Ascension of the Lord

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

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.

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.

PLEASE WEAR RED NEXT WEEKEND FOR PENTECOST.

St. Michael the Archangel
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
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20
4PM Mass
Isabelle Gaspari & Richard Gaspari
6PM Anointing Mass
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased
Sunday, May 21
8AM Mass
Angela Terkowitsch
10:30AM Mass
Sue Kolinski

Monday, May 22
Leo Fasola

Tuesday, May 23
Antonia Abbate

Wednesday, May 24
Daniel Shawke

Thursday, May 25
Edward H. Gisburne

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
Angela Terkowitsch
From Kevin & Marlene Crowley

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

Invitation to Meet Christ

Council of Catholic Women

Congratulations to the Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women on their 62nd Anniversary!
The celebration Mass will be today, 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 Thanksgiving for 70 Years of Marriage
From Deacon Dino & Raffy Franch

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. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. 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 the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
Cathy Alcozer
Gloria Anderson
Joel Calderone
Anna Canale
Ron Catalano
Martin Chiodo
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 Siedentop
Wanda Slupik
Jackie Vanjoske
Larry Venere
Carol Williams
Maria Yanez

PRAYER & WORSHIP
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one’s bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I’m sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord’s Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I’m sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don’t hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that “it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.” And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

“Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.” — Psalm 27

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

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!
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK
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Ascension of the Lord

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
Monday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi, Virgin
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/
Saturday: Morning:
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
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GENESIS 11:1-9

The Ascension of the Lord

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Now consider Jesus’ ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but “above all the heavens,” to use the words of Saint Paul (Ephesians 4:10). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: “Everything of yours is mine.” He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That’s what the ascension is all about.

Commissioned & Sent

Have you heard the Good News? If you’re reading this, chances are you probably have. You’ve heard the good news that God became man and that Jesus suffered, died, and rose for you, me, and everyone in between. Do you know you’re part of it?

This week, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave specific directions to his Apostles. "Go and make disciples of all nations." They listened! They made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, on down the centuries. And here we are! So what’s next? The truth is that we’re all commissioned and sent. It happened at our baptism, when we were made sharers in this sacred mission of Jesus. Who will make the next disciples? I hope it’s you!

"If you wish to strengthen your confidence in God still more, often recall the loving way in which He has acted toward you, and how mercifully He has tried to bring you out of your sinful life, to break your attachment to the things of earth and draw you to His love." —St. Alphonsus Liguori

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

— Father John Muir

The Feast of the Ascension ranks with Easter, Christmas, and Pentecost in the universality of its observance among Catholics worldwide.
NEWS & EVENTS
May 21, 2023
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Please join Pope Francis in praying his May 2023 intention: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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Congratulations to all!
Thank you for your dedication.
God Bless You!

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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 continued support is most appreciated.

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. Even if you attend another mass, please be sure to join us in the North Lot to be part of our procession around 11:30am. If you would like to be part of our Corpus Christi celebration but are not able to walk in the procession, please remain in the Church and pray for those in procession.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

**Fr. John’s 20th Anniversary Celebration: June 11**

Join us in the gym to celebrate Fr. John’s 20th Anniversary of his Ordination after our Corpus Christi procession.

Happy Anniversary Fr. John!

Susan Tutaj
Coordinator of Discipleship
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**EVENTS & MORE**

May 21, 2023
Ascension of the Lord

**Eucharistic Adoration**
**Holy Hour**
May 30, 2023
7PM
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us on Sunday, June 11th after the 10:30AM Mass as we celebrate The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We will process around our campus, stopping at three “altars”. Stella Capobianco, Religious Education and our CCW will decorate each “altar”.

Our procession will end back in church for Benediction and the Divine Praises. This will truly be a celebration with our choir, First Communicants, ministers, Knights of Columbus, the Discipleship Team, and YOU all participating.

At the end of our celebration in church, we will follow Fr. John into the gym for a luncheon reception celebrating the 20th year of his Ordination. We expect the reception to begin at noon.

If you would like to bring a dessert to share, please drop it off in the gym before 10:30AM Mass.

Thank you!

**CELEBRATING 20 Years**

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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: ____________________________________  O living  O 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 $______.

It’s wedding and graduation season! Are you ready? We are! Every gift card you purchase from the SCRIP program is money to benefit Holy Ghost at no additional cost to you.

We carry hundreds of stores, including VISA gift cards with NO ACTIVATION FEE!

http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrip

Questions? Contact Kathy at 630-860-2975 or kgrant@holyghostparish.org

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**Title:** Financial Analyst and Consultant for the Diocese of Joliet

**Agency:** Finance Office

**Supervisor:** Director of Parish Finance, Auditing, Consulting

**Working Conditions:** Full-time, Exempt with Benefits

**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.