

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MAY 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.



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

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 9

4PM Mass

+Virginia Zdunek
+Marion Bero

Sunday, May 10

8AM Mass

+Frank Ferrari

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+William Delmonte

Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, May 11

Health & Blessings for
Zofia Sobczek

Tuesday, May 12

All deceased & living family of
Monaco & Mormino

Wednesday, May 13

+Robert Fuja

Thursday, May 14

+Angela Ziocchi

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. 630-766-4509

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 the wedding coordinator, Fran Hargadon, 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. 630-860-2975

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

April 22 –April 28, 2026

Sunday Collection \$6,916.13

YTD Budget thru March 2026
\$401,250

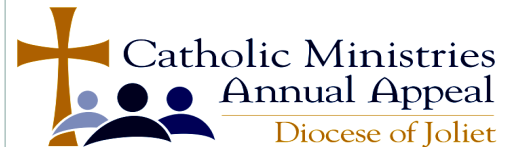
YTD Actual thru March 2026
\$380,387

YTD Difference thru March 2026
-\$20,862



We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your generous and thoughtful Easter offerings.

Easter Collection thru 4/28/26
\$26,041.57



	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$55,727
Amount Paid	\$38,359
Balance Due	\$17,368
Donors	202
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 5/3/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

May 16/17 – CORE
June 13/14 – CORE
June 20/21 – Infirm & Retired Priests
June 27/28 – Peter's Pence

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

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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
Bianca Marie Borowski
Michael Brann
Micah Casey
Ron Catalano
Ady DeLargarza
Aldegunda Diego
Thomas Franzen
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales
Mike Kaiser
Sarah Kasab
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Michael Malek
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz
Cindi Shea
Frank Staggs
Holly Staggs
Nancy Townsend
Larry Venere
Feliciano Vero
Gloria Villanueva
Salvatore Vivo
Joe Vocino
Matt Vocino
James Wilk
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!

Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.

For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.

For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.

For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.

Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen. ©LPi



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 Cecylia Edward Siwinski

From the Meyer Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

***The following dates are open for donations:**

May 30/31

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

July 4/5, 11/12, 25/26

(*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:

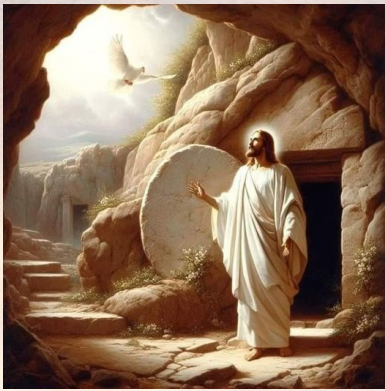
Holy Ghost Church at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191



In Memory of Edward & Patricia Dowd

From Steve & Renee Pillis

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



WHAT THE RESURRECTION IS NOT:

Unpacking Common Misunderstandings of Christ's Triumph Over Death

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a central tenet of Christian belief, particularly in Catholic theology, signifying Jesus' triumph over death and

his divine nature.

However, there are several misunderstandings or incorrect interpretations of the Resurrection.

Here is what the Resurrection is not:

1. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT A MERE METAPHOR OR SYMBOL

Some interpret the Resurrection as purely symbolic—a metaphor for renewal, personal transformation, or spiritual awakening.

While the Resurrection has profound symbolic implications (such as hope and new life), the Catholic Church teaches that it is a literal, historical event where Jesus physically rose from the dead.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 638) affirms that the Resurrection is the actual bodily rising of Christ, not just a story to inspire moral improvement.

2. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT A SPIRITUAL OR GHOSTLY EVENT

The Resurrection is not to be understood as Christ's spirit merely living on after his death.

Some misunderstand the event as Jesus' spirit continuing in the hearts of his followers while his physical body remained dead.

Catholic theology asserts that Jesus rose bodily from the dead, not as a spirit or apparition.

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples with a physical body, even though it was glorified and transformed (Luke 24:39-43).

3. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT A RESUSCITATION

The Resurrection of Jesus is not simply a return to earthly life, like the resuscitations of Lazarus or Jairus' daughter (John 11) .

These individuals were raised from the dead but later died again. In contrast, Jesus' Resurrection was a transformation into a glorified state; He did not return to earthly life only to die again, but was raised to eternal life (Romans 6:9).

4. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT A PRODUCT OF THE DISCIPLES' IMAGINATION OR HALLUCINATION

Some skeptics claim that the disciples were simply hallucinating or fabricating stories out of grief or hope.

However, Catholic teaching rejects this, maintaining that the Resurrection was a real event witnessed by many people in different circumstances.

