

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MARCH 22, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.

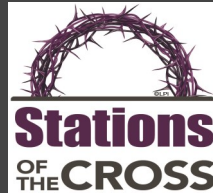


5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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**6pm on
Fridays in Lent in the church**

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

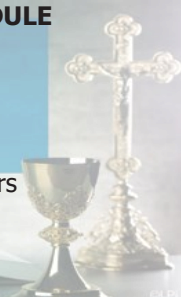
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

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 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 21

4PM Mass

+Starr

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 22

8AM Mass

+Raffaele Pulice

10:30AM Mass

+Carol Zaremba



8:30AM Mass

Monday, March 23

+Richard Spaid

Tuesday, March 24

+Richard Alcazar

Wednesday, March 25

+Patricia Gniech

Thursday, March 26

+Starr Orzonia

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.

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.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

March 4 — March 10, 2026

Sunday Collection \$10,379.13

YTD Budget thru February 2026
 \$356,667

YTD Actual thru February 2026
 \$329,595

YTD Difference thru February 2026
-\$27,072



	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

- April 3 – Good Friday – Holy Land
- April 18 – Core
- April 26 – Catholic Home Missions

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.





Pray for the Sick



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 Shimaneck
 1st LT Joshua Jalowicz
 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 |
| Ron Catalano | Holly Staggs |
| Ady DeLargarza | Nancy Townsend |
| Aldegunda Diego | Larry Venere |
| Thomas Franzen | Feliciano Vero |
| Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales | Gloria Villanueva |
| Mike Kaiser | Salvatore Vivo |
| Sarah Kasab | Joe Vocino |
| Jerad Klint | Matt Vocino |
| Therese Kotecki | Joseph Yello |
| Michael Malek | Cyndi Zwadlo |

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

Military and Prayer List
 Please email: hgbulletin@holychurchparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to add or remove a name from the list.
Thank you!




DIocese OF JOLIET
DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONS

Jeremiah Day
 SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
 Open to grades 7-10

The Diocese of Joliet Department of Vocations is thrilled to invite young men (grades 7-10) for our annual Jeremiah Day. Join us for a day for a day of exploring, prayer, and games with our Joliet Seminary students currently studying at Mundelein Seminary. Learn more about what being in Seminary is like at Jeremiah Day!






Cost to attend **\$10**
 Includes lunch

Scan here to register 

<https://tinyurl.com/sasb9e7i>

Location: University of St. Mary of the Lake
 1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

Please email vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or call (815) 221-6171 for questions

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

PRAYER & WORSHIP

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

In Memory of Starr Orzonja
 From Tina DiCapua

Please include your choice of date from the list below.
***The following dates are open for donations:**
March 28/29
April 11/12, 18/19, 25/26
May 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 Maria & Jozsef Guzy
 From Danuta Gaca

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POWER OF THE ROSARY



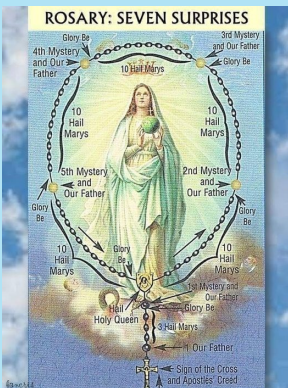
7 SURPRISES WHEN YOU PRAY THE ROSARY MORE OFTEN

If you ever find the rosary hard to pray, or hard to commit to regularly, read on to find out our seven most surprising things that happen in your life when you start to pray the rosary more often!

1. You Become Less Selfish

You know how it is when you love someone or something with all your heart, and you feel so passionate about it or them, but it is sometimes just so hard to act on that love? That is how I feel about the rosary. I love it and I love that we were given it as a gift. I truly believe in its power. But laying time aside to pray it? That requires me to sacrifice and give up some time and energy for myself, and ponder on the Mysteries instead. Praying the rosary helps re-orientate ourselves to Christ, who can lift us out of ourselves and our sin, and teaches us again and again the discipline of refraining from indulging our selfishness.

2. You Become More Disciplined



The more you pray the rosary, the more you want to pray the rosary. The grace of discipline is forged in those times when you quiet your mind to concentrate, pray even when you are tired, or switch your phone for your rosary before bed. These acts of discipline affect all areas of your life. Discipline is like exercise, you can't just become a marathon runner on your first run. But you can build up to it bit by bit over time. The rosary helps you make those baby-steps

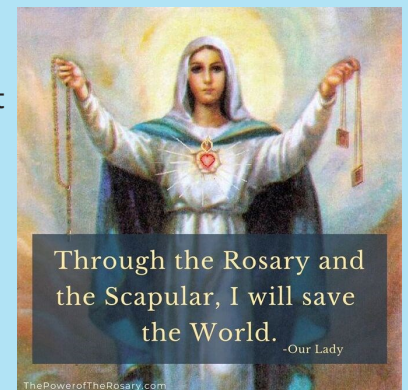
towards making God a greater priority in your life. Even those days (or seasons) when you're not feeling the

emotional or spiritual consolations, sticking to the Rosary is a wonderful way to remain faithful, fulfill a duty to God and Our Lady, and follow a "little rule" in your day.

