

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

JUNE 28, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1230

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Permanent Deacon

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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.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

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
JUNE 28, 2026
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, June 27

4PM Mass

Tony Scardina Family

Sunday, June 28

8AM Mass

+Michelle Bairani

10:30AM Mass

+Phylis Bendix

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, June 29

+Chummar Vellurattil

Tuesday, June 30

+Edda Klein

Wednesday, July 1

+Ricardo Ranirez

Thursday, July 2

All deceased & living families of Monaco & Mormino

Friday, July 3

+Jose Quintero

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

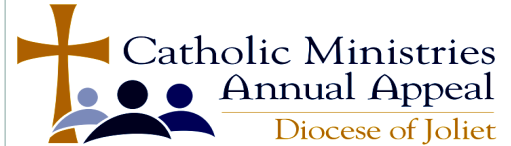
June 10 - June 16, 2026

Sunday Collection \$6,668.56

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	\$46,000
Balance Due	\$13,639
Donors	211
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 6/21/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

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

JUNE 28, 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



Newly Baptized

We welcome McKenzie Bloecher who was recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for her and her family.



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.



In Memory of Pat & Edward Meyer

From The Meyer Family

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.)

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 The Walow Family

From The Meyer Family

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



THE EUCHARIST EXPLAINED Separating Truth from Misconception

Here are several important clarifications about what the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist is not:

1. IT IS NOT MERELY SYMBOLIC:

•Clarification:

The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is not just a symbolic representation of

Christ's body and blood.

The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ through the process of transubstantiation, while the appearances of bread and wine remain.

The Real Presence means that Jesus is fully and substantially present in the Eucharist, not just figuratively.

2. IT IS NOT CANNIBALISM:

•Clarification:

Some critics mistakenly interpret the Real Presence as a form of cannibalism.

However, Catholics believe that Christ is present in a sacramental, non-bloody manner in the Eucharist.

His body and blood are present under the appearances of bread and wine, without any physical or brutal act involved.

This is a mystery of faith that goes beyond physical consumption and into a spiritual union with Christ.

3. IT IS NOT A RE-SACRIFICE OF CHRIST:

•Clarification:

The Eucharist is not a repeated sacrifice of Christ on the altar.

Instead, it is a re-presentation of the one, eternal sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Catholics believe that the sacrifice of Christ is made present in an unbloody manner during the Mass, allowing the faithful to participate in the offering of Christ's sacrifice in a real and mystical way.

4. IT IS NOT DEPENDENT ON THE HOLINESS OF THE PRIEST:

•Clarification:

The Real Presence does not depend on the personal sanctity or worthiness of the priest.

Even if the priest is in a state of sin, as long as the proper form, matter, and intention are present, the Eucharist becomes the true Body and Blood of Christ.

The efficacy of the sacrament relies on Christ's power, not the personal merits of the celebrant.

5. IT IS NOT MERELY A COMMUNION MEAL:

•Clarification:

While the Eucharist is certainly a communion with Christ and the community, it is not just a symbolic meal shared among believers.

The Eucharist is an encounter with the living Christ, who is truly present, offering Himself to His people as spiritual nourishment and grace.

6. IT IS NOT DEPENDENT ON HUMAN PERCEPTION:

•Clarification:

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist does not rely on our ability to perceive it with our senses.

Even though the bread and wine look, taste, and feel the same, the transformation into the Body and Blood of Christ is a supernatural reality that occurs regardless of whether we can physically detect it.

The Real Presence is a mystery of faith, not of sensory experience.

7. IT IS NOT A METAPHOR OR ALLEGORY:

•Clarification:

The Real Presence is not a metaphorical or allegorical way of speaking about Jesus' presence in the lives of believers.

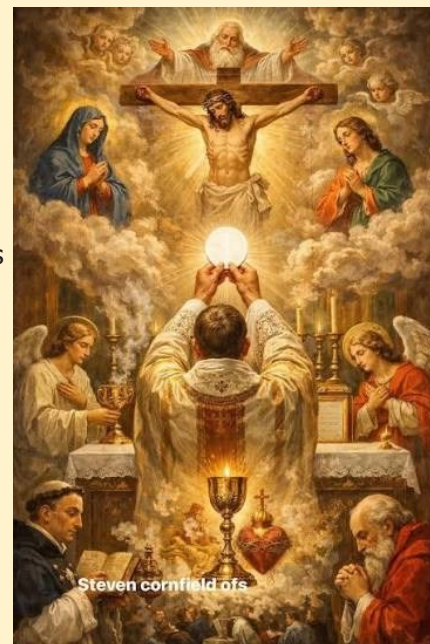
It is a literal and substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

While metaphors are often used in scripture, the doctrine of transubstantiation emphasizes that Jesus is truly, fully, and uniquely present in the Eucharist.