In 1 Corinthians 15:6, Paul mentions that Jesus appeared to over 500 people at once, affirming that this was a collective experience, not a private or imagined vision.



5. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT A POLITICAL OR REVOLUTIONARY ACT

While the Resurrection does have significant implications for the Christian understanding of power, justice, and authority, it was not intended as a political rebellion against the Roman Empire or a social movement aimed at overturning political systems.

It transcends human politics and asserts God's victory over sin, death, and the devil.

The Resurrection is primarily a theological event, revealing Christ's divine identity and the ultimate salvation of humanity.

6. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT DETACHED FROM THE CROSS

Some may see the Resurrection as the 'happy ending' that ignores or cancels out the suffering and death of Christ on the cross.

However, Catholic theology teaches that the Resurrection is intrinsically connected to the Cross.

Without the Cross, there is no Resurrection; the glory of the Resurrection is the triumph over the suffering and death of the Cross.

The Paschal Mystery includes both Christ's suffering and his rising.

7. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT A ONE-TIME ISOLATED EVENT IN HISTORY

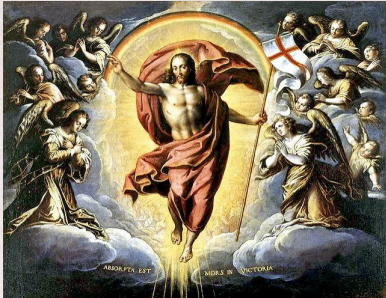
While Jesus' Resurrection occurred at a specific point in time, its implications are not limited to the past.

It is not an isolated, finished event, but rather an ongoing source of salvation and hope.

The Catholic Church teaches that through baptism, Christians participate in the death and Resurrection of



Christ (Romans 6:3-5), and it anticipates the future resurrection of all believers at the end of time (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).



8. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT DEPENDENT ON BELIEF OR FAITH

The truth of the Resurrection does not hinge on whether people believe in it or not. It is an objective reality.

Even if someone rejects or doubts the Resurrection, it

remains a historical and theological fact.

The Resurrection does not need to be "believed into existence"; rather, faith acknowledges the reality that has already occurred.

9. THE RESURRECTION IS NOT A MYTH CREATED BY EARLY CHRISTIANS

Some argue that the Resurrection is a myth or legend developed by the early Christian community to promote their movement.

The Catholic Church rejects this view, maintaining that the Resurrection is a historical event that occurred in real time and space.

The early Christian proclamation of the Resurrection is grounded in the eyewitness testimony of those who encountered the risen Christ (1 Corinthians 15:3-8), not in mythological storytelling.

CONCLUSION

The Resurrection of Jesus is not merely symbolic, spiritual, or mythical.

It is a real, historical, bodily event that has profound theological implications.

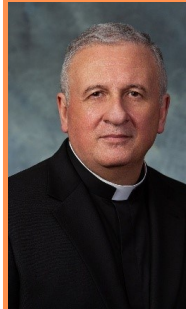
It reveals the power of God over death and confirms Jesus' identity as the Son of God.

As the foundation of Christian faith, the Resurrection cannot be reduced to psychological, political, or metaphorical interpretations.

It is a transformative mystery that offers eternal life to all who believe.



MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED FR. SAM CONFORTI



So, I was sitting in my home office when the phone rang. The caller ID revealed it was my accountant, so I took the call. Instead of a business call, he asked me if I wanted to go on a retreat. I was tired from my current workload and so I accepted his invitation. What could go wrong? Retreats usually have decent food and built-in naptime. Well, it wasn't that kind of a retreat. It was a Cursillo. For those that don't know, a Cursillo is sort of

a Catholic Bootcamp. To be fair, at the end of my 3 1/2 days I had no complaints. I had made some life-long friends.

In "Cursillo-Speak" the fourth day means the rest of your life. Well on the actual fourth day, I woke up and was HIT BY A THUNDER-BOLT. I had no idea what was happening to me, but I felt an immense amount of "Joy". I'm not a person that uses the word "Joy" on a regular basis, but it seemed to me to be the most appropriate term to describe what was happening to me.

After about 3 months of "Joy" and floating on "Cloud-9" I came to slowly realize, with the help of several people, that I was being called to the priesthood. I read the Bible cover-to-cover ... TWICE. I began attending daily mass. I prayed the rosary daily. But where I had my deepest connection with God was in Adoration. One hour became an hour and twenty minutes. This became an hour and a half, which eventually led to two hours. Contemplation for two hours in front of the Eucharist was sublime.

