



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

**MARCH 1, 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**#1119**

### Pastoral Staff

**Fr. Sam Conforti**  
*Pastor*

**Deacon Robert A. Lasica**  
*Permanent Deacon*

**Boguslaw Kowalski**  
*Permanent Deacon Candidate*

### Parish Staff

**Tammy Campeotto**  
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Assistant x131*

### 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.

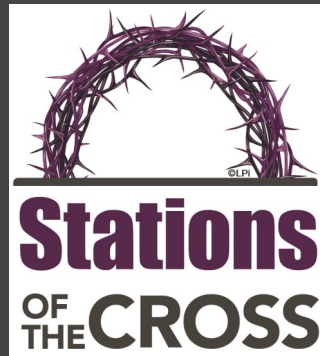


## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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**6pm on Fridays in Lent**

**March 6** hosted by the CCW  
**March 13** hosted by CORE  
**March 20**  
**March 27** hosted by the Knights of Columbus

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

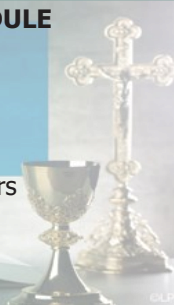
4 pm Saturday  
8 am Sunday  
10:30 am Sunday

### **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**  
 March 1, 2026  
**Second Sunday of Lent**



**Saturday, February 28**

**4PM Mass**

**+John Santoro**

**For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased**

**Sunday, March 1**

**8AM Mass**

**+Joey Albergo**

**10:30AM Mass**

**+Luz Carrera**



**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, March 2**

**+Frances Larock**

**Tuesday, March 3**

**+John Gniech Jr.**

**Wednesday, March 4**

**+Lee Wallace**

**Thursday, March 5**

**+Carolyn Krush**

**Friday, March 6**

**+Paul & Louise Kmiecck**

**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](mailto: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.

**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 a priest 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.

**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.

**THANK YOU**  
*for your generosity*

**February 11 — February 17, 2026**

**Sunday Collection \$6,827.03**

YTD Budget thru January 2026  
 \$312,083.35

YTD Actual thru January 2026  
 \$295,660.08

YTD Difference thru January 2026  
**-\$16,423.27**



**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

*Diocese of Joliet*

	2026
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$54,200</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Donors</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2026 Rebate</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Updated 2/23/2026

**Pledge your gift to the CMAA**

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$54,200. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church vestibles, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

**UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS**

March 15 –Catholic Relief Services  
 March 21 –CORE

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 kind support is greatly appreciated.



**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.



# Pray for the Sick

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



### 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 Petrбок
- A1C Ryan Leider
- A1C 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

### NAVY:

- LCDR Nicholas Lucania
- Ryan James Ruizol

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cathy Alcozer           | Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz |
| Bianca Marie Borowski   |                          |
| Michael Brann           | Cindi Shea               |
| Micah Casey             | Frank Staggs             |
| Ady DeLargarza          | Holly Staggs             |
| Aldegunda Diego         | Nancy Townsend           |
| Thomas Franzen          | Larry Venere             |
| Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales | Feliciano Vero           |
| Mike Kaiser             | Gloria Villanueva        |
| Sarah Kasab             | Salvatore Vivo           |
| Jerad Klint             | Joe Vocino               |
| Therese Kotecki         | Matt Vocino              |
| Michael Malek           | Joseph Yello             |
|                         | Cyndi Zwadlo             |

### And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

#### 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!

### 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.



Congratulations to Angel Hermida as Knight of the month for February 2026.

### 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 at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.

### Health & Blessings for Tony & Christina Dodge

From Mom

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

**\*The following dates are open for donations:**

**March** 14/15, 28/29

**April** 11/12, 18/19, 25/26

**May** 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 30/31

(\*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 Trocha Family

From the Trocha Family

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



**BEHOLDING THE DIVINE:  
A Deep Dive into  
Contemplating the Mysteries  
of the Holy Rosary**

The Rosary, one of the most cherished devotions in Catholic spirituality, is a powerful prayer that invites the faithful to contemplate the central mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Each set of mysteries—the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous—guides the soul into a deeper meditation on the key

events of salvation history.

This practice of contemplation is not just a repetition of prayers but a profound spiritual exercise that immerses the believer into the life of Christ.

Here's an in-depth exploration of how to effectively contemplate these mysteries with Biblical references.

**1. UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF CONTEMPLATION**

Contemplation in the Rosary is about entering into the events of Christ's life with Mary, pondering their significance, and allowing these mysteries to transform our hearts.

It is not merely a mental exercise but a relational encounter with the living God.

**- Biblical Foundation:**

Mary herself exemplifies the contemplative spirit when she "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). This reflective pondering is the heart of Rosary contemplation.

**- Focus on Christ:**

St. John Paul II described the Rosary as a "compendium of the Gospel" because it is Christocentric, focusing entirely on the life and mission of Jesus.

When we pray the Rosary, we should aim to see Christ through Mary's eyes, who was closest to Him.

