



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

JUNE 21, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1227

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Parish Office Hours:

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

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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.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” - Mt 10:31-33

Dear Parishioners:

The time has finally arrived. We can announce the installation of the glass wall and doors which will divide the Narthex from the Worship Space. We have been informed by our contractor that the install will start on **Wednesday June 24th at 8:00am**. The finish date will be no later than Friday June 26th at 5:00pm. Adoration and Morning Mass will be at the regular times on Monday June 22nd and Tuesday June 23rd. **Adoration and Morning Mass will be cancelled for the rest of the week.** No activities will be affected on Saturday June 27th.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Sam Conforti

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



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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Saturday, June 20

4PM Mass

+Eugene Sosnowski
+Bruno Sczubleski

Sunday, June 21

8AM Mass

+Michael J. Malek

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+Maria Luz Yanez

Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, June 22

+Sue Turco

Tuesday, June 23

+Sue Kolinski

Wednesday, June 24

+Margaret P. Gisburne

Thursday, June 25

+Robert Pauscher

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

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 3 - June 9, 2026

Sunday Collection \$10,408

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
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$59,639
Amount Paid	\$45,910
Balance Due	\$13,729
Donors	211
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 6/7/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

June 20/21 – Infirm & Retired Priests
June 27/28 – Peter's Pence
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 or in the church vestibules.



Pray for the Sick

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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
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.

Father's Day Blessing

Gracious God and Father, our first father, You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created. You created us and everything around us. We turned away from you and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers. They helped create us in your image. We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health. We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers. In Christ's name. Amen.



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.



On Behalf of Andrew J. Bartosik
From Isabelle Bartosik, Agatha Olinger and Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

***The following dates are open for donations:**
June 27/28
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.)

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 Thomas & Virginia Crowley
From Marlene Crowley

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



WHAT ORIGINAL SIN IS NOT
Clearing Up Misconceptions

1. ORIGINAL SIN IS NOT A PERSONAL SIN

Original sin is often misunderstood as a sin personally committed by each individual at birth.

However, the Catholic Church teaches that original sin is not a personal sin for which we are individually responsible.

It is a condition, not a personal fault, inherited from Adam and Eve's disobedience.

It is a state of deprivation of original holiness rather than an act of personal wrongdoing.

2. ORIGINAL SIN IS NOT MERELY SYMBOLIC

Some interpret original sin as a purely symbolic or metaphorical idea, representing human frailty or the imperfection of society.

However, the Catholic Church holds that original sin is an actual reality, affecting human nature.

It is the theological explanation for the fallen state of humanity and the inclination toward sin, not just a metaphor for moral failures.

3. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT MEAN HUMANS ARE EVIL BY NATURE

Original sin does not imply that human beings are inherently evil.

Instead, it means that humans are born into a fallen state, inclined to sin (concupiscence) but still fundamentally good as creatures made in the image and likeness of God.

The Church teaches that although original sin weakens our nature, it does not corrupt it entirely.

4. ORIGINAL SIN IS NOT THE SAME AS ACTUAL SIN

There is a distinction between original sin and actual sins, which are personal sins we commit through our free will.

Original sin is a state we inherit, whereas actual sin consists of the wrong actions we consciously choose.

Baptism removes the stain of original sin but does not remove the inclination to sin, which remains as a part of human nature.

5. ORIGINAL SIN IS NOT A PUNISHMENT INFLICTED BY GOD

Another misconception is that original sin is a punishment God inflicts on humanity.

Rather, it is a consequence of Adam and Eve's misuse of free will.

The Church teaches that God's plan is one of redemption, not punishment.

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, especially through Baptism, humanity is offered the means to overcome the effects of original sin and to enter into a relationship with God.

6. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT MEAN GOD IS UNJUST

Some may believe that it is unjust for God to allow all humanity to inherit the effects of original sin due to the actions of Adam and Eve.

However, the Catholic Church teaches that while original sin is inherited, God is not unjust.

He provides the means for redemption and grace through Jesus Christ, allowing every person the opportunity for salvation.

The doctrine underscores God's mercy, not injustice.

7. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT REMOVE FREE WILL

Original sin does not eliminate a person's ability to make free moral choices.

Despite the inclination to sin (concupiscence), humans retain their free will and the capacity to choose between good and evil.

The grace of God helps individuals resist sinful tendencies, empowering them to act virtuously despite the effects of original sin.

8. ORIGINAL SIN IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR SINFUL BEHAVIOR

Some might use the doctrine of original sin as an excuse for moral failures, implying that sin is inevitable and therefore excusable.

However, the Church teaches that original sin is not a license to sin.

While it explains humanity's inclination toward sin, individuals are still responsible for their personal actions and choices.

The grace of God, especially through the sacraments, provides the strength to overcome sinful tendencies.



9. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT MEAN THAT BAPTISM ERASES ALL STRUGGLES WITH SIN

While Baptism removes the stain of original sin, it does not remove all the effects of sin, such as concupiscence—the tendency toward sin.

Baptism restores sanctifying grace, but Catholics must continue to grow in holiness and virtue, fighting against sin through prayer, the sacraments, and the help of God's grace.

10. ORIGINAL SIN IS NOT A MERE INVENTION OF THE CHURCH

Some may argue that the doctrine of original sin is a human invention or a later development of the Church.

However, the concept of original sin is rooted in Scripture, particularly in the writings of St. Paul (Romans 5:12-19), and has been affirmed throughout Church Tradition.

It reflects a deep understanding of the human condition and the need for divine grace, not a man-made theological concept.

11. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT MEAN HUMAN NATURE IS COMPLETELY CORRUPT

Catholic teaching rejects the idea that original sin leaves human nature completely corrupt or evil.

Instead, the Church teaches that human nature is wounded but not destroyed.

People are still capable of good, and with God's grace, they can be redeemed and restored to their full dignity.

12. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT MEAN GOD'S CREATION IS FLAWED

The existence of original sin might suggest to some that God's creation is inherently flawed or imperfect.

However, the Church teaches that God's creation was originally good, as stated in Genesis, and that original sin entered the world through human free will, not because of any imperfection in God's creation.

13. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT MEAN THE BODY IS EVIL

Some have interpreted original sin as implying that the human body or physical desires are inherently sinful.

This is not the teaching of the Church.

The Catholic faith maintains that the body is good, created by God, but is affected by the fall.

The struggle with desires (concupiscence) is a result of original sin, but the body itself remains a good creation of God.

14. ORIGINAL SIN DOES NOT CONDEMN ANYONE TO HELL AUTOMATICALLY

There's a misconception that original sin alone condemns a person to eternal separation from God.

However, the Church teaches that while original sin creates a need for salvation, it does not automatically condemn anyone to hell.

Baptism cleanses a person of original sin, and God's mercy is extended to all, especially those who seek His grace and follow His will.

CONCLUSION:

Embracing the True Understanding of Original Sin

Understanding what original sin is and is not is crucial for a nuanced grasp of Catholic theology and human nature.

Original sin is not a punishment for personal failings, nor does it imply that human nature is beyond repair or that the body is inherently evil.

Rather, it signifies a profound disruption in the human relationship with God that affects all of humanity.

Yet, it is not a condemnation to eternal separation but a condition that necessitates the grace of redemption through Jesus Christ.

By clarifying these misconceptions, we gain a deeper appreciation of the Church's teachings on human dignity, the goodness of creation, and the transformative power of grace.

Embracing this understanding allows us to approach our spiritual journey with greater clarity, recognizing both the reality of our struggles and the boundless hope offered through God's love and mercy.

In acknowledging the truth about original sin, we are better equipped to live out our faith with humility, joy, and a renewed commitment to the path of righteousness and grace.



DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



We look forward to all of our Discipleship courses returning in September. Signup for new members will begin in August. The following are the times and days for the courses. Clear your schedule so you will be able to join us to learn more about your faith and journey with some amazing people in our parish!

