JUNE 18, 2023   ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME #1224

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

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.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pray the Rosary with us Monday through Thursday at 9 AM and on Thursday evenings At 7PM.

“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

CELEBRATE
Father’s Day
WE ARE THANKFUL TO BE GUIDED IN LOVE.
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, June 17**
- 4PM Mass
  - Bruno Szczubleski and Eugene Sosnowski

**Sunday, June 18**
- 8AM Mass
  - Mary Minerva
- 10:30AM Mass
  - Joseph Caccamo

The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

**Monday, June 19**
- Daniel Shawke

**Tuesday, June 20**
- Maureen Oakley

**Wednesday, June 21**
- Michael Malek

**Thursday, June 22**
- Suzanne Turco

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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 6/1/2023**

**2023 PARISH GOAL:** $54,300
**2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED:** $56,879
**2023 AMOUNT PAID:** $42,029
**2023 BALANCE DUE:** $14,850

**Thank you** for your generosity.

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**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.

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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.

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**In Memory of Angelica Laporta**

From The Laporta Family

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

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**Confessions**

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

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! [http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrip](http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrip)

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

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Did you know we are on Facebook?

You can find us listed as: Holy Ghost Parish

Like our page to receive uplifting messages.

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As of 6/11/2023

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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.

AIR FORCE:
LT COL Anthony Calabrese
LT COL Patty Calabrese
MAJ Mary Dones
CAPT Joseph Piscopo
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jaloiew
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrik

ARMY:
LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
1LT Elizabeth Gonzales
SSGT Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CWO4 Anderson Mann
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schauchuk

MARINE CORPS:
CAPT Edward W. Miller
SGT Nicholas Reid
CPL Charles Golowacz
CPL Jack Rowley
LCPL David Lozeau
PVT Cameron Andreosen
PVT Vincent Anthony Eltman
PVT Billy Termine
PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
LT Matthew Starsia
Ryan James Ruizol

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 Toy
What does it mean to be God’s “special possession”? Our world is dominated by things, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being “possessed” by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like they possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a swirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be “possessed” by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

“Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.” — Exodus 19:5

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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

PRAYER & WORSHIP
June 18, 2023 | Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
"Do not be anxious: go straight on, forgetful of self, letting the spirit of God act instead of your own."  
—St. Julie Billiart

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

First Reading: The Lord teaches Moses that Israel is intended to be his “treasured possession among all peoples ... a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.” How would you react when you receive an incredible gift?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that believers are reconciled to God and saved from the final wrath through the death of his Son, Jesus. What do you think we should do with this incredible message of reconciliation and salvation?

Gospel: Jesus commissioned the twelve disciples to “proclaim the kingdom of heaven is at hand” and “cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons” — in other words, disciples are called to follow Jesus’ lead. How can we modern disciples follow Jesus’ lead?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I’ll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, “Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?” He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. “John, there’s no lemons. Sorry.” I said, “What are you talking about?” I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn’t see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don’t see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

— Father John Muir

Observances for the week of June 18, 2023
Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day
Monday: St. Romuald, Abbot
Tuesday: World Refugee Day
Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Saturday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023
Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-7/Mt 6:19-23
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
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
DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

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

BE FORMED SEASON 7: EUCARHISTIC REVIVAL

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 11

At Holy Ghost, we will be offering two opportunities for new Be Formed groups beginning in September:
* Tuesdays at 7pm
* Wednesdays at 1pm

During this second year of the Eucharistic Revival, we are focused on the “Year of the Parish.” BE FORMED will include opportunities for
* Fellowship
* Prayer
* Scripture
* Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism
* USCCB Small Group material will be included as it comes available
* Adoration

Please leave a message for Susan at 630-860-3691 or email: stutaj@holyghostparish.org. Let her know the group you prefer, your email and cell phone. She will contact you when registration opens so that you can register for the Holy Ghost group. There is a very minimal charge for the cost of copying the materials for September 10 through December 8. Join us as together we take a deeper look at Holy Eucharist...not only at mass but every day! Join us!!

CALLED AND GIFTED

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
Called and Gifted is a unique process from the Catherine of Siena Institute. It was developed by Sherry Anne Weddell and operates under the premise that each and every person was gifted with a charism from the Holy Spirit at their Baptism:
* Charisms are not inherited
* They are meant to be given away so they are for others and not for ourselves
* Charisms cannot be used for evil

Called and Gifted meets for 5 sessions. After Session 1, the participants take an online survey which gives each person an idea of what charisms they may have been gifted. At the end of 5 session, each participant has a private interview, at their convenience, which assists in the discernment of one’s gift(s).

With the knowing of your charism comes a call as you discover how God wants to use you in ministry or the secular world. Your charism brings you joy and is always meant to be given away. In using your charism you will find yourself energized and helped to avoid burnout, ineffectiveness and frustration.

I would like to bring Called and Gifted to Holy Ghost but need a small group (5-6) to volunteer to be my first group. I am looking for this group to meet on Thursdays from 7-9pm on July 27; August 3, 10,17 and 24. If you are interested...even if you can’t make all the sessions....please leave me a message at 630-860-3691 or stutaj@holyghostparish.org. I will be in and out of the office on a limited basis but I will return your call or email when I return. Let me know your availability as we may be able to adjust the schedule....

There will be a cost for the materials as we will need to order them through the Siena Institute. More information will come after the group is formed. Please consider helping me begin this ministry so in the future every parishioner can have the opportunity to find their God-given giftedness. I am looking forward to hearing from you!
Blessings,
Susan Tutaj  Coordinator of Discipleship
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.

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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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.