Please join us today after 10:30AM Mass for our Eucharistic procession in celebration of Corpus Christi: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. Our procession around the campus will end back in church for Benediction and Divine Praises. Our celebration will then continue in the gym with a reception in honor of Father John’s 20th anniversary of his Ordination. A lunch buffet will be provided. There will be games and crafts for the young children. A gift basket raffle will be held. All raffle proceeds will be donated toward the betterment of Holy Ghost Parish on behalf of Father John.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

God of peace and justice, today we hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers. Please bring peace to our world and the laying down of weapons. Jesus, we ask you to please end the invasion and war in Ukraine and soften the hearts of the Russian authorities.

May all experience your spirit of comfort and compassion.

With Your mercy and grace, please save Ukraine and our world.

Amen.
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 10
4PM Mass
Erika Fleischacker
Sunday, June 11
8AM Mass
Diane Costello
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost
Living and Deceased
10:30AM Mass
Robert Scurto
Monday, June 12
Anthony Scandora
Tuesday, June 13
John Gniech Sr
Wednesday, June 14
Ralph Miller
Thursday, June 15
Tony Deleon

Mass Intention Information
$10 stipend per Mass Intention.
Mass Intention requests, in compliance with the
Decrease 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, and Holy Days of Obligation.
No other intentions will be taken
for the Masses on these days.

Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

If you have already pledged your
support to the Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you!
If we all participate, we can meet our
parish’s CMAA goal of $54,300.
Each and every gift, large or small,
makes a difference. If we raise more
than our goal, the diocese will return to
us 70 percent of the amount over goal.
This is an amazing opportunity
for our parish. Thank you for so much
for prayerfully considering a donation to
CMAA.

2023 CMAA Pledge Report
As of 6/4/2023
2023 PARISH GOAL: $54,300
2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $56,829
2023 AMOUNT PAID: $41,349
2023 BALANCE DUE: $15,480

THANK YOU
for your generosity

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 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.

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
Audrey M. Hornicak
From Theresa & Dennis Bero

Please include your choice of date from the list
below.
*The following dates are open
for donations:
June 24/25
July 1/2, 8/9
August 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27
September 9/10, 16/17
September 30/October 1

(*Availability subject to possible change
once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
Cathy Alcozer
Gloria Anderson
Joel Calderone
Anna Canale
Ron Catalano
Martin Chiodo
James Cumo
John Davis
Rose Marie Davis
Gerry Grupe
Evelyn Hickman
Special Intention
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
Meaghan K.
Mike Kaiser
Virginia Kapelanski
Joyce Kordas
Carrie Krush
Patricia Krush
Angela Liga
Noel Lopez
Mary Marino
Wendell Meyer
Bill Morse
Bonnie Murphy
Gloria Paz
Lisa Perez
Laverne Peterson
Rose Powers
William Powers
Joseph Prince
Robert Rosch Sr
Andrew Rosinski
John Rossi
Reiner Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Maria Yanez

Please help: Is our Military Prayer List current? Please email: joni@holyghostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information. Thank you!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Priesthood and the Eucharist
“These two Sacraments were born together,” wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, “and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world.”

The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let’s give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” — John 6:54

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn’t receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn’t Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, “Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love.” That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, “Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?” For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, “we, though many, are one body.” Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That’s why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It’s our participation of love in the one we love.

— Father John Muir

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
AN INVITATION TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: At the end of their forty-year journey in the desert, Moses instructs the Israelites not to forget how God taught them to depend on Him alone. How might you remind yourself of this important lesson in life?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Corinthians that through the body and blood of Christ, the community of believers are “one body.” Who in your life needs to hear this unifying message?

Gospel: Jesus teaches the crowds that through his body and blood believers will obtain eternal life and be raised on the last day. This is the core of our Catholic belief about Jesus. How do you think we can best celebrate this gift of eternal life?

“Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion. Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. When we pray we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us. If our Creator and Savior comes from heaven with such great love, it is only fitting that we should go to meet Him. And this is what we do when we spend some time in prayer.”

— St. Bernardine of Siena

Observed for the week of June 11, 2023
Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Tuesday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Flag Day
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day

Readings for the week of June 11, 2023
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/ Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/ Jn 6:51-58
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/ Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/ Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/ Ps 85:9a and 10, 11-14/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/ Ps 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/ Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/ Ps 103:1-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/ Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36—10:8

Are we living our lives on earth as if we are destined for heaven?