**A. THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES:**

**Contemplating Christ's Early Life**

The Joyful Mysteries invite us to meditate on the joyful events surrounding Christ's Incarnation and early years.

**1. THE ANNUNCIATION:**

- Scripture:  
Luke 1:26-38

**-Contemplation:**

Reflect on Mary's "Yes" to God's will and the mystery of the Word becoming flesh. How does this mystery challenge us to say "Yes" to God's plan in our own lives?

**2. THE VISITATION:**

- Scripture:

Luke 1:39-56

**- Contemplation:**

Consider Mary's selfless journey to help Elizabeth. How can we bring Christ to others with the same joy and humility?

**3. THE NATIVITY:**

- Scripture:  
Luke 2:1-20

**- Contemplation:**

Imagine the simplicity and poverty of Christ's birth. What does this mystery teach us about God's humility and love?

**4. THE PRESENTATION:**

- Scripture:  
Luke 2:22-40

**- Contemplation:**

Meditate on the fulfillment of the Law and the prophecy of Simeon. How do we dedicate our lives to God as Mary and Joseph did?

**5. FINDING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE:**

- Scripture:  
Luke 2:41-52

**- Contemplation:**

Reflect on the loss and finding of Jesus. Do we seek Christ with the same urgency as Mary and Joseph?



**B. THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES:**

**Entering into Christ's Passion**

The Sorrowful Mysteries focus on the suffering and death of Jesus, inviting us to unite our own sufferings with His.

**1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN:**

- Scripture:  
Matthew 26:36-46

**- Contemplation:**

Ponder Jesus' anguish in Gethsemane, where He accepts the Father's will. How do we face our own moments of trial?

**2. THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR:**

- Scripture:  
John 19:1

**- Contemplation:**

Reflect on the physical pain Jesus endured. What are the sufferings we endure for the sake of righteousness?

**3. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS:**

- Scripture:  
Matthew 27:29-30

**- Contemplation:**

Meditate on the mockery and humiliation Jesus faced. How do we respond to ridicule and persecution?

**4. THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS:**

- Scripture:  
John 19:17

**- Contemplation:** Walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary. What



crosses do we carry, and do we bear them with patience and love?

5. THE CRUCIFIXION:

- Scripture:  
Luke 23:33-46

- Contemplation:  
Stand at the foot of the cross with Mary. How does Jesus' sacrifice inspire us to lay down our lives for others?

C. THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES:

Meditating on Christ's Triumph

The Glorious Mysteries celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, as well as the glory that awaits those who follow Him

1. THE RESURRECTION:

- Scripture:  
Matthew 28:1-10

- Contemplation:  
Rejoice in Christ's victory over death. How does the Resurrection renew our hope and transform our lives?

2. THE ASCENSION:

- Scripture:  
Acts 1:6-11

- Contemplation:  
Reflect on Jesus' return to the Father and His promise to be with us always. How do we live out our mission as His disciples?

3. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- Scripture:  
Acts 2:1-13

- Contemplation:  
Ponder the birth of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. How are we responding to the Spirit's promptings in our lives?

4. THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY:

- Scripture:  
Revelation 12:1

- Contemplation:  
Meditate on Mary's assumption into heaven. How does her example inspire us to live a life worthy of heaven?

5. THE CORONATION OF MARY:

- Scripture:  
Revelation 12:1-2

- Contemplation:  
Consider Mary's role as Queen of Heaven and Earth. How do we honor her and seek her intercession in our journey to holiness?

D. THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES:

Reflecting on Christ's Public Ministry

Introduced by St. John Paul II, the Luminous Mysteries highlight key moments in Christ's public ministry, focusing on His revelation as the Light of the World.

1. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS:

- Scripture:  
Matthew 3:13-17

- Contemplation:  
Reflect on Jesus' baptism and the revelation of the Trinity. How does our baptismal call shape our daily lives?

2. THE WEDDING AT CANA:

- Scripture:  
John 2:1-12

- Contemplation:  
Ponder Jesus' first miracle and the role of Mary's intercession. How does this mystery inspire us to trust in God's provision?

3. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM:

- Scripture:  
Mark 1:14-15

- Contemplation:  
Reflect on Jesus' call to repentance and the coming of God's kingdom. How are we living out the values of the Kingdom?

4. THE TRANSFIGURATION:

- Scripture:  
Matthew 17:1-8

- Contemplation:  
Meditate on the glory of Christ revealed on the mountain. How does this mystery strengthen our faith and hope?

5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST:

- Scripture:  
Luke 22:19-20

- \*\*Contemplation:\*\*  
Contemplate the gift of the Eucharist as Christ's enduring presence. How do we receive and adore the Eucharist with reverence and gratitude?

CONCLUSION:

"BEHOLDING THE DIVINE"

Contemplating the mysteries of the Holy Rosary is a journey into the heart of the Gospel, where the life of Christ is continually unfolded before us through the eyes of His Blessed Mother.

