PRAYER FOR PEACE
God of peace and justice, today we hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers. Please bring peace to our world and the laying down of weapons. Jesus, we ask you to please end the invasion and war in Ukraine and soften the hearts of the Russian authorities. May all experience your spirit of comfort and compassion. With Your mercy and grace, please save Ukraine and our world. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, 
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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.
WELCOME
May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 13
4PM Mass
Helen Sosnowski
& Mary Ann Sczubleski

Sunday, May 14
8AM Mass
Robert Fuja

10:30AM Mass
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost
Living and Deceased

Thank you,
Bishop Hicks,
for celebrating Mass
with us today!

Monday, May 15
Edward Popiolek

Tuesday, May 16
Tiffany Porciuncula

Wednesday, May 17
Leo Fasola

Thursday, May 18
Daniel Shawke

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, and Holy Days of Obligation. No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish’s CMAA goal of $54,300. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference. If we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Thank you for so much for prayerfully considering a donation to CMAA.

2023 CMAA Pledge Report
As of 4/23/2023
2023 PARISH GOAL: $54,300
2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $54,514
2023 AMOUNT PAID: $37,352
2023 BALANCE DUE: $17,163

THANK YOU
for your generosity

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 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 Rerych Family
From Barbara Rerych

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

Council of Catholic Women

Congratulations to the Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women on their 62nd Anniversary!
The celebration Mass will be held on May 21st at 10:30AM.

Come and celebrate with the Council of Catholic Women!

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 Honor of
the 50th Wedding Anniversary
of Cheryl & Ben Schultz
From Craig & Kristen Nelson

Please include your choice of date from the list below.
*The following dates are open for donations:
June 24/25
July 1/2, 8/9, 22/23
August 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27
September 9/10, 16/17, 23/24

(*Availability subject to possible change once the bulletin has gone to the printer.)
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pray for Our Military
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their 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
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbok

ARMY:
LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
1LT Elizabeth Gonzales
SSGT Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CWO4 Anderson Mann
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schauchuk

MARINE CORPS:
CAPT Edward W. Miller
SGT Nicholas Reid
CPL Charles Golowacz
CPL Jack Rowley
LCPL David Lozeau
PVT Cameron Andrews
PVT Vincent Anthony Eltman
PVT Billy Termine
PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
LT Matthew Stasiak
Ryan James Ruizol

Please help: Is our Military Prayer List current? Please email: joni@holyghostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information. Thank you!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cathy Alcozer
Gloria Anderson
Joel Calderone
Anna Canale
Ron Catalano
Martin Chiolo
James Cumo
John Davis
Rose Marie Davis
Gerry Grupe
Evelyn Hickman
Special Intention
Anthony Jasinski IV
Karen Junke
Meaghan K.
Mike Kaiser
Virginia Kapelanski
Joyce Kordas
Carrie Krush
Patricia Krush
Angela Liga
Noel Lopez
Mary Marino
Wendell Meyer
Bill Morse
Bonnie Murphy
Gloria Paz
Lisa Perez
Laverne Peterson
Rose Powers
William Powers
Joseph Prince
Robert Rosch Sr
Andrew Rosinski
John Rossi
Reiner Siedentopf
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Maria Yanez

PRAYER & WORSHIP
May 14, 2023 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Weirdly Christian

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don’t know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it’s two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one’s clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady’s “scapular promise:” Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free-card, and neither does the Church. I don’t wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don’t go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I’m a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it’s okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will — and if He doesn’t, all I’ve lost is the esteem of others, which isn’t worth that much to begin with.

I’ve always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you’re just a little bit weird.

“...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.” — John 14:17

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

"For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray—that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy."
—St. Faustina Kowalska

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - AN INVITATION TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: We hear how through the prayers of Peter and John the Holy Spirit descended upon those Samaritans who believed in Jesus and were baptized. Can you think of a time when your prayers were answered?

Second Reading: Peter taught his community to be prepared to defend their faith with gentleness and reverence even in a hostile environment. Have you ever had to explain what you believe to someone arguing with you?

Gospel: Jesus assured his disciples, “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” When do you experience Jesus’ presence in your life?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It’s a big part of my family’s story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, “That’s my son.” They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, “You’re even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son.” My dad’s eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus’ resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, “I will not leave you orphans.” God doesn’t leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God’s life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that’s the story we should share with others. It’s the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/ Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/ Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11


Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/ Jn 16:20-23


Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Monday: St. Isidore
Thursday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
### OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

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**JOB SUMMARY**

The Finance Analyst and Consultant compiles and analyzes annual parish financial reports, provides parish metrics, performs parish financial and operational reviews, and assists parishes, schools, and business managers with financial matters. Will travel to diocesan parishes to conduct audits with overnight stays being rare. Assists parishes and schools with accounting and administrative matters to ensure compliance with diocesan policies relating to payroll taxes, human resources, insurance, etc. The Finance Analyst and Consultant will be responsible for the parishes’ adherence and use of the accounting system by being well versed in the software and a resource for the parishes. This includes providing guidance and support for year-end closings, parish financial statements, payroll interface, troubleshooting, and onsite/remote training for parish staff. Will work directly with and support the Director of Parish Finance, Auditing, Consulting. The Finance Analyst and Consultant Must support the mission. Will perform additional duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

The Finance Analyst and Consultant Must have a bachelor’s degree, with emphasis in accounting or finance with 5+ years of accounting experience. Previous experience with auditing and preparation of financial statements is desirable. Knowledge of accounting software (ParishSoft is a plus) and Microsoft Word and Access and advanced level proficiency with Excel required. Must possess strong written and verbal communication skills. Meticulous initiative-taker who works effectively with minimal day to day supervision. Bilingual in Spanish a plus. Since this is a ministerial position, must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, and with the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Diocese of Joliet.

