12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

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.

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

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.


A Catholic Faith Community | 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191 | 630-860-2975 www.holyghostparish.org
Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3 to 3:45PM.

Your participation in the CMAA is important.
If you have not had a chance to participate in the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) this year, there is still time. Please look for the mailing which will be arriving in homes shortly.

As your pastor, I encourage you to prayerfully reflect on God’s gifts to you and to give a gift to the CMAA. Participation is the key to a successful appeal and a chance for our parish to receive a parish rebate, too. Every gift helps!

If you do not receive this mailing and would like to make a gift to the CMAA, please call the Diocese of Joliet Development Office at (815) 838-8515. Or, if you wish to make your gift online, please visit www.jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Thank you, Father John Hornicak

2023 CMAA Pledge Report

2023 PARISH GOAL: $54,300
2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $56,879
2023 AMOUNT PAID: $42,184
2023 BALANCE DUE: $14,695

THANK YOU for your generosity.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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Your contribution to the Peter’s Pence collection helps fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also a number of solidarity projects that aid those most in need.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year’s collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

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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.

In Memory of
Thomas & Virginia Crowley
From Kevin & Marlene Crowley

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

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
Edward & Cecylia Siwinski
From The Meyer Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

*The following dates are open for donations:
July 8/9
August 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27
September 9/10, 16/17
September 30/October 1
October 7/8, 14/15, 28/29
November 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 23, 25/26
(*Availability subject to possible change once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)
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
Pat Pitello
Rose Powers
William Powers
Joseph Prince
Robert Rosch Sr
Andrew Rosinski
John Rossi
Reiner Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Blake Wishnow
Maria Yanez

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 Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbo

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 Andresen
PVT Vincent Anthony Eltman
PVT Billy Termine
PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
LT Matthew Starsiak
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 Necklace
I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don’t really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I’ve certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don’t have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn’t marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matthew 10:28

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi
"The important thing is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love."

—St. Teresa of Avila - Teresa of Jesus

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

First Reading: We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. What do you need to pray to God for this week?

Second Reading: Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. When have you felt God’s grace in your life?

Gospel: Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. What are some fears you have that you could turn over to God?

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn’t want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn’t want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids’ judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus’ words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, “Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That’s why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn’t mean we’re brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father.

— Father John Muir

I DO NOT EXPECT A HIGH PLACE IN HEAVEN.
I WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE A LITTLE CORNER WHERE I CAN LOVE GOD FOR ALL ETERNITY.

—ST. MARIANNE COPE
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

CALLING PARISH NURSES!
The parish could use your help after Masses with a new quarterly Blood Pressure Screening program to begin in July.
If you can help, contact Gina Reckard at ginareckard@gmail.com or 630-536-7427
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: EUCHARISTIC 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 or gifts. 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.

www.holyghostparish.org
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.

Church of the Holy Ghost
A Roman Catholic Community of Faith

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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