



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#1125

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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?

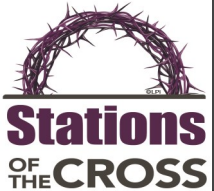


Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.




6pm on Fridays in Lent in the church

**March 20
March 27**



To augment your Lenten journey, gather your family or group of friends to pray the Stations of the Cross outside anytime. The first station can be found in the North Parking Lot by the flag pole of the school. If you would like a narrated script, it can be found on our website. Scan the QR code to go to the page. There is one for young children and one for older children and adults.



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

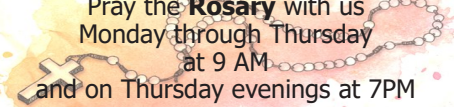
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS
8:30 am Mon-Thurs


FIRST FRIDAY
8:30 am



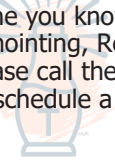
Pray the **Rosary** with us
Monday through Thursday
at 9 AM
and on Thursday evenings at 7PM




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.



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



WELCOME

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 14

4PM Mass

+Duane Tutaj

Sunday, March 15

8AM Mass

+Bill Erzig

10:30AM Mass

+Maria Linda Agustin

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased



8:30AM Mass

Monday, March 16

+Socorro Gonzalez

Tuesday, March 17

+John Santoro

Wednesday, March 18

+William Wall

Thursday, March 19

**+Ann Vellurattil
+Ann Njaravelil**

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

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 25 — March 3, 2026

Sunday Collection \$13,501.84

YTD Budget thru February 2026
\$356,667

YTD Actual thru February 2026
\$329,595

YTD Difference thru February 2026
-\$27,072



**Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal**

Diocese of Joliet

| | 2026 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Parish Goal | \$54,200 |
| Amount Pledged | \$0 |
| Amount Paid | \$0 |
| Balance Due | \$0 |
| Donors | 0 |
| 2026 Rebate | \$0 |

Updated 3/9/2026

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

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 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 15, 2026

Fourth 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 Petrbock
- 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!

7 Hours of Confession

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Easter.

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

Saturday, March 21 from 8am until 3pm

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Polish and Spanish.

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace

Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur St.
Elmhurst, IL
630-530-8515

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

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.



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 our son
Joey Albergo

From your parents

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



Why is The Altar Incensed During The Mass

“And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God.” (Rev 8:3-4)

Smells and Bells

Most Catholics are familiar with the expression “smells and bells” which is invoked to describe the use of incense and altar bells (or sanctus bells), usually as they are associated with a more traditionally offered Mass.

For over 800 years altar bells have been heard at such moments as the Sanctus, the epiclesis, as well as the elevation.

While the use of bells and incense sadly decreased in the decades following the implementation of the New Mass, in recent years they are making a comeback as more parishes rediscover their liturgical tradition.

A Venerable Tradition

In his classic work *The Mass: A Study of the Roman Liturgy* (first published in 1912), Fr. Adrian Fortescue references the use of incense as a “common object of sacrifice to both pagans and Jews (Lev. 21:6; Lk. 1:9-11).” Fr. Fortescue continues:

“Moreover, the Bible plainly suggested its use. Not only the Old Testament, but Lk. 1:9, the incense offered by the Wise

Men (Mt. 2:11), and the incense at the heavenly altar in Apoc. 8:3-5 made its use, as soon as Christian worship began to be adorned with symbolic ceremonies, inevitable.”

(The Mass, pp. 228-229)

Further, the use of incense within Christian liturgies appears to be referenced as far back as the 4th century by St. Ambrose. The Liturgy of St. James which is found in such eastern rites as the Syrian Catholic, Malankara Catholic and Maronite also incorporates the use of incense. Dating back to at least the fifth century, this liturgy is one of the oldest Christian liturgies in use today.

Tradition & Symbolism

Traditionally the Church incenses that which is sacred. This is why the altar is incensed during the Mass (as pictured above): because it is another symbol for Christ and so it is revered.

The Traditional Latin Mass is replete with this symbolism. Indeed, the Missal calls for the use of incense during these moments of the Mass:

At the beginning, when the altar, crucifix, and celebrant are incensed.

The Gospel is incensed just prior to it being sung.

At the offertory, oblations, the altar, the cross, the priest, the deacon, subdeacon, choir, and assembly are all incensed (in this order).



