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

**Holy Ghost Parish Saint Joseph Table Sunday, March 19**

Two Seatings:
- Breakfast 9:00 AM
- Lunch 11:30 AM

Our celebration ends at 2PM.

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” - Jn 9:15

**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.**
Welcome
March 19, 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 18
4PM Mass
Roland Mais

Sunday, March 19
8AM Mass
Anna Vellurattil
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

10:30AM Mass
Duane Tutaj
Health & Blessings for Anthony & Christine Clementi on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Monday, March 20
The Aviles, Sifuentes & Garcia Families

Tuesday, March 21
Arthur & Veronika Klein

Wednesday, March 22
Angela Terkowitsch

Thursday, March 23
Judy Altergott

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.

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.

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 the Scurto & Tripoli Families
From Ann Marie Scurto
Names will be printed in the bulletin in the order in which they are received.

In Memory of Duane Tutaj
From Susan Tutaj

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. You may donate online at: crsricebowl.org/donate. Thank you.

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

Are you a Roman Catholic?
7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?
Was it recently? In the past year?

The priests of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

Saturday, March 25, from 8am until 3pm at Immaculate Conception Church!
There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Polish and Spanish.

All are invited to receive God’s grace at Immaculate Conception Church 132 Arthur St. in Elmhurst 630-530-8515

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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.)
**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 Petrbok

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

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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
HM3 Danielle Schlarb, CST
Ryan James Ruizol

**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
Special Intention
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
Meaghan K.
Mike Kaiser
Virginia Kapelanski
Kathie Kelley
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 Jr
Andrew Rosinski
John Rossi
Reiner Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Joyce Swearengen
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Maria Yanez

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Not As Man Sees

I don’t know Fr. Stu personally, but I’ve heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he’s sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn’t expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I’ve decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It’s a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

“Not as man sees does God see.”
— 1 Samuel 16:7

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
March 19, 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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

First Reading: Much to Samuel’s surprise, the Lord instructed him to anoint the youngest of Jesse’s sons, David, to be the next king of Israel. When have you been surprised by God?

Second Reading: Paul urges the Ephesians: “Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” What do you think pleases the Lord?

Gospel: Jesus’ healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus’ healing exposed the blindness of others. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God’s presence in this season of Lent?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we enter this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we remind ourselves of Jesus’ use of the Holy Word as He was being tempted by the devil throughout those 40 long days in the desert. It doesn’t matter what form of sin or down right evil we may be facing, as Jesus so clearly demonstrated, the answer for our response and our protection can always be found in the Bible.

Today’s readings provide us with incredible insight into the results we can expect when we simply trust in the power of God’s Word, as Jesus did in the desert. We begin with Samuel. In this part of Samuel’s story, God once again spoke directly to him and directed him to go to Jesse to anoint a new king. This task was certainly not a pleasant assignment for Samuel. Not only was he sad to see Saul removed from the throne, but he even feared for his life should King Saul find out what he was doing. To make matters worse, when Samuel arrived at Jesse’s home, the son he expected to anoint was definitely not the youngest son - David. Surely the last one he would have chosen. Isn’t that really how life sometimes unfolds for us. We hear God’s calling and we are filled with trepidation. At times, it just doesn’t seem to make any sense. It may even require us to work with people we may not trust, or even like. We often forget that we are not alone, that God provides us with everything we might need to accomplish the task He has for us. He looks at the heart – especially our heart. We simply need to trust. Trust the almighty God of the universe. Whether he wanted to or not, Samuel followed God’s directive and King David proved God’s wisdom and sovereignty.

In the midst of our doubting God’s directives for our lives, we can find hope in today’s responsorial Psalm 23. We are reminded that with God, there is nothing more we could ever want. He provides us with the rest and comfort we need to refresh our soul. He guides us along the path He has laid out for us from the beginning of time. We have nothing to fear as He provides all the courage we could ever need. His goodness and kindness have always seen us through our most difficult challenges, and we can trust securely in our Lord as we look forward to dwelling with Him throughout all of eternity.

So what does this trusting look like as we push through our daily challenges? How do we deal with difficult people? Our second reading in Ephesians provides the simple, yet profound answer. “Live as children of light, for light produces goodness and righteousness and truth.” We learn what is pleasing to the Lord through meditating on His Holy Word and then following that path. Christ Himself will give us His light. That is simply what He does – He “is the light of the world” and following Him is the way to have “exude the light of life”, as we find in the verse before today’s Gospel reading.

The concept of God as the center of light and truth is powerfully brought home in today’s Gospel story about Jesus healing the blind man. Jesus’ disciples were trying to understand why the man was born blind in the first place. Sounds like us, doesn’t it. Why do people suffer and why do bad things happen? Jesus reminded them, and us, that He is “the light of the world”. He demonstrated that He did in fact have the power to heal. So where does that leave us? Perhaps the blind man’s simple response is the key – “One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” Perhaps that statement is far more spiritual than physical. The Pharisees certainly did not understand what had just happened. They could not see the light. Yet truth and light were right there in front of them. Jesus freely gives to those that will receive His truth. That same truth and light that is available to each of us, we simply must seek Him and His Holy Word.

