighting the importance of gathering, confessing sins, and offering a pure sacrifice (Didache 14).

Saint Ignatius of Antioch (circa 35-108 AD), one of the earliest Church Fathers, affirmed the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, stating, "The Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins" (Letter to the Smyrnaeans 7). His writings emphasized that the Eucharist is not a mere symbol but the true Body and Blood of Christ, sacrificed for the salvation of the world.

Saint Irenaeus of Lyons (circa 130-202 AD) also wrote extensively on the Eucharist. In his work "Against Heresies", he declared, "The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and with these, we are nourished" (Against Heresies 4:18:5). Irenaeus affirmed that the Eucharist is a participation in Christ's once-for-all sacrifice, and through it, the faithful are spiritually nourished by His Body and Blood.

Saint Justin Martyr (circa 100-165 AD), another early Christian apologist, also attested to the Eucharist as a true sacrifice. In his "First Apology", Justin writes, "We do not receive these as common bread and common drink, but as Jesus Christ our Savior, who was made flesh" (First Apology 66). His testimony provides further evidence that the early Church viewed the Eucharist as the real presence of Christ and a continuation of His sacrifice.

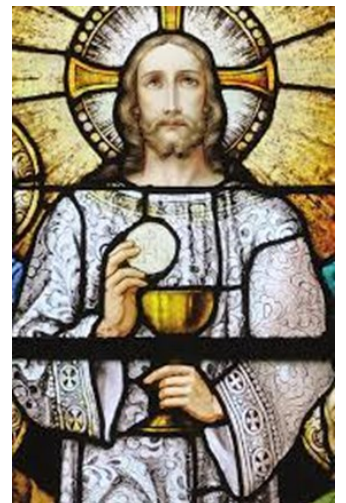
THE REPEATED CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Although Christ's sacrifice is once for all, the Church continually celebrates the Eucharist in the Mass. This repetition does not suggest a new sacrifice is being offered, but rather that the Church participates in the one eternal offering of Christ. The Catechism explains that "the Eucharist is a perpetual sacrifice" (CCC 1382) and is the same as the sacrifice on the Cross. Through the Mass, the faithful are drawn into Christ's timeless self-offering to the Father.

Saint John Chrysostom (circa 349-407 AD), in his homilies on the Eucharist, makes clear that the priest does not offer a new sacrifice at each Mass, but makes the one sacrifice of Christ present: "We always offer the same Lamb, not one today and another tomorrow, but always the same" (Homilies on Hebrews 17:3). This teaching underscores the continuity between the historical sacrifice of Christ and its presence in the liturgy.

CONCLUSION

The Catholic Church's understanding of the Eucharist is that Christ's once-for-all sacrifice on the Cross is made present at every Mass through the invocation of the Holy Spirit in the epiclesis. This belief is rooted in Scripture, Apostolic Tradition, and the teachings of the Early Church Fathers, including Saints Ignatius of Antioch, Irenaeus of Lyons, Justin Martyr, and John Chrysostom. Though the Eucharist is celebrated repeatedly, it is not a new sacrifice but a participation in the one eternal offering of Christ. Through the epiclesis, the Holy Spirit makes Christ present in the consecrated bread and wine, uniting the faithful with His redemptive act, which transcends time and space.





Knights of Columbus **Vocations Support Program**

Founded by a parish priest, the Knights of Columbus has always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call to service in the priesthood or religious life.

Support money is needed by seminarians for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, emergency expenditures, and other living expenses.

You can help to support our Religious of Tomorrow with raffle tickets

\$20,000 IN CASH AWARDS

1st PRIZE \$10,000

2nd PRIZE \$2,500
4 PRIZES OF \$1000
4 PRIZES OF \$500
5 PRIZES OF \$200
5 PRIZES OF \$100

RAFFLE TICKETS are
\$20.00 a Book for 5 chances

Each Raffle Ticket is \$5.00

Raffle tickets are available at the
Church doors August 2-3, 9-10 & 16-17.

Bring your return address labels to church to attach to the stubs or take a book home to fill in stubs. Turn in the book with the cover attached with \$20.

Make Checks Payable to:
Knights of Columbus Council 10325
Deadline Sunday 11/9/25.

Drawing will be December 6, 2025

Our Council will help support Joliet Diocese
Seminarians with the raffle proceeds.

NEWS & EVENTS

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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 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.



