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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” - Jn 4:10

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.

 Invite others to join us in prayer

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

A Catholic Faith Community | 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191 | 630-860-2975 www.holyghostparish.org
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 11
4PM Mass
Frank Stahl
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 12
8AM Mass
Celia Sifuentes
10:30AM Mass
Steve O’Mahoney

Monday, March 13
Irene J. Gniech

Tuesday, March 14
Rafael Rumilla
Mary Ann Cerceo

Wednesday, March 15
Mary Ann Sauers

Thursday, March 16
Erika Hoeing

Lenten Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
at 7 PM in the Church
Followed by an “Evening of Fellowship” sponsored by the Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women.

Light Refreshments will be provided. We will be electing the CCW Woman of the Year. Please join us.

If you haven’t already done so, please take a rice bowl from the narthex. What you sacrifice for Lent changes lives not only around the world but also helps fight hunger and poverty in our own community. Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help reach more than 190 million people with lifesaving support. Please return your rice bowl on Palm Sunday, or you can donate online at: crsricebowl.org/donate.

Thank you.

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
Robert Fuja
From The Fuja Family

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

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 you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our diocese know that we belong to God. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, 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.

In Memory of
Edward Golowacz Sr & Edward Golowacz Jr
From Katarina Golowacz

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

*The following dates are open for donations:
April 8/9, 15/16, 22/23
May 6/7, 27/28
June 10/11, 17/18, 24/25

(*Availability subject to possible change once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)

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, and Holy Days of Obligation. No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.
PRAYER & WORSHIP
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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
Philip Giancola
Agnes Grams
Gerry Grupe
Evelyn Hickman
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
Meaghan K.
Mike Kaiser
Virginia Kapelanski
Kathie Kelley
Joyce Kordas
Carrie Krush
Patricia Krush
Angela Liga
Noel Lopez
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 Siedentopf
Wanda Slupik
Joyce Swearingen
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Jim Wright
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 Messiah Before You

If you would have asked me on the morning of my confirmation what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you they were about the same as getting water from a stone.

My faith was fragile at this time in my life, primarily because I viewed it as exactly that — my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. And I hadn’t done the things I thought I needed to do in order to be the kind of Christian who knows the truth and lives it. I was waiting to be made stronger. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation.

Little did I know, I was like the woman at the well, standing around talking about the coming of the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn’t ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unawares that she left her water jar at the well, rushing out to tell what she had seen.

When I was anointed with the oil it no longer mattered that I wasn’t strong enough to break open the stone that I was convinced encased my heart — God’s grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn’t become a perfect Christian — and never will, in this life — I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it’s probably best not to second-guess Him.

“We boast in the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint.” Romans 5:2-5

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SEEK A WELL OF LIVING WATER

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

“[I will attempt day by day to break my will into pieces. I want to do God’s Holy Will, not my own.”]
—St. Gabriel Possenti

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

First Reading: The Lord responded to the prayer of Moses with the miracle of water from the rock for the Israelites to drink. What might you ask from the Lord this week?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of having “hope” because “the love of God has been poured into our hearts though the Holy Spirit.” How does your faith in Jesus give you hope?

Gospel: Through her dialogue with Jesus, the Samaritan woman comes to the realization that Jesus is the Messiah. In her joy, she tells other Samaritans about her encounter with Jesus. How can you share your faith in Jesus with others?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Beginning with today’s Eucharistic Liturgy we will be reading and hearing stories from John’s Gospel for the next two weeks as well. There are many symbols and images there for our pondering and profit. For a deeper understanding of these Readings, it would be helpful to return to the first nineteen verses in chapter one, (The Prologue) in which key symbols are presented as hints to a clearer understanding and receiving the Jesus within John’s whole Gospel.

Jesus is “The word” to be heard, “The Life” to be lived, and “The Light” to be seen. This Word, Life and Light becomes flesh to speak and be taken in. This Life is to be lived and shared. This Light is both to be seen and to be displayed by all who hear, live and see.

John uses often the light of the sun and the darkness of night as images of good things happening and bad as well. In today’s Gospel the event takes place at noon. Obviously there is much in today’s Readings about water and thirst and grumbling. In our First Reading from Exodus the very last verse is the central theme, “Is the Lord in our midst or not? “Our Gospel answers this!

Light is both seen and shines so that all else can be seen. Next Sunday’s Gospel will be all about the Light curing the inability to see, the inability to believe. Today’s Gospel in the mid-day light has Jesus offering Life to not only a woman of her culture, but a woman from an alien group. She gets more than she is asking for. The Word, the Life and the Light are offering a new way of her seeing herself and she hears, receives and returns having a changed vision of herself, her identity, her dignity. She leaves her old water jar and returns inviting other villagers to “come see: a man Who has given her a new sight of belief in Him and herself.

Where is Lent for us in all this? Well, the women of the village usually came to the well very early in the morning. This woman was excluded from that water brigade, because of her multi-marriage life style. Jesus addresses her first and by doing so begins helping her see herself, because of His being the Light. As mentioned, she leaves behind her old jar, (identity) and returns with a new “water welling up to eternal Life”.