Larry Hopp

“Realize it, my brethren; —every one who breathes has a mission, has a work. God sees every one of us. He deigns to need every one of us. We are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also.”

—St. John Henry Newman
Bishop Hicks' Column

March 2023:
Journeying 10 years
with Pope Francis

It is a common practice to give a gift made of silver for a 25th anniversary and something of gold for a 50th. However, I was wondering, what do you give for a 10th anniversary? After some research, there seems to be some consensus that either tin or aluminum is meant to commemorate a decade. Perhaps these metals make an appropriate gift since they are known for their strength and resilience.

On March 13, our Holy Father will celebrate his 10th anniversary as pope. As we have watched our pontiff lead, guide and shepherd the Church, few would argue that he has done so with great strength and resilience. I am truly amazed by his vigor, perseverance and tenacity. Sometimes I wonder if I reach his age, God willing, will I still have that type of energy?

Pope Francis, like his predecessors, is so much more than a CEO of a worldwide organization. He is the apostolic successor to St. Peter, the "rock" upon which the Church is built. Just like the apostle, he has his own personality. Some people focus on his warm smile or infectious laugh, while others notice his ability to listen and engage in conversation. Even the name he chose as pope, Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, is a nod to his humility.

I am a bishop ordained under Pope Francis in 2018 and then installed in 2020 for the Diocese of Joliet. I have tried to emulate his famous advice that a bishop and priest should strive to be a good shepherd with "the smell of the sheep." In other words, the Church is better off with leaders who spend time among the people of God. Pope Francis continues to give us an example of how to be and do just that.

I have a beautifully framed photo of Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich and myself taken in Rome in December 2019 during an ad limina meeting. I love the photo because we are all laughing out loud. This snapshot was captured when Cardinal Cupich, one by one, was introducing the 26 bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to the Holy Father. While introducing the bishop standing in front of me, Cardinal Cupich said to the pope, "He is one of my retired bishops." The pope looked at him and said, "You look much too young to be retired." Then it was my turn. The pope firmly took my hand to shake it, and Cardinal Cupich said to him, "And this is Bishop Ron Hicks. He is my vicar general." The pope then broke into a big smile, looked at me and said, "You are a vicar general and a bishop? You look like you are still in high school!" It was a beautiful moment to share in that laughter and joy, and I am glad it was immortalized in a photo, which I treasure.

No matter how you describe Pope Francis, his 10th anniversary gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank him for his faith, leadership and prayers. That's in addition to all of the work he has accomplished, which includes three encyclicals, four synods, countless homilies, extensive travel, innumerable audiences and the canonization of more than 900 new saints, chief among which are Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII, Mother Teresa of Kolkata, Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero, along with the 813 martyrs of Otranto.

He has also given us several exhortations over these 10 years, from which there are many things to learn and ponder. His first such document in 2013 was "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel), and I appreciate that he began his pontificate proclaiming, "joy" – namely the joy that comes from an encounter with the risen Lord, Jesus. The joy of the Gospel fills our hearts and lives because of the salvation brought through Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection, which sets us free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.

As I write this, I realize it would take volumes to capture what the pope has done and accomplished over 10 years. And even though his achievements are vast, I cannot help but think of all the pressure he endures and the burdens he carries daily. Leading the Church amid today's complexities, polarization and challenges is not easy. Therefore, I thank God that our pope wakes up each day and leads with gospel joy, faith and zeal.

Every day at Masses across the globe, we as a Church rightfully unite our voices in the Eucharistic Prayer as we ask God to "be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant, Francis, our Pope." As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Holy Father, let us in a special way pray for his continued strength and resilience, as together we wish Pope Francis, "Ad multos Annos!"
Please remember to pick up your paid Fannie May order for Easter on Sunday, March 19, 2023 between 8AM & 2PM in the gym. If you did not place an order, there will be limited items available for purchase. Questions? Call Fran at 630-766-4508.

**HOLY GHOST PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**
Children ages 2 to 10 years old are invited to attend with an adult.

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT!
USE THIS LINK:
https://forms.gle/dZA2suEbbr4dXHvcv8
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

Saturday, April 8th
11:00 AM

**Save the Date**
for
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 follow next week.

**Immaculate Conception Parish Mission**
132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst

March 19, 20, 21 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Jesus’ Buddies -- Peter, James and John
Walking the Walk
Sunday evening: The Encounter (call)
Monday evening: The Experiences
Tuesday evening: The Challenge

Father Larry Dreffein, OFM Pastor, teacher, and spiritual director. Father Larry has been a Franciscan for 56 years. Experienced in both the Roman and Eastern traditions of the Church, he has worked with all ages, including 27 years with senior citizens.

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**Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women**

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**PREPARING FOR Easter**

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

**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

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

**Stations of the Cross:**
Fridays at 7:00 PM
March 24, 31

**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.

**Act of Contrition:**
O my God, I am sorry and repent with all my heart for all the wrong I have done and the good I have failed to do, because by sinning I have offended you, who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the occasions of sin. Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, Lord, have mercy.

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