Joining the Knights of Columbus, you become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, more than 2.1 million members worldwide. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values – and on the shared desire to be the men God has called you to be.

Join the Holy Ghost council for even more support from men in your own neighborhood. Call Grand Knight Warren Wawczak 630-487-7925 for more info.

EVENTS & MORE

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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 kind support is greatly appreciated.



The Lifesaving Power of Donating Blood

Donating blood is quiet heroism — a small sacrifice with extraordinary impact.

Every two seconds, someone in the world needs blood. Whether due to surgery, trauma, cancer treatments, or chronic illnesses, there is a constant need. This is why donating blood is one of the most impactful and selfless acts a person can do. And one donation can help 3 lives!

Donation restrictions have loosened in recent years. If, in the past you were told you cannot donate, it's likely you can now!

For example, blood donation is not restricted by ethnicity. People of Polish descent can certainly donate blood. Historically if you were born in some European countries, you could not donate blood because some genetic diseases occur more often in some European ethnic groups. Polish donors are especially valuable in the Chicago area because certain blood types and genetic markers common in Eastern European populations may better match to local patients with similar heritage.

Also you can donate if you have high blood pressure or diabetes, as long as your blood pressure and blood sugar are well-controlled.

Beyond helping others, donating blood has health benefits for you, the donor, too. It can provide a free mini health check (like checking your cholesterol for

free) and foster a sense of community. It's a simple process that only takes about 40 minutes, including the pre-check and rest/snack period after.

Who can donate:

It depends on age, weight, health status, and lifestyle.

Minimum age: 17 years or 16 with parental consent

Minimum weight: 110 pounds.

Females, see chart.

You must have a good breakfast, be feeling well, not taking

antibiotics, have no fever and a blood pressure under good control. You will be asked several confidential health and lifestyle questions, which protect you as a donor and the recipient of your blood. You will be asked about recent travel, certain medications and vaccinations.

FEMALE HEIGHT	FEMALE REQUIRED WEIGHT
≥ 4'10"	≥ 146
≥ 4'11"	≥ 142
≥ 5'	≥ 138
≥ 5'1"	≥ 133
≥ 5'2"	≥ 129
≥ 5'3"	≥ 124
≥ 5'4"	≥ 120
≥ 5'5"	≥ 115

The next Holy Ghost Blood Drive is Sunday, Aug. 10 after all masses. Join us and just roll up a sleeve! See you there.

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<http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrup>

For more information call the parish office at 630-860-2975 or email:

hgsecretary@holyghostparish.org

SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY (SCDC) SAVE THE DATE

**50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET
SEMINARIAN SEND-OFF Fest**



**August 10th, 2025
Benet Academy in Lisle**

For more information:

serradupage.org/2025-seminarian-sendoff-registration/

Encouraging and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer and fellowship since 1958.

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Serra Club of DuPage County

Fostering and Promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

**Mark Your Calendar
Guests are welcome!**

RSVP by August 31, 2025 to Joyce Bauer,
serradupageevents@gmail.com



Speaker: Konnor Damery, Team Director for The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

September 8, 2025

**St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
480 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137**

Evening Program:

6:00 pm - Rosary

6:20 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Fellowship (in Social Hall)

7:15 pm - Dinner

7:45 pm - Updates from Officers and Announcements

8:00 pm - Guest Speaker Presentation and Q&A

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**Serra Club of DuPage County
50th Annual Diocese of Joliet
Seminarian Sendoff fest
Celebrating the Future of Priesthood**

Sunday, August 10, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the Gym of Benet Academy in Lisle

PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 31, 2025

Register on-line at www.serradupage.org or by sending the below form and payment to:

Serra Club of DuPage County
3631 Kerriell Court
Naperville, IL 60564

For more information, please contact Tom Lupinacci at: tom@freedompartners.net

Schedule of Events

1:00 p.m.-Welcome by Bishop Hicks, socialize, eat

2:30 p.m. -August Madness Free Throw Contest between seminarians and grade/high school students

3:30 p.m. -Closing Prayer

PRICING: Adults: \$30 Children ages 5-12 - \$15
Children under age 5 -No Charge
All you can eat.

ATTENDING _____

TOTAL FEE SUBMITTED \$ _____

LIST NAMES: Please print names of all attendees and provide ages for children 12 and under (Note age). **Priests, Deacons, Monks, Woman Religious & seminarians and their family members who reside with deacons or seminarian parents are GUESTS of the Serra Club and do not pay.**
