



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#1122

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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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."
- Jn 4:24-26

6pm on Fridays in Lent

**March 13
March 20
March 27**

Stations OF THE CROSS



Our parish has recently purchased a beautiful new monstrance to worthily display the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. A monstrance is the sacred vessel used to hold the consecrated Host so that the faithful may gaze upon and pray before Our Lord truly present in the Eucharist. This addition will enrich our times of prayer and deepen our devotion to Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is a quiet hour of prayer before Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is a time to offer thanksgiving, seek guidance, intercede for others, and simply rest in His presence. Whether you come with many intentions or simply a longing for peace, the Lord is there waiting for you.

Adoration is held Monday through Thursday from 7:00am to 8:00am. All are warmly invited to come and spend time with the Lord.

WELCOME

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 7

4PM Mass

+Frank & Edna Stahl

Sunday, March 8

8AM Mass

+Tadeusz Furman

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+Irene J Gniech



8:30AM Mass

Monday, March 9

Health & Blessings for Daniel Menchaga

Tuesday, March 10

+Larry Valio

Wednesday, March 11

+Mario Ziocchi

Thursday, March 12

+Marlene Fehring

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

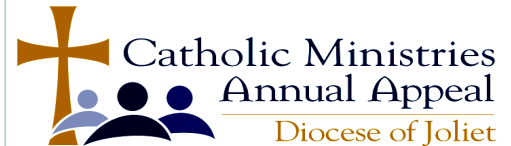
February 18 — February 24, 2026

Sunday Collection \$8,028.32

YTD Budget thru January 2026
\$312,083.35

YTD Actual thru January 2026
\$295,660.08

YTD Difference thru January 2026
-\$16,423.27



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

Updated 3/2/2026

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 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.





Pray for the Sick

PRAYER & WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

Third 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 Petrbook
- 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!

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.

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 Joseph DiCiolla

From Joe & Mario DiCinto

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



Health & Blessings Barbara Rerych

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



THE PATH OF GRACE How Catholics Cooperate with God's Gift

Cooperating with grace is a cornerstone of Catholic spirituality. Grace is the free and unmerited favor of God, aiding us in our journey toward holiness and eternal life. While grace is a divine gift, it requires our active participation to manifest fully in our lives.

Here's how Catholics can cooperate with grace effectively:

1. FREQUENT PARTICIPATION IN THE SACRAMENTS

- Explanation: The sacraments are the primary channels through which God dispenses His grace. Regular participation fortifies the soul with sanctifying grace.
- Example: Attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist regularly nourishes the soul, while frequent Confession restores and strengthens our relationship with God.

2. CULTIVATING A LIFE OF PRAYER

- Explanation: Prayer is the lifeline to God, opening our hearts to receive and respond to His grace.
- Example: Daily prayer, meditation, and devotions like the Rosary are essential practices for a grace-filled life.

3. PRACTICING VIRTUE

- Explanation: Grace empowers us to live virtuously, which is crucial for a life of holiness.
- Example: Developing the virtue of patience through prayer and conscious effort is a tangible way to cooperate with grace.

4. ENGAGING IN WORKS OF MERCY

- Explanation: Acts of mercy allow us to extend God's grace to others,

embodying His love in the world.

- Example: Volunteering at a local charity or helping a neighbor in need reflects the grace of God at work in us.

5. FOLLOWING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND CHURCH TEACHINGS

- Explanation: Obedience to God's laws is a key way to align our lives with His will, ensuring we remain in His grace.
- Example: Upholding the sanctity of life and following the Church's moral teachings demonstrate our cooperation with divine grace.

6. SEEKING GUIDANCE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Explanation: The Holy Spirit is our guide in the spiritual life, prompting us to follow God's will.
- Example: Discerning life decisions through prayer and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is essential for cooperating with grace.

7. EMBRACING SUFFERING WITH FAITH

- Explanation: Suffering united with Christ's Passion becomes a powerful channel of grace.
- Example: Offering up personal trials for the salvation of souls allows us to share in God's redemptive work.

