

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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.

Holy Thursday:

No Morning Mass

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

Good Friday Service:

No Morning Mass

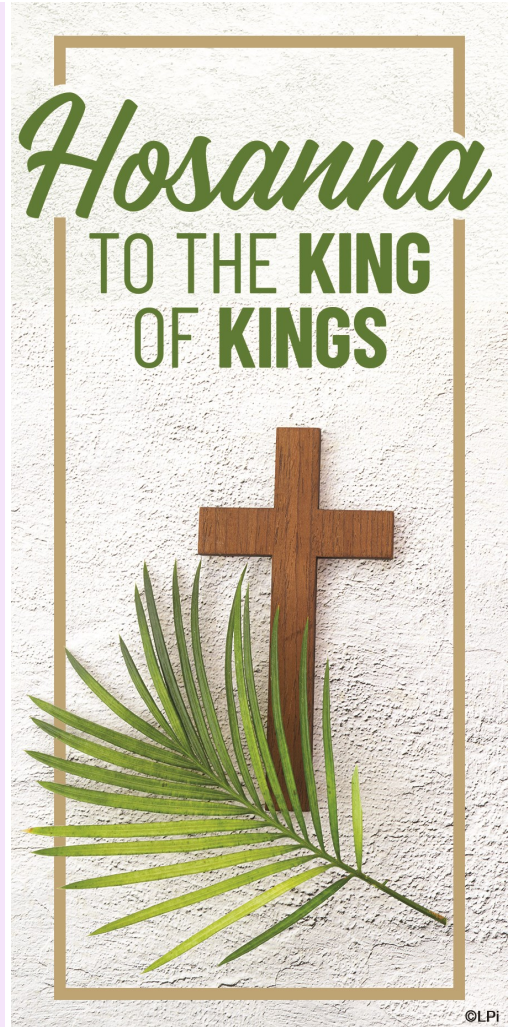
April 3 3:00PM

Holy Saturday:

April 4
10:00AM - Basket Blessing
11:00AM - Easter Egg Hunt
No Confessions today
No 4pm mass
7:00PM - Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday:

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



PALM SUNDAY



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 29, 2026
Palm Sunday



Saturday, March 28

4PM Mass

+Eugene Sosnowski

Sunday, March 29

8AM Mass

+Albert Tassi

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+John Schwarz



8:30AM Mass

Monday, March 30

+Thomas Crowley

Tuesday, March 31

+Elias Vasilweski

Wednesday, April 1

+David & Heather Marie Bast

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

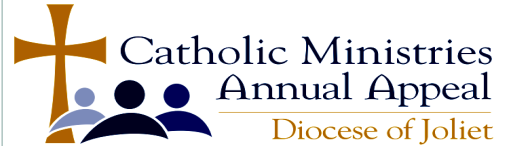
March 11 — March 17, 2026

Sunday Collection \$7,374.05

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 3/23/2026

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

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

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
SGT Jeremy Ames

NAVY:

LCDR Nicholas Lucania
Ryan James Ruizol
CTT2 Kurtis Ames

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@holyghostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to add or remove a name from the list.

Thank you!



 We welcome Mariana Diane Fasano who was recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for her and her family.

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:**

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

May 9/10, 16/17, 30/31

June 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28

(*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 Jery Trocha

From the Meyer Family

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





Responding to a Call to Vocational Ministry: A Guide for the Prospective Candidate



Have you been feeling that gentle pull in your heart, that unmistakable nudge, or perhaps an overwhelming wave of certainty about your vocational future? If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood, you are not alone.

This journey can feel daunting, but it is also one of the most rewarding paths you may ever pursue. Let us navigate the questions, challenges, and joys of responding to this divine calling in a supportive and practical way.

First things first: what does it mean to have a vocation? The word "vocation" comes from the Latin "vocare," meaning "to call." In the Catholic tradition, vocational ministry is not merely a job; it is a divine invitation to serve God and His people. A calling to the priesthood is a profound commitment to lead, teach, and shepherd a community of believers while growing in your personal relationship with God.

Feelings of uncertainty and excitement can coexist when contemplating a vocation. Here are some questions to reflect on:

- What draws you to the idea of the priesthood?
- Have you identified experiences in your life that resonate with this calling?
- Do your passions align with a life of service?

Take time to pray about these feelings. God often speaks through our desires, thought patterns, or even through the scriptures.

Before making any concrete decisions, it is essential to test your calling. This may look different for everyone, but here are some practical ways to discern whether this is indeed your path:

1. Pray Regularly: Develop a consistent prayer life. Ask God to reveal His will for you. Consider using resources such as

the Liturgy of the Hours or the Rosary to help center your thoughts.

2. Speak to Others: Engage in conversations with those already serving in the ministry, including priests, deacons, and fellow parishioners. Listening to their stories can provide insight and clarity.

3. Seek Spiritual Direction: Finding a mentor or spiritual director can be invaluable. They can help you discern your feelings and experiences from a spiritual perspective.

4. Become Involved in Ministry: Start volunteering at your parish, whether it is helping with youth groups, teaching OCIA, or serving during Mass. These experiences can help you discover if ministry is right for you.

5. Educate Yourself: Learn about the priesthood through reading, attending workshops, or even reaching out to your diocese for information. Understanding the commitment involved is vital.

Understanding the Church's teachings on vocation is critical. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) emphasizes that "the laity share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ" (CCC 901). This means that while the priesthood is a specific calling, all baptized individuals have a role in living Christ's mission.