8. IT IS NOT A MERE MEMORY OF THE LAST SUPPER:

•Clarification:

The Eucharist is not just a memorial or





recollection of the Last Supper where Jesus instituted the sacrament.

Although the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's Passion, the Real Presence means that Christ is actively present and offering Himself to us here and now, making His saving act perpetually available to the faithful.

9. IT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF THE MASS:

•Clarification:

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist does not cease once the Mass is over.

Once consecrated, the Eucharist remains the Body and Blood of Christ as long as the appearances of bread and wine remain.

This is why Catholics reserve the Eucharist in tabernacles and why the faithful participate in Eucharistic adoration—Christ is still truly present outside of the Mass.

10. IT IS NOT A SHARED PRESENCE WITH ORDINARY BREAD AND WINE:

•Clarification:

The bread and wine used for consecration are not simply items blessed and shared in the same manner as ordinary food at a meal.

Through transubstantiation, they no longer remain bread and wine in substance, even though their appearances do.

The Real Presence is unique and exclusive to the consecrated elements, setting them apart from any other bread and wine.

These clarifications help underscore the deep significance of the Real Presence in the Eucharist, which is central to Catholic worship and spirituality.



Here are some pictures from our Vacation Bible School. We had a great time learning about Jesus.



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

**CHICAGOLAND
SPEEDWAY**

Scan here to buy
specially
priced tickets



MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED TRACY MONTELEONE



I started playing the piano at age 10. In High School I thought I wanted to become a professional accompanist. While playing for plays and shows, I came to realize that I had a gift for music.

I continued to study at Columbia College, Chicago and when I was ready to graduate, the director told me I couldn't leave because he wanted me to accompany "Jesus Christ Superstar." That was an awesome experience and showed me how I loved playing for big groups.

I never thought of playing church music.

As God always has God's way, I found myself at Holy Ghost playing for my brother's wedding. While practicing at Church, someone on the staff heard me and recommended that they hire me. That day started my journey in church music. What a joy to come back to the parish I was baptized and to be able to serve the community of Holy Ghost through my music.

These days, I know I am blessed with my family...my parents, my husband, my mother-in-law, and my two daughters in addition to my Holy Ghost family. I truly feel God's presence in every single song that I play and sing for every mass.

"LORD I AM AMAZED BY YOU!"

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 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.

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.

Knights of Columbus Support for Pregnancy Resource Centers

Did you know?

Since 2009, KC has helped equip Pregnancy Resource Centers and pro-life medical clinics with 2,054 life-saving ultrasound machines valued at more than \$97 million.

Since 2022, 3,200 KC councils (including the Holy Ghost Council thru the Baby Bottle Project) have provided \$19 million to 2,000 Pregnancy Resource Centers and 126 maternity homes.

Learn more at kofc.org/ultrasound and kofc.org/asap



Knights of Columbus of Holy Ghost thank all who took a Baby Bottle and filled it with spare change and extra bills to help the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland!

Through your generosity, \$2,837 will go to support the work of the Women's Centers in Chicago, Des Plaines, Evergreen Park, Calumet City, and Valiant Woman Mobile Services. For meeting our goal, the Supreme Council will donate another \$400.

If you did not fill a bottle, you may donate a virtual baby bottle online! https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/2_D3738E57B16405



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland mission is to love, support, and empower a woman, giving her the tools to choose life for herself and for her child. www.gotwc.org



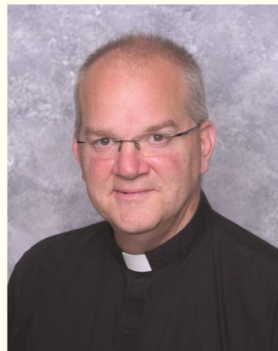
Are you navigating life as a widow or widower? We invite you to join us for support, healing, and community.

Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat
When: June 27th & 28th 2026 at St. Julie Billiart Parish, Tinley Park, IL

No Overnight Accommodations available. For further information, call: 708-354-7211. e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

For Registration visit: www.joyfulagain.org

Are You Being Called to the Permanent Diaconate?



Bishop Dennis Spies
Diocesan Administrator

The Diocese of Joliet is in the process of inviting men to discern the call to the next diaconate class of formation.

If the thought of becoming a deacon has whispered to your soul, I encourage you to contact the diaconate office for more information.



Office for the Diaconate
815-221-6174
vocations.diojoliet.org/start-a-conversation