3. Our Lady Reveals Insights

I know that if you have suffered from a bleak introduction to the rosary as a child, perhaps being forced to pray it by well-meaning teachers or parents, and associate it with sheer boredom, it can be hard to understand how the rosary can offer anything beautiful or transcendent while actually praying it, even if you do believe in its powerful after-effects. But I really believe that in praying the rosary often, hidden depths are revealed.

In mediating on each of the Mysteries regularly, Our Lady, with Christ, has something to give you. Perhaps it is an insight into an area of your life that you are struggling with. Perhaps it is an epiphany over a particular moment in Christ's life that will really help you. Maybe it is the experience that can happen deep in prayer that you feel you are actually there in the moment of the Mystery itself. There is always something new to be explored, and always something good to be revealed.



4. You Have More Courage

When you start to place your trust and your life and even your heart into the hands of Mary through the rosary, you begin to understand how eminently practical, simple and full of solutions she is. She only wants to get us to Christ, and she loves us so much, with the true tenderness of a perfect mother, that we do her a great honor when we give her our problems. Courage begins to burst forth in a life that is always turning again and again to Mary to ask her help and to trust that she will provide. You can have huge amounts of courage when you know that Mary is by your side! St Maximilian Kolbe said: "I see Mary everywhere. I see problems nowhere."

5. Your Day Proceeds Calmly

This is what one of our authors said about praying the rosary daily: "It makes my whole day more peaceful, like



Mary just is hanging around battling back the bad stuff. Things fall into place easier. I'm more aware of God's presence." Praying the rosary doesn't wipe out suffering in your life, but it does give you a much stronger weapon to battle it with.



"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Rosary." Sr. Lúcia of Fatima.

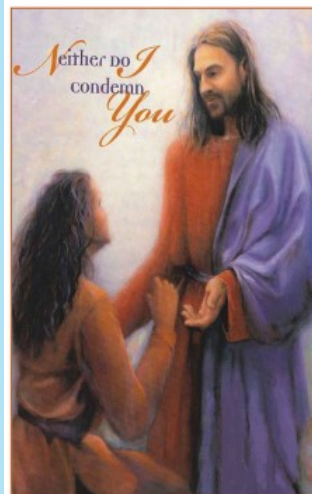


6. You Get An Extra Awareness Before the Moment of Temptation

One of the 15 Promises of the Rosary is that: "it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies." In my experience, when I have prayed the rosary often, I find that the moment before I sin slows down. By that I mean, if I want to procrastinate or gossip for example, I don't do it automatically. I recognize that those actions begin with a conversation in my head. I have more of an awareness of the temptation before the action, and there is more time for me to consider whether I want to actually do it or not. And in praying the rosary, I start to see my life through a shared perspective with God, and I begin to see what He wants for me is good, and I want it too.

7. You Start to Live Out the Incarnation

The power of the rosary lies in its simplicity. It is so deceptively simple that it can seem stupid to the intelligent mind. So often we think that we need to find complex, clever, rocket-science-type solutions to solve our complex, clever, rocket-science-sized problems. We stare into the abyss of our issues and wonder how we will find the fix to such a gaping wound. We don't need to. God came to earth as a tiny, weak and helpless baby born into poverty. The rosary, so deceptively simple that it can be prayed in any circumstances, is the most power weapon of prayer that we have.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process.

Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by reconciliation, grace and peace.

Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises that help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist.

The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Information, prayer, registration contact:

815-370-8118 or 815-634-3796

www.diojoliet.org or

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness - call the Rachel's Vineyard toll-free national hotline at

877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)

MERCY, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS...

If you are suffering from grief after having had an abortion, remember that God always offers forgiveness. Nothing is unforgivable and the Church is the hospital of healing. Just as the father ran to the prodigal son when he came home, so too is God waiting with open arms to receive you back home!

2026 Retreat Dates

May 1 - 3

Oct. 2 - 4

Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center at Sisters of Mt. Assisi - Lemont, IL

The power of the Rosary is beyond description. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

CCW & MORE
March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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?
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Why Join? Protect Your Family

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you get:

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A complimentary, comprehensive annual financial review

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Guaranteed-issue insurability (up to \$10,000) for your children under age 19

Upon your death:

Free accidental death benefits up to \$5000 for your widow; \$500 per month for each child up to the age of 19; College scholarships up to \$5000 per year (\$20,000 maximum) for each child

Why wait? Call Grand Knight Warren Wawczak 630-487-7925 or join online at <https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/>

LENT/EASTER 2026



Rosary:

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



Stations of the Cross:

Fridays 6:00PM
March 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:

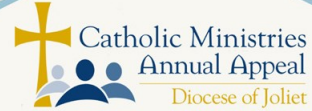
April 4
10:00AM - Basket Blessing
11:00AM - Easter Egg Hunt
7:00PM - Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday:

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

NEWS & EVENTS

March 22, 2026
Fifth 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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON with the SISTERS

For all young ladies and girls ages 12-35
Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

A presentation and discussion on Religious Life for women.
Enjoy an afternoon with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King, and others. A light lunch will be provided.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

2:00-3:30pm
Saints Peter and Paul
Ministry Center Social Hall
(36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville, IL 60540)

RSVP HERE



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.