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

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

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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.

Saturday, March 11, 2023
9:30AM to Noon
Please see page 5 for more information.

WELCOME
March 5, 2023
The Second Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4
4PM Mass
Peggy and Louis Walsh

Sunday, March 5
8AM Mass
Carlos Zuniga
10:30AM Mass
Ralph & Mary Vencil
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

Monday, March 6
Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 7
Luz Carrera
5th Anniversary

Wednesday, March 8
Cecilia Baeza

Thursday, March 9
Robert Fuja

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.

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

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.

INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS NEXT WEEK!

In Memory of
Walter E. Rossa
From Eileen Rossa & Jenny Zavala

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

In Memory of Robert Scurto
From Ann Marie Scurto

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 Scurto
From Ann Marie Scurto

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

*The following dates are open for donations:
April 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30
May 6/7, 20/21, 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 Petbk

ARMY:
LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
SSGT Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CWO4 Anderson Mann
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schauchuk

MARINE CORPS:
CAPT Edward W. Miller
SGT Nicholas Reid
CPL Charles Golowacz
CPL Jack Rowley
LCPL David Lozeau
PVT Cameron Andresen
PVT Anthony Anthony Etman
PVT Billy Termine
PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
LT Matthew Stariak
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!

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
Gerry Grupe
Evelyn Hickman
Erika Hoeing
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 Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Special Intention
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Jim Wright
Maria Yanez

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Long Walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it’s important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it’s the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it’s the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I’m afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.” — Psalm 33

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READEINGS FOR THE WEEK
March 5, 2023
The Second Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Today’s readings provide simple but important messages to help us along in our Lenten journey.

The first reading from Genesis shares the good example of Abraham, who was known as Abram before God covenanted with him. God called to Abram, asking him to leave his home and to follow Him. Then He gave Abram a little insight about the purpose for that journey. Abram did not have all the details he might have wanted. But the call from God was sufficient. He obeyed by following him in faith, not only right then but for many years afterward as he waited for a promised child, which did not come until he and his wife Sarah were very old.

Perseverance matters on a journey with God. Sometimes we need encouragement along the way, as this journey is not always a peaceful walk through green pastures and beside still waters. Sometimes storms rage around us. Paul’s letter to Timothy exhorts us to bear up under burdens with strength that the Lord will supply. The Psalm for today reminds us that our Lord keeps an eye on us, His delivering power is near, and His kindness and mercy are trustworthy.

Matthew’s gospel presents the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus invited his closest disciples—Peter, James, and John—to witness a mysterious meeting with Moses and Elijah. Their bodies were bathed in light, but not ordinary light like the sun. There was a cloud, but it was not an ordinary cloud. It was bright, yet it cast a shadow over them! A voice came from that cloud, but it was no ordinary voice. The voice told them to listen. Peter stopped his foolish babbling and joined James and John, who to their credit, remained speechless.

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

First Reading: Abram left behind his land and home, trusting in the Lord’s promise to make him a great nation with many blessings. In what ways have you needed to trust in the Lord during this season of Lent?

Second Reading: Paul tells Timothy to “bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” When have you needed to draw upon God’s strength in your life?

Gospel: In the transfiguration, Peter, James, and John witnessed the divinity of Jesus: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Why do you suppose Jesus instructed the disciples not to tell anyone until after his death and resurrection?

GOSPEL MEDITATION
The disciples had no categories to deal with this wondrous encounter. Jesus had shown his disciples something about who he was and what kind of life he was bringing to us. Romano Guardini writes: “The Transfiguration is the summer lightning of the coming Resurrection. Also of our own resurrection, for we too are to partake of that transfigured life. To be saved means to share in the life of Christ. We too shall rise again, and our bodies will be transformed by the spirit, which itself is transformed by God.” (The Lord, p. 276).

Jesus told the disciples to remain quiet about this vision until after he had been raised from the dead. What? He answers their obvious befuddlement with yet another category of mystery. As Paul writes in his letter to Timothy, our Lord had indeed “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” These good men could not have begun to understand this mystery with the information they had now. They would have to wait patiently until they could eventually connect the dots and see the significance of what they had experienced.

Through our life journey, we will encounter mysteries that we do not understand. Some will involve pain, hardship, or injustice. We may be tempted to reach conclusions about them, perhaps even complaining or grumbling. But like Peter, James, and John, listening, trusting, and waiting may prove the better course. Let us not forget that God is trustworthy and good. In his good pleasure, the meaning and purpose behind these mysteries may be revealed to us, perhaps as we gain wisdom and walk further with God. But in the meantime, we must be encouraged by remembering that the reality waiting for us is wondrous, indeed. The juice will be worth the squeeze. Thanks be to God.

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Readings for the week of March 5, 2023
Sunday: Gn 32:1-12/ Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:6b-10/ Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/ Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/ Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 15:1-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Ps 103:1-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next 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

“Each of you knows that the foundation of our faith is charity. Without it, our religion would crumble. We will never be truly Catholic unless we conform our entire lives to the two commandments that are the essence of the Catholic faith: to love the Lord, our God, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.” –Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
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.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

HALLOW PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

Hallow, the #1 Catholic prayer app in the world, is partnering with Holy Ghost Parish this Lent as one of only a handful of parishes to pilot a new Lenten program. As part of this partnership, we will be journeying through Hollow’s Lenten Challenge together as a parish, centered around the spiritual classic: The Imitation of Christ. Please join us for a Challenge event on Sunday, at 9am in the gym. A light brunch will be provided. This will be a Religious Education Family Event but the parish is also invited to attend. Parishioners just need to register below with Hallow or call Fran: 630-766-4508 to register for brunch. Please bring your electronic device (phone, ipad, etc) to our meeting so you are able to download the app. We will meet all the Sundays of Lent with the exception of March 26th. There is no cost to be part of this pilot program. To learn more about the Challenge, please sign up at hallow.com/lentenchallenge.

Lenten Blessings!
Susan Tutaj  Coordinator of Discipleship

Lent

Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

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.
Celebrate a wonderful tradition with us!

Holy Ghost Church
is proud to celebrate
the Feast Day of St. Joseph
with a St. Joseph Table.

Sunday, March 19th
Two Seatings:
Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass
Lunch after 10:30 AM Mass

254 N. Wood Dale Road
Wood Dale

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 or Antonella @ 630-802-5535

Monetary and food donations will be accepted at the door on the day of the event.
**Lent ~ Easter 2023**

**PREPARING FOR Easter**

**Rosary:**
Weekdays at 9:00 AM
Thursday at 7:00 PM
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Spirit Saturday: Lenten Morning of Reflection**
March 11 from 9:30 AM-Noon
The Broken Pot

**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

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

**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.)

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

**Stations of the Cross:**
Fridays at 7:00 PM
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Stations of the Cross**

**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.