Consider this quotation from Pope Francis, who said, "It is true that the Lord calls you to be a priest, but you must respond. You must be open to the Holy Spirit." This encourages active participation and openness to God's call.

If after much prayer and discernment you feel ready to pursue seminary, congratulations! This is an essential step in your journey. Here are a few tips to help you prepare:

1. Academic Readiness: Research the educational requirements for entering the seminary. Most programs require a bachelor's degree, so consider where you can fulfil this requirement.



2. Application Process: Gathering necessary letters of recommendation, transcripts, and your personal statement can be cumbersome. Start early and ensure you articulate your calling clearly.

3. Emotional and Spiritual Preparation: The transition to seminary life can be a significant adjustment. Be prepared for rigorous study, community life, and spiritual growth while managing any emotional stress.

4. Stay Connected with Your Home Parish: As you prepare, maintaining relationships within your parish community can provide support and grounding. They often serve as your spiritual family during your journey.

5. Be Open to Change: The seminary experience often reshapes one's understanding of faith, community, and service. Stay open to unexpected learning and growth during your time.

Whether you are just beginning to explore this calling or are deep into the process, know that your journey matters. The Church needs dedicated individuals who are willing to hear and respond to God's voice. Be confident in your discernment and remember that you are supported by a vibrant community willing to walk alongside you.

If you feel that you are called to this ministry, embrace it wholeheartedly. As St. John Paul II said, "Do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium." The call is strong, and so is your faith. Go forth and serve! -Archbishop Felix Gibbins



Being a seminarian is both challenging and rewarding. You will enhance your theological knowledge, grow spiritually, and engage in pastoral work. It's also a time when you might grapple with doubts

and fears. Remember, this is all part of the process.

The journey toward the priesthood is a marathon, not a sprint. Embrace the challenges and the joys along the way. Let your unique gifts shine and use them for Christ's mission. As you grow and learn through seminary, remember what Father Henri Nouwen wrote, "Your greatest gift you can give to the world is your own healing."

If you believe God is calling you to the priesthood, take time to reflect, pray, and seek guidance. Each step strengthens your connection with God and confirms your calling. Trust the process, be open to the experiences that come your way, and remember that this journey is one of grace and growth.



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

Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women



By-laws Inspection

The Council of Catholic Women have revised and amended their By-laws as of March 10, 2026. Article XII states that after they are reviewed and adopted by the Executive Board, they must be made available to all women of the parish, since every woman is a member. The By-laws will be available on the Holy Ghost Website Council of Catholic Women page on March 24th. Please make any comments to Kelly Scardina at Kelly9572@aol.com. A vote will be taken at the General Membership Paint and Pour Night on April 14th.

CCW Officer Nominations for 2026-2028

The following women have been placed in nomination for the Council of Catholic Women for the 2026-2028 term. These Officers will be elected at the April 14th General Membership Meeting. For questions, contact Carole Fitzpatrick at cjfitz82@gmail.com.

- President-** Gina Reckard
- Vice President-** Kelly Scardina
- Secretary –** Tricia Warneke
- Treasurer-** Judy Carter

Women of the Parish

Are you looking to join a community of women that want to share their faith and talents? Do you want to get involved in planning parish events?

Join us at our next monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 28th at 7 PM** in the **Koinonia Room**. (Enter on the north side at the Farrell Faith Formation door.) We are looking forward to meeting you! **We hope to see you there!**

**For More information call or text
Gina Reckard-630-536-7427**

HG CCW GERANIUM AND PLANT SALE

PRE-SALE ORDERS TAKEN THRU APRIL 21st (drop in offering or at parish office) or

ORDER AND PAY WITH CREDIT/DEBIT after 8am and before 10:30am masses at Welcome Center PICKUP SATURDAY MAY 2nd 10am-11am and after 4pm Mass AND SUNDAY, MAY 3rd after all masses

HERBS (4.33" pots) \$6.00 per plant

BASIL (Sweet Genovese) QTY: _____

CILANTRO QTY: _____

PARSLEY (Forest Green) QTY: _____



Subtotal _____ @ \$6.00 = \$ _____

IMPATIENS (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

NG PINK QTY: _____

DEEP PURPLE QTY: _____

NG SONIC WHITE QTY: _____



COLEUS (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

BEALE STREET QTY: _____

GREEN HALO QTY: _____

POTATO VINE (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

MARGARITA QTY: _____

BLACKIE QTY: _____

GERANIUMS (4.33" pots) \$ 7.00 per plant

ROSE PINK QTY: _____

SALMON QTY: _____

BRIGHT RED QTY: _____

WATERMELON QTY: _____

Subtotal _____ @ \$7.00 = \$ _____

10" GERANIUM HANGING BASKETS (Patriot) \$25.00 per basket

WHITE QTY: _____

BRIGHT RED QTY: _____

CHERRY ROSE QTY: _____

Subtotal _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL SALE \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE/CELL _____

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.

Thank you to all who donated, served, organized and helped in other ways to make the St. Joseph Table a success. Thank you to the many businesses who supported the event through generous donations. God Bless you all.



**An Easter Morning of Reflection:
 DISCOVERING GOD'S PRESENCE
 IN THE FACE OF JESUS**

Fr. Sam Conforti and Susan Tutaj will guide you through the morning.

This Easter Season, join us to reflect on how we experience the presence of God in our lives, we will pray, reflect on scripture, journal, enter a guided meditation and have time for adoration.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
 9:30-NOON in the KOINONIA ROOM**

(Please enter the Faith Formation Door in the circular driveway: Door#20)

To attend: please register with Joanne in the parish office at 630-860-2975