By entering deeply into each mystery with prayer, Scripture, and reflection, the Rosary becomes a powerful means of grace, transforming our hearts and minds to be more like Christ.

Through this devotion, we behold the divine mysteries that shape our faith, deepen our love, and guide our path to eternal life.



Please join Pope Leo in praying his March 2026 intention: **For disarmament and peace.** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

# I Thirst

A Guided Meditation  
with Mother Teresa



When Jesus said, "I thirst" on the cross he wasn't talking about wanting water. He was talking about thirsting for you! Please come to our CCW sponsored Holy Hour based on the Reflections of St. Mother Teresa and her meditations on Jesus' great love for us.

Lenten Holy Hour and  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 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.

## Father Sam Conforti Wants You!!



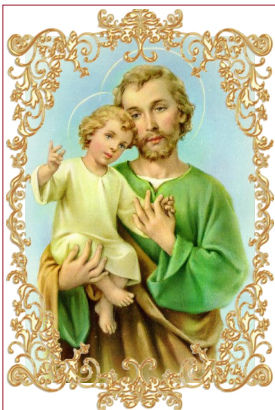
TO JOIN HIM IN  
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Dear Brother in Christ, I would like to recommend you for membership in our honored Order, the Knights of Columbus. I believe that you have all the qualifications to be a good member of this most impressive Catholic family fraternal organization. The Knights of Columbus is the manpower source of our Parish.

I would consider it a personal favor if you would think about joining. Please call Grand Knight Warren Walczak 630-487-7925 [Warren9915@ATT.net](mailto:Warren9915@ATT.net) or District Deputy Frank Birner 630-816-5527, [Smc3979@gmail.com](mailto:Smc3979@gmail.com) soon to discuss Knights of Columbus.

It should be noted that you will be joining the largest Catholic organization in the world with over 2 million members that has been responsible for over \$1.5 billion in cash and charity. With almost 700 million volunteer hours over the last decade! By joining, you will only be adding to these impressive numbers.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Sam Conforti, Pastor



## Holy Ghost Church

*Is proud to celebrate the  
Feast Day of St. Joseph  
with a St. Joseph Table*

*Celebrate a Wonderful Tradition with Us*

**Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Celebration Starts at 8:00am and ends at 12:30pm

We are in the planning stages of this event. If you would like to be a Volunteer, Sponsor or make a monetary or food donation, please call us at:

Nancy @ 630-673-7906

or

Antoinette @ 630-802-5535

*Monetary and Food donations will also be accepted on the day of the event at the door.*



### Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Joliet Diocese Liturgical Enrichment Day

#### Eucharistic Revival in our Deanery

All those who participate in liturgical ministries, including ExtraOrdinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Musicians, Greeters, and Ushers are invited.

Please register at [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org)

Saturday, March 7th

**Ascension of Our Lord Parish**

**1S314 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace**

Mass will be celebrated from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 – 9:50 Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast

**Mass President and presentation by**

**Rev. Brian Geary**

**Final Blessing will be at 12 Noon**

To register, visit [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org) Or scan the QR code



# LENT/EASTER 2026



## Rosary:

Weekdays at 9:00AM  
Thursdays at 7:00PM



## Stations of the Cross:

Fridays 6:00PM  
March 6, 13, 20, 27

## Holy Week:

### Palm Sunday Mass:

March 28 Mass 4:00PM  
March 29 Masses  
8:00AM and 10:30AM

### Holy Thursday:

April 2  
7:00PM - Mass  
8:00PM - Midnight  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
(Emmaus Room)

### Good Friday Service:

April 3 3:00PM

### Holy Saturday:

April 4  
10:00AM - Basket Blessing  
11:00AM - Easter Egg Hunt  
7:00PM - Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday:

April 5 Masses  
8:00AM and 10:30AM

## Reconciliation:

Held at: Immaculate Conception Church  
132 Arthur St., Elmhurst  
630-530-8515

Saturday, March 21, from  
8:00AM to 3:00PM.



(Instead of individual parishes having penance services, this Deanery Reconciliation event is offered for you to attend.)

**There will be no confessions at Holy Ghost on Saturday, March 21.**

## NEWS & EVENTS

March 1, 2026

**Second Sunday of Lent**



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

## BECOME A MEMBER!

Fr. Sam and Deacon Robbie urge you to join the Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus.  
Be a part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

Over the last year, we welcomed more than 96,000 new Knights of Columbus. And all told, we now have more than 2,100,000 members. They are spread across 17,000 councils in North America, Europe, and Asia.

You can join online at  
<https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/>  
or call Warren Wawczak 630-487-7925

Dear God,  
As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.  
As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.  
As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.  
Amen. ©LPi

HOLY GHOST PARISH  
CHILDREN AGES 2-10

# EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT 11:00 AM  
FOLLOWING THE BASKET BLESSING AT 10:00 AM  
SOUTHWEST SIDE OF CHURCH

**REGISTER ONLINE!**

QUESTIONS?  
EMAIL  
SARALASICA316@GMAIL.COM