To apply for this outstanding opportunity, please email your resume and cover letter to: bschroeder@dioceseofjoliet.org  
No phone calls, please.

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**JOB SUMMARY**

The Communications Director is responsible for developing and distributing content furthering the mission of the diocese, internally and externally. The Communications Director is responsible for all media outlets including web communications, social media, and print as well as for facilitating communication with parishes and various diocesan agencies while following the diocesan communications strategy and policy.

The Communications Director will create, recommend, and provide communication resources and tools to share with the leaders of the different diocesan departments. They will design, produce, and monitor appealing digital content, including website, social media posts, podcasts, videos, web banners and images to ensure that new and consistent information (articles, photos, events, etc.) is posted regularly and in a timely manner. The Communications Director will manage the communications budget and manage other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

The Communications Director must have a Bachelor’s degree (Master’s degree preferred) in communications or public relations, along with a minimum of ten (10) years’ previous experience in public relations and communication in a comparable position. Must have a thorough knowledge of communication principles and practices with exceptional ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. The Communications Director must have knowledge of church organizational and operations procedures, as well as strong creative, strategic, analytical, and organizational skills; ability to make presentations, provide training, mentoring, and supervising; ability to maintain effective working relationships with parishes, schools, and the media; work collaboratively under pressure in critical situations. Since this is a ministerial position, must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, and with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. Bilingual in Spanish preferred.

If you are interested in the outstanding opportunity, please send your resume and cover letter to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org. No phone calls, please.
Companions on the Journey Ministry

God does not want us to be alone as we encounter the joys and challenges which we all experience during our journey here on earth. God blesses us with His Word, the Church, the sacraments, our families, and faithful friends. We can receive healing grace and strength through prayer.

Jesus is the Divine Physician, the infinite font of grace for healing and redemption. Throughout our lives, Jesus is there beckoning us to draw closer to Him and to trust Him completely. Jesus wants to heals us and restore us to wholeness.

Call the parish office at (630) 860-2975 to find out more or to schedule an appointment:
- To receive the special blessings of the Sacrament of the Anointing
- To have a trained prayer team pray in Jesus’ Name with you
- To meet with a trained Spiritual Director (spiritual companion)
- To become involved with a small group to read and discuss the book “Be Healed” by Bob Schuchts. (This book is being widely used within the Dioceses of Joliet and throughout the world at retreats.)
- To have a Minister of Care bring the Eucharist to you if you are homebound.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

CORPUS CHRISTI: JUNE 11
Our parish will be celebrating Corpus Christi: The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 11th with a procession after the 10:30am mass. Please mark your calendars.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: THANK YOU!
As our Small Christian Communities come to a close for a break over the summer, we give thanks for our wonderful small group leaders and helpers who assisted our groups. Many thanks to Mary Lally, Ann Burch, Susan Slagle, Tina DiCapua and Kelly Scardina. May the Lord bless and keep you always!!

SAVE TIME IN THE FALL!
Start thinking ahead to the Fall so that you leave time in your calendars so that you can grow your faith as a member of a Small Christian Community. We have an assortment of days and times for you to consider: On campus meets Mondays at 10am or 7pm; Tuesdays at Noon; or Wednesdays at 7pm. A virtual group meets on Sundays at 7pm using Microsoft Teams. Pray about which option will work best for you! Contact Susan for more information.

Susan Tutaj  Coordinator of Discipleship  stutaj@holyghostparish.org  630-860-3691
Father’s Day is just around the corner. A beautiful way to honor each of your loved ones, living or deceased, would be through a spiritual bouquet of remembrance at the Masses at Holy Ghost on this special day. Honor your Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, and Godfather or anyone who is like a Father to you. We are offering beautiful customized cards. The stipend for each Spiritual Bouquet is $10. Father John will **silently** remember each person, as requested, during the Masses on Father’s Day weekend. Please complete the form below.

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR FATHER’S DAY**

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** ______________________________________________________________________

**LIVING**  **DECEASED**

**THAT THEY MAY SHARE IN THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OFFERED AT HOLY GHOST IN OBSERVANCE OF FATHER’S DAY.**

**MY NAME IS:** ______________________________________________________________________

**MY ADDRESS IS:** ______________________________________________________________________

**MY PHONE NUMBER IS:** ______________________________________________________________________

**MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS:** ______________________________________________________________________

**ENCLOSED IS MY STIPEND OF $10 PER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR A TOTAL OF $______.**

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**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023  6PM Mass**

Who may receive the Sacrament of the Sick?

* All persons of any age who have a serious, acute or chronic physical illness.

* Older persons who suffer from the weakening effects of old age.

* Persons facing serious surgery.

* Persons who suffer from anxiety, depression or drug addiction.

**Please complete and return this form to the parish office by Thursday, May 18.**

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________________

_______ I wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick at the 6PM Mass.  _______ I use a wheelchair.