8. DEVELOPING A CONSCIENCE FORMED BY SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

- Explanation: A well-formed conscience helps us make moral decisions that align with God's will.
- Example: Regular study of Scripture and Church teachings ensures that our choices reflect divine wisdom.

9. PERSEVERING IN FAITH DESPITE CHALLENGES

- Explanation: Perseverance in faith, especially during trials, is a sign of trust in God's grace.
- Example: Remaining steadfast in faith during persecution reflects deep cooperation with divine grace.

10. LIVING A LIFE OF GRATITUDE

- Explanation: Recognizing God's blessings fosters a spirit of gratitude, leading to a more grace-filled life.
- Example: Daily thanksgiving for God's graces, both big and small, strengthens our





spiritual life.



11. ENGAGING IN SPIRITUAL READING AND STUDY

- Explanation: Spiritual reading deepens our understanding of the faith and enhances our cooperation with grace. - Example: Reading the lives of the saints or theological works inspires greater commitment to God's will.

12. PARTICIPATING IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

- Explanation: Being active in the Church community supports and strengthens our journey of grace. - Example: Joining a parish ministry or prayer group fosters mutual growth in holiness.

13. SEEKING SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

- Explanation: Spiritual direction offers personalized guidance for navigating the spiritual life. - Example: Regular meetings with a spiritual director provide clarity and support in cooperating with grace.

14. EMBRACING THE EUCHARISTIC LIFE

- Explanation: The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life, infusing every aspect of our lives with grace. - Example: Regular participation in Mass and Eucharistic Adoration deepens our union with Christ.

15. DEVELOPING A DEVOTION TO MARY AND THE SAINTS

- Explanation: Mary and the saints model perfect cooperation with grace. Their intercession and example guide us on the path of holiness. - Example: Praying the Rosary daily and seeking Mary's intercession helps us remain open to God's grace.

16. RESISTING TEMPTATION WITH GOD'S HELP

- Explanation: Resisting temptation is a clear sign of cooperating with God's grace. - Example: Turning to prayer and sacramentals like holy water when tempted strengthens our resolve against sin.

17. EMBRACING THE CALL TO EVANGELIZE

- Explanation: Sharing the Gospel is a way to spread God's grace to others. - Example: Living out our faith openly and inviting others to church events is an act of evangelization.

18. LIVING IN A STATE OF GRACE

- Explanation: Maintaining a state of grace through regular confession is crucial for a life of holiness. - Example: Confessing serious sin promptly to restore our relationship with God ensures we remain in His grace.

19. REFLECTING ON GOD'S WILL IN DAILY DECISIONS

- Explanation: Cooperation with grace involves making decisions that align with God's will. - Example: Praying for guidance before making major life decisions ensures we follow God's plan.

20. EMBODYING CHRIST-LIKE LOVE

- Explanation: The ultimate sign of cooperating with grace is loving others as Christ loved us. - Example: Forgiving those who wrong us and helping those in need are expressions of divine grace in our lives.

CONCLUSION

Cooperating with grace is an active, ongoing process that involves aligning our will with God's in every aspect of life. Through the sacraments, prayer, virtuous living, and acts of love, Catholics can fully open their hearts to receive and respond to the abundant grace God offers, leading to a life of holiness, peace, and union with Him.



CCW & MORE
 March 8, 2026
Third 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

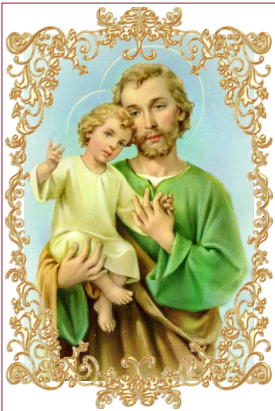
A Guided Meditation with Mother Teresa



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 Church

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

Celebrate a Wonderful Tradition with Us

Sunday March 15th, 2026

Celebration Starts at 9:00am 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.



7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?
 Was it recently? In the past year?

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.

Special Camps
 A camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities

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 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 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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

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!

WHERE
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!
SpecialCamps.org • colleen.scamps@icloud.org • 630-690-0944

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.