Sunday 9-10:15am
Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Sunday (Virtual) 7pm (Microsoft Teams)
The Wild Goose (Holy Spirit)

Monday 10am
The Wild Goose (Holy Spirit)

Monday 7pm (Koinonia)
When You Pray

Monday 7pm (Room 9)
Discovering Christ

Tuesday Noon
Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Wednesday 7pm
What Do We Believe?

If you have any questions, please email Tom Vercruysse: tommytrv@gmail.com



Join
Bishop Spies
at Chicagoland
Speedway for
NASCAR on
Sunday July 5

Meet and Greet
at the
North Gate
at 3:30 pm

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MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED MARY LALLY



If I was to write my story of my encounters with God, I realize now that it would have to include every year, every day, every moment of my life. It could never be contained in a few short paragraphs. Its an amazing dance that I've participated in since birth. My dance partner is God, usually in the person of Jesus. What I have learned over the years is that I need to let him lead, otherwise I end up tripping over my own two feet.

How God shows up for me is often through other people. Jesus knows what I need even when I don't. One defining encounter was when I was a young mom of three little ones. I'd moved to Illinois with my husband Bill a few years earlier from New York. My parents, sister, 5 brothers and friends all still lived in New York. Bill had to travel for his job quite frequently. I was feeling very homesick and overwhelmed.

I remember sitting at the kitchen table tearfully asking God to help me. I called Bill that day at work and asked him to come home early. He said he would try but didn't understand what was wrong. I felt like I should be happy. I had the love of my life and a wonderful family but I had become anxious. I missed being with other adults and I felt isolated and lonely. I prayed to God that night to give me the strength to go on. I even got angry at God: "What is going on?" "This is not happening, I KNOW you can help me." That night was a turning point, I felt a peace come over me and felt that God had heard me.

The very next day, another young mom from the neighborhood rang my doorbell. She said she was the Avon Lady and had two little boys sitting in her red wagon. I hugged her, invited her in, told her my story and we became good friends. We traded time watching each other's children. Soon after, I joined a Holy Ghost program for young moms and their children. I met many new friends. I started attending mass regularly, reading scripture and praying every day. I started taking some evening classes at Elmhurst College to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse.

While my life has had many joys and trials, ever since then I have known deep in my heart that God is always with me: listening, loving and guiding me on. When my husband of 40 years went home to the Lord about 8 years ago, I felt that overwhelmed feeling again. It was God who saw me through it all, each day providing me with the strength I needed.

I know one thing for sure:

I LOVE OUR GOD, HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME
AND HOLY IS HIS NAME!

Please join Pope Leo in praying his June 2026 intention:
For the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop



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Dear Friends,

June is a month filled with grace and gratitude — a time to welcome the warmth and abundance of summer and to honor the remarkable men who have shaped our lives through their loving guidance. To all the fathers and father figures in our faith community, I wish you a most happy and blessed Father's Day!

It is especially fitting, then, that June also invites us to turn our hearts toward our parish priests — men who have answered God's call and given their lives entirely to us as our spiritual fathers.

These dedicated shepherds pour themselves into the care of their parishes and parishioners, faithfully present through every season of life. When illness visits one of our beloved priests, the call falls to us, as Catholics, to stand by their side. In accompanying our clergy through their most vulnerable moments, we live out the Gospel's summons to care for the sick and to love one another as Christ loved us.

The Father's Day Second Collection exists for this singular purpose: to support our diocesan priests who are facing serious, long-term illness. Your gift helps provide essential medical care when a health crisis strikes and brings meaningful relief from the mounting costs of specialized treatment.

I ask you to take a quiet moment in prayer to discern how you might help. To give online quickly and securely, please scan the QR code below. Or, if you prefer, you are warmly invited to place your offering during the Father's Day Second Collection on June 20–21 at your parish. On behalf of every priest who will be touched by your generosity, thank you.

Your open and giving heart is a true blessing — a living witness to the faith we share.

With best wishes and God's blessings, As I remain -Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis E. Spies
Apostolic Administrator and Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet



For *God* is not unjust
so as to overlook your work
and the *Love* you have
demonstrated for His name
by having served and continuing
to *serve* the holy ones.

- Hebrews 6:10



Father's Day Collection

For Infirm and Retired Priests

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