

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

**JULY 5, 2026**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**#1233**

### Pastoral Staff

**Fr. Sam Conforti**  
*Pastor*

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*Permanent Deacon*

**Boguslaw Kowalski**  
*Permanent Deacon Candidate*

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### Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm  
Closed Friday - Sunday  
630-860-2975

### Faith Formation Office Hours:

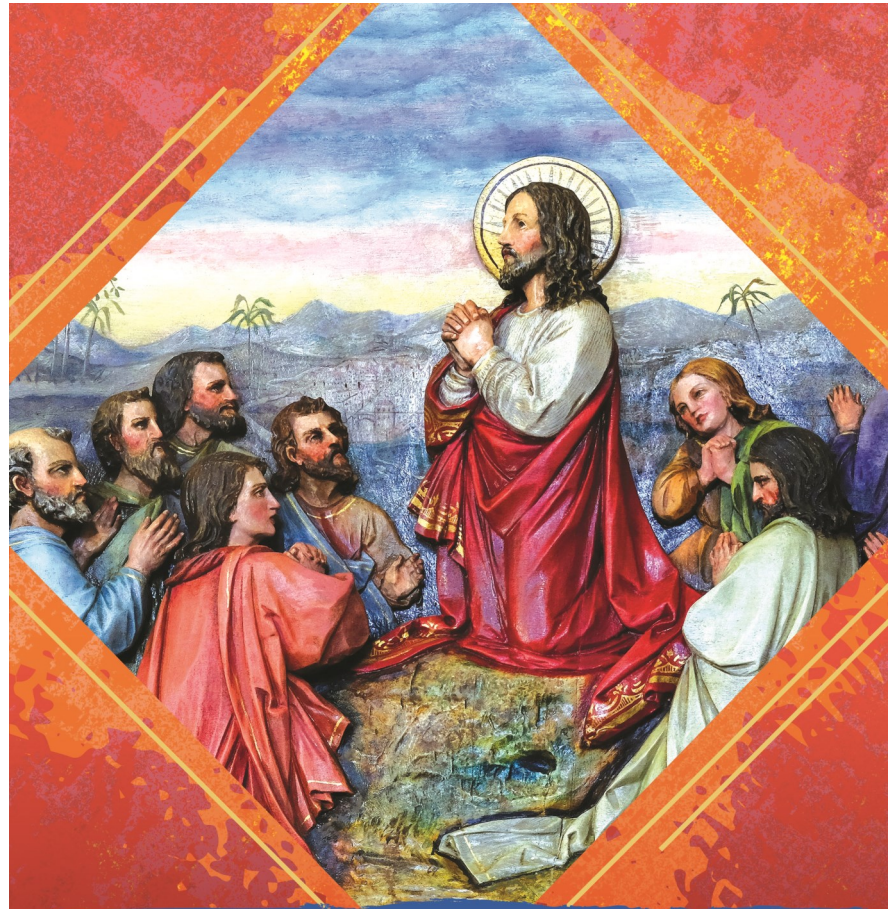
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm  
630-766-4509

*(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.



## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30**

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### **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



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.



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

# WELCOME

JULY 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, July 4**

**4PM Mass**

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

**+Joseph, Angela & Joseph Jr DiCiolla**

**Sunday, July 5**

**8AM Mass**

**+Joey Tomczak**

**10:30AM Mass**

**+Ruth Nicolazzi**



**Weekday 8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, July 6**

**+Paul Mele**

**Tuesday, July 7**

**Jen Johnson**

**Wednesday, July 8**

**+Cyril Njaravelil**

**Thursday, July 9**

**+Lolita Gniech**

### 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](mailto: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 17 - June 23, 2026**

**Sunday Collection \$7,084.65**

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
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$54,200</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$59,694</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$46,535</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$13,159</b>
<b>Donors</b>	<b>213</b>
<b>2026 Rebate</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Updated 6/28/2026

### 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](http://www.HolyGhostparish.org) or in the church vestibules.



# Pray for the Sick

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

JULY 5, 2026

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

**And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.**

**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 4/5, 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.)



## God can't be outdone

Years ago, Chris and Nena Lavoie began welcoming seminarians into their home for a meal and a blessing. Over time, 10 or 12 young men gathered around their table. They couldn't have known that this simple hospitality was planting a seed in their own son, Joshua, now a priest for the Diocese of Joliet, ordained just a few weeks ago. The diocese walked with Fr. Josh through eight years of formation. For the Lavoies, giving to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is one way to walk with the next young man, and the next.



