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

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.

Father will hear confessions on Saturday, April 1, from 3:00 to 3:45PM. Please note: Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday, April 8.

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.

Please note: Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday, April 8.
March 26, 2023
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25
4PM Mass
Gloria Royal

Sunday, March 26
8AM Mass
Raffaele Pulice

10:30AM Mass
Margaret Walsh

The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

Monday, March 27
Patricia Gniech

Tuesday, March 28
Tommy McTighe
Larry Valio

Wednesday, March 29
Health & Blessings for Carmel Walsh Tickler and Family

Thursday, March 30
Camille Mazzuca

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

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT! USE THIS LINK:
https://forms.gle/dZA2suEbb4dxHwcv8
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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.

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.

In Memory of
Jozef Smutek
From Stanley Smutek

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
Baby Deacon Brooks Piscopo
From The Piscopo Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.
*The following dates are open for donations:
April 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.

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 Sr
Andrew Rosinski
John Rossi
Reiner Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Joyce Swearingen
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Maria Yanez

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

AIR FORCE:
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MAJ Mary Dones
CAPT Joseph Piscopo
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrik

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LTC Grace Gallagher
1LT Elizabeth Gonzales
SSGT Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patchen
CW04 Anderson Mann
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schauchuk

MARINE CORPS:
CAPT Edward W. Miller
STG Nicholas Reid
CPL Charles Golowacz
CPL Jack Rowley
LCPL David Lozeau
PVT Cameron Andreson
PVT Vincent Anthony Eltman
PVT Billy Termine
PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

NAVY:
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LT Matthew Starsiak
HM3 Danielle Schlarb, CST
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
Offerings
Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It’s a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.

The happy ending in today’s Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn’t alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn’t work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

“You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit.” — Romans 8:9

By Colleen Jurassic Dorman ©LPi

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Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45


Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/ Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/ Jn 10:31-42


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

First Reading: God revealed to the prophet Ezekiel his divine plan for the resurrection of the dead: “I (will) open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!” As a person of faith, how does this promise give you hope?

Second Reading: Paul insists that for believers, the Spirit dwelling within us gives life to our mortal bodies, raising us from the dead as Christ was raised from the dead. How does this impact your thoughts about death itself?

Gospel: In her grief and sadness at the death of her brother Lazarus, Martha professes her belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. As the season of Lent draws to a close, in what ways have the last 40 days strengthened your faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I appreciate the level of faith and trust Mary and Martha had in Jesus. It is understood that Jesus had the ability to reach Lazarus while he was still alive because he was only two miles away. Mary and Martha knew this. So, when Jesus did arrive, days late, I would imagine the sisters being very angry. And yet, when Martha greats Jesus and He tells her that Lazarus will rise, she does not become angry. She could challenge him, saying, “What do you mean?! He is dead! You could have been here days ago and saved him but you did not!” Instead, she confirms that she knows her brother will rise again-in the resurrection on the last day. And is that not a greater gift than more time on earth? But, amidst the pain of loss, how difficult is it to recognize that fact? Mary certainly struggles to realize it. She does lament to Jesus that if he had just come sooner, Lazarus would still be with them.

Now, let’s back up and examine a line at the beginning of this passage, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Wow…. What if we applied this all over our lives? I am reminded of the Ignatian value Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. Our entire lives should be for the greater glory of God - and that includes our suffering! Now, it is not that God wants us to suffer, but rather we have a lot to gain from suffering. Strength, perseverance, faith, and perspective are a few that come to mind. Mary and Martha certainly gained all four, but I’d like to highlight the last one.

This experience gave them the ability to see that eternal life with Jesus in heaven is a greater gift than more time with their brother. Furthermore, they, especially Mary, gained faith in Christ as she watched Him perform the miracle of bringing her brother back to life.

What was at the root of all of this? Suffering. Lazarus suffered an illness and death. The sisters suffered grief at the loss of their brother. They had frustration, sadness, hopelessness and so many other emotions. But what did this anguish allow for? A community came together to love and support them! Jesus performed a miracle that instilled faith in many bystanders.

What is my point here? Suffering is what brings us together - it unites us. We all experience it. The pain of others is what gives us the opportunity to be Christ to others. A life free of suffering is not possible, but we do have the unique ability to lessen the difficulties of others. And remember, the greatest suffering of all was when Jesus died on the cross to save us.

Mirielle Mason

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OFFER YOUR SUFFERING TO GOD
The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women cordially invite you to our “Paint and Pour” Girlfriends’ Night Social

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
7:00 PM in the Gym

Everyone can create a great artistic piece with easy step by step instructions and have fun seeing all the other works of art!

We will be painting on glass!
Make your choice below.
Get creative while you laugh, drink and spend time with your friends.
We make it easy to paint and have a great time.
Refreshments will be served.

Bring a friend, enjoy painting, have refreshments, fellowship and fun—all for only $12.00 per person!

So that we know how much in materials to order, please fill out the RSVP slip below by April 3rd.
Return your completed form with your payment to the parish office or put in the collection basket. Make sure to mark it CCW.

CCW “Paint and Pour” Social - RSVP by April 3rd
I am ready to release my hidden talent, have fun, and fellowship!

(Please print.)
Name ________________________________
Phone Number __________________________
Email ________________________________

How many people in your party? __________
The cost is $12.00 per person for materials.

Total $__________

Mark ONE “X” for EACH person’s choice.
Choose your item: _______ wine glasses (2) _______ oil pour cruets (2)

Make checks payable to Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women.
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.

**Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women**

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**CHECK TO HOLY GHOST CCW**

NAME:

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RETURN ORDER & PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, APRIL 23

PICKUP: HOLY GHOST CHURCH RYAN HALL (GYM) SATURDAY, MAY 6 4-6PM & SUNDAY, MAY 7 8AM-NOON

**DID YOU KNOW?**

HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST & THE PRIESTHOOD.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

THE PRINCIPAL LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & HOLY COMMUNION USING HOSTS CONSECRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASchal VIGIL ON THE EVENING OF HOLY SATURDAY MARKS THE END OF HOLY WEEK AND THE PASchal TRIDUUM.
Lent ~ Easter 2023

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

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

**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

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

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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.