Whatever we are giving up or away this Lent, whatever “jar”, it seems that it is Lent if letting it go allows for more going out, going into, bringing Light, Life and Jesus into community rather than doing a penance just for ourselves. The old “jar” is the symbol for our old image which keeps us less relational. Jesus as Light shines upon our whole self, not just our darkness. Jesus invites rather than indicts and this leads us to Easter!

Larry Gillick SJ

Observances for the week of March 12, 2023
Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins
Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick’s Day
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Readings for the week of March 12, 2023
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/ Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/ Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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Please join Pope Francis in praying his March 2023 intention:
We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Save the Date**

**The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women**

**“Paint and Pour” Girlfriends’ Night Social**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
7:00 PM in the Gym
Painting on wine glasses or cruets!
More information to come soon.

**HOLY GHOST PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

Children ages 2 to 10 years old are invited.

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT BY SCANNING THE CODE!**

Saturday, April 8th
11:00 AM

**APRIL**

**Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023**

July 29 – August 7, 2023

With optional Pre-Tour to Madrid
July 25-29, 2023

**SYDNEY WATERFRONT ACCOMMODATION**

$3,985 vs Chicago

**MADRID PRE-TOUR**

$1290

**AGE REQUIREMENTS: 18 - 39 (must be 18 by July 1, 2023)**

For information or to make a reservation contact:
Penny Berello - Int retal travel • 815-221-8028 • WTD003@dioceseofjoliet.org • YAHoojollet.org

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

10am St. Ann, Channahon
This is My Body Given for You
How the Mass brings Jesus to us... and us to Jesus.

1pm Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet
Priests Presentation

7pm St. Paul, Joliet
That All May Be One
How Holy Communion draws us into deeper union with God and one another and propels us to action and ministry out in the world.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

10am Immaculate Conception, Gilman
This is My Body Given for You
How the Mass brings Jesus to us... and us to Jesus.

1pm St. Joseph, Bradley
That All May Be One
How Holy Communion draws us into deeper union with God and one another and propels us to action and ministry out in the world.

7pm St. Jude, New Lenox
Lord I Want to See
Blessed Carlo Acutis and how miracles show what our faith says is always true.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

10am St. Matthew, Glendale Heights
Only Say the Word and I Shall Be Healed
Finding the healing hand of Jesus through the Eucharist

1pm Christ the King, Lombard
This is My Body Given for You
How the Mass brings Jesus to us... and us to Jesus.

6pm St. Joan of Arc, Lisle
That All May Be One
How Holy Communion draws us into deeper union with God and one another and propels us to action and ministry out in the world.

Watch Father Luke’s invitation to these days of our DIOCESAN LENTEN MISSION in celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival on your parish website and on diocesan social media.
**Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women**

2023 PLANT SALE

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RETURN ORDER & PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, APRIL 23

PICKUP: HOLY GHOST CHURCH RYAN HALL (GYM) SATURDAY, MAY 6 & SUNDAY, MAY 7 8AM-NOON

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**Baby Bottle Collection**

On March 18-19 the Knights of Columbus will be collecting Baby Bottles with donations for the Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland that assist women in crisis pregnancy situations.

Your change, bills, and checks will help provide free ultrasounds that have spared many women from making the heart-breaking decision to destroy their unborn children.

**The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland**

Crisis pregnancy provides counseling, medical, social referrals, and material goods assistance.

40,000 Moms and babies have been saved from the tragedy of abortion since 1984.

www.womens-center.org 773-794-1313

CHICAGO - DES PLAINES - EVERGREEN PARK

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**Celebrate a wonderful tradition with us!**

**Holy Ghost Parish**

**Saint Joseph Table**

**Sunday, March 19**

Two Seatings:

- Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass
- Lunch after 10:30 AM Mass

Our celebration ends at 2PM

If you would like to be a sponsor, volunteer or make a monetary or food donation, please sign up at the Welcome Center or call us:

- Nancy: 630-673-7906
- Antonella 630-802-5535

Here are some suggestions of food items that may be donated to our St. Joseph Table:

- Bagels
- Muffins
- Donuts
- Cookies
- French Toast Sticks
- (Costco or Sam’s Club)
- Juice
- Potato Salad
- Pasta Salad
- Sandwich Tray
- Olives

If you would like to bring a home cooked dish, please ensure that it is fresh, wrapped properly and placed on a food safe plate. We want to keep food safety in mind. Thank you!
**NEWS & EVENTS**

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**Lent ~ Easter 2023**

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**Rosary:**
Weekdays at 9:00 AM
Thursdays at 7:00 PM
March 16, 23, 30

**Holy Hour:**
Tuesday,
March 14
7:00 PM

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and Adoration
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Please join us.

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**Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday Mass:**
April 1 4:00 PM
April 2 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

**Holy Thursday:**
April 6
7:00 PM - Mass
8:00 PM - Midnight
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament (Emmaus Room)

**Good Friday Services:**
April 7
3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

**Holy Saturday:**
April 8
10:00 AM - Basket Blessing
7:00 PM - Vigil Mass

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**Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence**
Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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**Reconciliation:**
Held at:
Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur St.
Elmhurst
630-530-8991
Saturday, March 25,
from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
(Instead of individual parishes having penance services, this Deanery Reconciliation event is offered for you to attend.)

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**Easter Sunday:**
April 9 Masses
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30PM