## 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.





**THE ROLE OF THE PRIEST IN ADMINISTERING COMMUNION:**

**When Should Refusal Occur?**

The question of whether a priest should refuse Communion to individuals he knows have committed serious sin is a deeply complex and sensitive issue.

It touches upon the balance between mercy and justice, the role of the priest as both a spiritual shepherd and a steward of the

sacraments, and the dignity of the Eucharist.

This question has been the subject of theological debate, especially in cases involving public figures or controversial issues, such as abortion or same-sex marriage.

Let's explore this issue in-depth by considering several key aspects: the nature of the Eucharist, the conditions for receiving Communion, the priest's responsibility, and the role of pastoral care and discernment in handling such situations.

**1. THE NATURE OF THE EUCHARIST:**

A Sacred Encounter

The Eucharist, as understood by the Catholic Church, is the Real Presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of bread and wine.

It is the source and summit of Christian life, a sacrament that brings about union with Christ, forgives venial sins, and nourishes the soul.

Because of its sacredness, the Church teaches that one must approach the Eucharist with reverence and be in a state of grace, free from mortal sin.

St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, warns:

> "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Cor 11:27-28).

This passage makes it clear that to receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin is a grave offense against the sacrament and against Christ Himself.

The Church has maintained this teaching for centuries, stressing the importance of frequent confession and a proper disposition when approaching Holy Communion.

**2. CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION:**

State of Grace and Proper Disposition

To receive the Eucharist worthily, the Church teaches that the faithful must be in a state of grace, meaning they are not conscious of any unconfessed mortal sin.

Mortal sin, by its nature, separates the soul from God and makes a person unworthy to receive Communion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

> "Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion." (CCC 1385).

However, the Church also teaches that a person's relationship with God is fundamentally between the individual and God, with the priest acting as a mediator, not a judge of personal sin.

Thus, there is a fine line between upholding the sanctity of the sacrament and respecting the personal conscience of the communicant.

**3. THE PRIEST'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

Stewardship of the Sacraments

A priest, as a steward of the sacraments, has a serious responsibility to ensure that the Eucharist is administered properly.

He is entrusted with protecting the dignity and reverence of the Eucharist and preventing sacrilege. This responsibility is outlined in Canon Law:

> Canon 915:

Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted after the imposition or declaration of the penalty and others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion.

This canon makes it clear that if a person is publicly known to be in a state of manifest grave sin, the priest should not administer Communion to them.

This applies particularly to public figures or situations where the individual's sinful behavior is publicly known, and there has been no sign of repentance.

The term "manifest grave sin" means that the sinful behavior is publicly visible, persistent, and serious, such as advocating for abortion, which is contrary to Church teaching.

However, Canon 916 addresses the individual's personal responsibility:

> Canon 916:

A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession, unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess.

This canon emphasizes the personal responsibility of the individual to examine their conscience and refrain from receiving Communion if they are in a state of mortal sin.



It is important to note that while the priest has a role in protecting the sanctity of the Eucharist, the primary responsibility lies with the individual communicant.

**4. PASTORAL CARE AND DISCERNMENT:**

A Balance of Mercy and Justice

While Canon 915 provides guidelines for when a priest may need to refuse Communion, the Church also calls priests to exercise pastoral care and discernment in such situations.

Pope Francis, in his approach to the Eucharist and pastoral care, has emphasized the need for mercy and accompaniment.

In his apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia, he writes:

> "The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

This statement reflects a pastoral concern for recognizing the Eucharist's role in the spiritual healing of the faithful.

While the Eucharist should never be treated lightly, it is also a sacrament of healing and reconciliation for those who are seeking to grow in holiness, even if they are struggling with sin.

In practical terms, this means that before a priest decides to refuse Communion, he should consider several factors:

•Has the person been properly warned?

If someone is in a state of public sin, the priest should first engage them pastorally, encouraging them to go to confession and explaining the Church's teaching on receiving Communion in a state of grace.

•Is the sin public and obstinate?

If the sin is private, it is not the role of the priest to publicly shame or refuse Communion based on private knowledge of a person's sins.

The confessional is the place for those matters to be addressed.

•Is there a risk of scandal?