When we consume the Body and Blood of the Lord, do we let our Lord consume us?
Please join Pope Francis in praying his June 2023 intention: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Calling All Kids Ages 4 Through 6th Grade
Cool Kingdom Party-Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus-Vacation Bible School at Holy Ghost Parish begins on July 31 and goes through August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for ages 4 through 6th grade. This program helps kids explore, learn and grow in their Catholic faith. Another goal of this program is to help children understand the importance of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and how she leads us closer to her son Jesus. It will be a fun week with crafts, games, snacks, music and learning about our Catholic faith. Registration forms are at the Welcome Center or contact the Faith Formation office at 630-766-4509. (If your children aren’t available all five days, register and come on the days they are available.) The cost is only $35.00 per child for the week.

Calling All Teens From 7th Grade Through High School
Children in 7th grade through high school will also come from 9:00 a.m. to noon to journey through the Catholic faith in all its richness and to see how the sacraments, prayer and discipleship are the keys to a happy life; with a video series called The Chosen. A goal is to bring about a personal encounter with Jesus and a community full of disciples. The teens will also have fun assisting the younger children with music, games and crafts. Registration forms are at the Welcome Center or contact the Faith Formation office at 630-766-4509. (If your teens aren’t available all five days, register and come on the days they are available.) The cost is only $20.00 per teen for the week.

Anyone that would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School or to donate for the crafts, snacks, etc. please contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

Seeking Faith Formation Administrative Assistant
Holy Ghost parish Faith Formation office is seeking a part time up to 20 Hours a week Administrative Assistant. Must have excellent communication and computer skills including proficiency with core Microsoft products including Outlook, Word, Excel, etc. Will handle a variety of general administrative assistant and secretarial duties for the Faith Formation office and Director of Faith Formation and for the Coordinator of Discipleship. Must have previous experience in an administrative assistant/secretarial role. For additional information contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.

You are cordially invited to the Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks ALL ARE WELCOME! Date: July 23, 2023 Time: 2:00pm Please RSVP below - QR Code or Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192

“His mercy is from age to age.” Luke 1:50
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 continued support is most appreciated.

AN INVITATION TO WIDOWS

Several people have asked me if a widow’s group could meet this summer. As a widow myself, I understand that there are many struggles as we each search how to begin a new phase of our life.

I am thinking that the needs of this group could be very broad so I would propose that we meet on Thursday, July 13th at 1pm. I will make the agenda for the first gathering but hopefully the group will discern what form the following gatherings will have. Right now, save Thursdays, July 13th and 27th and August 10th and 24th.

We will meet in Room 9. Please leave me a message that you will be attending at 630-860-3691 or contact me through email: stutaj@holyghostparish.org. I would appreciate it if you would spell your name and leave me your phone and email.

I am looking forward to meeting you.
Susan Tutaj
Coordinator of Discipleship

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Same old Web Address—Fresh new look!
Come to the Holy Ghost Website and check out our new and updated articles and fresh new look.
It will launch on June 30, 2023.
We hope you will feel as welcome as when you visit our parish worship space.
**Holy Ghost Parish and its Council of Catholic Women** will host a Welcome Reception for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from St. Charles Borromeo Church.

**Saturday, July 8th after 4 PM Mass**

**Sunday, July 9th after 8 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM Masses**

Light Refreshments will be served.

Meet and mingle with our present and new parishioners.

Blood Pressure screenings will also be available.

God bless you and we look forward to meeting our new friends!

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**It’s wedding and graduation season!**

Are you ready? We are!

Every gift card you purchase from the SCRIP program is money to benefit Holy Ghost at no additional cost to you. We carry hundreds of stores, including VISA gift cards with NO ACTIVATION FEE!

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Questions? Contact Kathy at 630-860-2975 or kgrant@holyghostparish.org

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**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR FATHER’S DAY**

PLEASE REMEMBER: ________________________________ O LIVING O DECEASED

THAT THEY MAY SHARE IN THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OFFERED AT HOLY GHOST IN OBSERVANCE OF FATHER’S DAY.

MY NAME IS: ____________________________________________________________________________

MY ADDRESS IS: _________________________________________________________________________

MY PHONE NUMBER IS: ___________________________________________________________________

MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: ____________________________________________________________________

ENCLOSED IS MY STIPEND OF $10 PER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR A TOTAL OF $______.