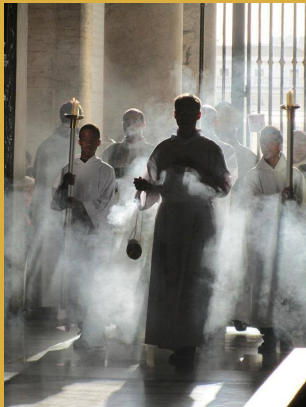


The host and chalice after each consecration are incensed as they are elevated.

Heaven does; and taking advantage of the veil of its mysterious secrets being even thus partially raised up by the Beloved Disciple, she borrows, for our earth's imitation, the tribute of honor thus paid, yonder above, to the glory of her Spouse."

(The Holy Mass, pp. 12-13)

Just a few things to ponder the next time you are blessed enough to experience the smells and bells of our beautiful Catholic Mass.



The Sense of Smell

Our olfactory receptors are directly connected to the limbic system, which science tells us is the most ancient and primitive part of the brain, and believed to be the seat of emotion. Put simply, olfactory perception is our sense of smell.

For most of us, the smell of incense at Mass is something unique and distinct from the scents we encounter the rest of the week. Through its use of incense, the Church finds yet another way to communicate to us that we are engaging the sacred when we participate in the Mass. Our sense of smell becomes another way that the temporal acquiesces to the eternal, thereby reinforcing the beauty and sacredness of the liturgy which we have entered.

A Scent from Heaven

Our faith tells us that there is but one Church. Those of us on earth (the Church Militant) join together in prayer at the Holy Mass with those members, the saints, already in heaven

(The Church Triumphant).

The rich symbolism and theological significance of incense should be more than enough to encourage its use within the liturgy.

A lengthy quote from the great nineteenth century abbot and liturgist Dom Prosper Gueranger beautifully captures the use of incense at Mass and its direct association with the eternal worship offered our Lord in Heaven:

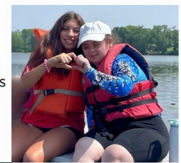
"The blessing, which the Priest gives it (the incense) in the Mass, raises this production of nature to the supernatural order. Holy Church has borrowed this ceremony from Heaven itself, where St. John witnessed it. In his Apocalypse, he saw an Angel, standing, with a golden censer, near the Altar, on which was the Lamb, with four-and-twenty elders around him. (Apoc. 8:3) He describes this Angel to us, as offering to God the prayers of the Saints, which are symbolized by the incense. Thus, our Holy Mother the Church, the faithful Bride of Christ, wishes to do as

Registered Nurses:

We need you! Volunteer with children and adults with intellectual disabilities at Special Camps!



- WHAT**
- Dispense medication
 - Tend to minor injuries
 - Have fun with campers and counselors!



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26710 Nippersink Rd.
Ingleside, IL 60041



WHEN
Adults Week:
• June 7-12
• Campers ages 23+
Kids Week:
• June 14-19
• Campers ages 8-22

Join us this summer!

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RN Camp Nurse needed for our youth camp, to accompany two fun RN nurses who call this their favorite week of the year. Duties would include dispensing larger amounts of medication almost exclusively before breakfast, lunch, dinner and bedtime, charting, a few tummy aches or homesickness sometimes (often all they need is a little encouragement from an adult parent figure), and playing alongside our 85 younger campers with intellectual disabilities as desired during the day. So much fun, so much belly laughter and hugs. You'll love our mostly higher functioning campers. Could also have two 1/2 week nurses split the week.

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.

HOLY GHOST PARISH
EASTER EGG HUNT
 CHILDREN AGES 2-10

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

A camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities

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| Adults Week | Cost per Camper | Kids Week |
| June 7-12 | \$600 | June 14-19 |

Activities

- Archery
- Canoes & Kayaks
- Crafts
- Sports & Field Games
- Swim
- Drumline Lessons
- Yoga
- Zip Line
- Dance Parties
- High Ropes Course
- Talent Show

Camp Location
 26710 Nippersink Rd.
 Ingleside, IL 60041

Registration Link
SpecialCamps.org

Find us on Facebook!
 Search: Special Camps

Colleen McDonald 630-690-0944 colleen.scamps@icloud.com

LENT/EASTER 2026



Rosary:

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



Stations of the Cross:

Fridays 6:00PM
March 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 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent



She drove hours just to hear Mass. Then everything changed.

As a member of the deaf community, Diana longed for more than a seat in the pew. She yearned for genuine spiritual connection, for a liturgy where she could truly encounter Christ. That longing led her to the Deaf Formation Ministry — and your generosity to the CMAA helped make that possible.



Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community

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.