If a person's sinful behavior is well-known and publicly contrary to Church teaching, allowing them to receive Communion can cause scandal, leading others to believe that the Church condones or is indifferent to serious sin.

**5. REFUSING COMMUNION:**

Extreme Cases and Public Sin

Refusing Communion is a grave and extreme action that should be taken only in clear and serious cases.

Public figures, such as politicians who openly and persistently support laws that are contrary to Church teaching (e.g., support for abortion), may fall into this category.

The public nature of their actions makes their sin manifest and obstinate, and their reception of Communion could cause scandal by giving the impression that the Church tolerates or endorses their actions.

One famous case that has generated much debate is the refusal of Communion to politicians who support pro-choice legislation.

In such cases, the individual's actions are publicly contrary to the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life, and their continued reception of Communion can undermine the Church's witness to the dignity of human life.

However, these situations require careful pastoral discernment.

The priest must be careful not to act out of personal judgment or public pressure but in line with Church teaching and guided by mercy.

**6. THE ROLE OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

Ultimately, the Sacrament of Reconciliation plays a crucial role in restoring the individual to a state of grace and allowing them to receive the Eucharist worthily.

Before a priest considers refusing Communion, he should encourage the person to seek reconciliation and repentance.

Refusal of Communion should not be the first step but rather the last resort after pastoral efforts have been made to call the person to conversion.

In some cases, individuals may not be fully aware of the gravity of their actions or may need time to process and repent.

Priests are called to be shepherds, guiding the faithful back to God's grace through patient and loving instruction.

**CONCLUSION:**

Mercy, Justice, and the Sacredness of the Eucharist

In conclusion, the refusal of Communion is a serious matter that must be approached with great care, discernment, and pastoral sensitivity.

While the priest has the responsibility to protect the dignity of the Eucharist and prevent sacrilege, he must also balance this with the call to mercy and accompaniment.

Refusing Communion should only occur in cases of public, obstinate, and manifest grave sin, where the individual's actions are contrary to Church teaching and risk causing scandal.

Priests must first engage with individuals pastorally, encouraging them to go to confession and seek reconciliation before approaching the altar.

At the same time, individuals must examine their own consciences and refrain from receiving the Eucharist if they are in a state of mortal sin.



## 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](mailto:fran@holyghostparish.org)  
text - 708-218-6511*

### MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED EMILY PARKS



Earlier in my life, I had a very busy and stressful corporate career for 33 years with a major corporate company. My faith was somewhat lukewarm. Every so often I would go to Sunday Mass and was inspired but not committed. In 2006 I retired from work and started to go to church a bit more often. Then in April of 2006, my husband and I traveled to Machu Picchu, Peru in South America. On our way back from this beautiful sight we stopped in Cusco while waiting three hours before our flight back to Lima. We spent some time shopping in Cusco and see the beautiful colonial churches. Two children ages 7 and 8, brother and sister, approached us to buy their souvenirs. I could not help to see the poverty of these children and working at such early age. Their souvenirs were all handmade and reasonably priced. I bought a souvenir from the boy and paid him. When I got to the girl I just simply gave her a donation and not take the item from her. At this point in time in our travel to Peru we had seen enough poverty through this country which was a sad thing to see.

As we walked back to our car to take us to the airport, I felt a firm tap on the back of my right shoulder. I looked back and no one was there. I had a very strange feeling at this point. Who tapped me? It was so real. When I got in the car all of a sudden I was crying and sobbing and felt sad of what my eyes had seen of the poverty throughout Peru. I realized that the Holy Spirit had opened my eyes and heart to see this in a deeper way and have compassion for the less fortunate. The Holy Spirit came to love and save me as well. This conversion of heart could not have made it without the grace, mercy and healing of God. This was the beginning of an important change for me and everything became real. When I returned back from Peru, I was seeking God and wanting to know more. I started to read the Bible and that was an eye opener to truly understand the roots and story of our faith. I was so much inspired in what I was learning. I wanted a relationship with Jesus. I made a direction shift moving from seeking personal glory to serving God to a life of prayer, service, deep faith and inner peace. I committed myself to joining various ministries and volunteering at our church as well as attending various discipleship classes that help me to be more aware of my purpose as a Catholic to share and witness Jesus in my life. Today, I still continue to learn more and more things and grateful for these opportunities to continue to grow in faith and in my relationship with God.

**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.

**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 **began on September 7, 2025.** Its not too late 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.

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](mailto: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**