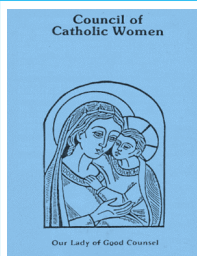
There was one point during this 20-month discernment that I found out about the "Permanent Diaconate". Without this "calling" I had never, and I mean never, entertained the idea of being a priest. In fact, once I entered high school, I dialed back my mass attendance to funerals and weddings and Christmas and Easter.

I thought maybe this idea of being a Deacon could answer all my concerns. I didn't have to be a priest. I could serve in a lesser role and be free to live my life as I thought I could do. ... Well, He left me. He didn't strike me with a bolt of lightening or hit me with a boulder. He simply left. Silence. No Joy. Gone. It took me about two weeks to realize that His silence was His answer. Once I realized that His silence was His answer to me, I terminated my Permanent Diaconate plans. He slowly returned.

My discernment continued. During that time, I slowly became aware of what was expected of me. It wasn't going to be easy. I wasn't a

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Please join Pope Leo in praying his May 2026 intention:
That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



The Holy Ghost CCW will hold their 65th Anniversary Celebration Mass on May 17th at the 10:30 AM Mass

Installation of Officers for 2026-2028 will take place after Mass. Immediately following the Installation we will have lunch, catered by Fran Hargadon, in the Koinonia Room.

Tickets are \$30 and will be on sale at the Welcome Center following masses on the weekends of May 2, and May 9. Please join us.

EAST SOUTH DUPAGE DEANERY CCW
 SPRING INSTITUTE
 PRESENTS:

Women Disciples

Tuesday - May 19, 2026

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH
 300 S CORNELL, VILLA PARK

5 PM REGISTRATION
 5:30 PM MASS
 6:30 PM DINNER
 MEETING TO FOLLOW

FEATURED SPEAKER: PHILIP R. LOFTUS
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL FUND FOR
 CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

\$25 PER PERSON

For More information contact Linnea Warda
 at 630-629-0154 or lbw1156@global.net

Mail the form below with check to: East South DuPage Deanery CCW
 c/o Linnea Warda, 218 S. Highland, Lombard, IL. 60148

Deadline for reservations May 12, 2026

Parish: _____

Name(s) of Attendees: _____

Number of Reservations: _____

\$25 Per person -C check Total: \$ _____

LET US KNOW OF ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

As the groups take a break for the summer, they take with them new learnings and faith practices. Consider joining a group in the Fall. Here are some reflections from the participants in **The Biblical Walk Through the Mass:**

"This course transformed me on how to approach the Liturgy. After every Mass, I leave with more understanding, renewed and closer to God. This course breaks down the Mass not as a familiar ritual but as a deep encounter with God."

"The Mass is biblical! Even the Sign of the Cross is a powerful prayer invoking God. It was great to learn specifically in the Bible where our Mass traditions came from."

"I learned a greater understanding of all the parts of the Mass, the biblical meaning and how purposeful each part of the Mass is."

"When I'm at Mass, from start to finish, I try to shut out the world and be in the Mass....Focus and prepare for the Eucharist. The course has helped me so much because I now know the 'details' and the intent of the parts of the Mass."

"Each part of the Mass is not rote. If we fully enter into the Mass, we and the parish will be transformed!"

Even if you have taken a class or two in the past on the Mass you will find A Biblical Walk Through the Mass truly engaging and spreading new light on how you enter into the prayers of the Mass. In the Fall, we are looking to run this course at two separate sessions: Sundays: 9a-10:15am and Tuesdays: Noon, Watch the bulleting to sign up for this course in August.

If you have questions, please feel free to email Tom Vercruysse: tommytrv@gmail.com

Are you widowed and still hurting? Please join us.

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat

When: May 30th & 31st 2026

Where: St Joan of Arc Parish

No Overnight Accommodations available

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
 e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org
 website: www.joyfulagain.org



young man. Most, actually all of my seminarian classmates, were going to be much younger than I. I describe myself as Pre-Vatican II. I received my first communion at a communion rail. I was confirmed at a communion rail. Mass was in Latin. I remember one Sunday at Mass I looked at the altar, and it was turned around and facing the congregation. As a young boy I didn't know what was happening. I think I kind of liked it. In fact, I started attending the "Guitar Mass". Once I graduated grammar school, I lost interest and attended mass rarely.

I continued discerning this "Call to the Priesthood". Near the end of this 20-month period I tried to address all the things that were expected of me. I did not know I was nearing the end. I had no time limit. I thought the celibacy requirement was going to be the deal breaker. You see, I like girls. I dated a lot and during my life I had several "long-term" relationships. I appealed to The Blessed Mother. She came to my aid. Until today I can appreciate the beauty of a female. But that is where it ends.

Finally, at the end of this 20-month journey, I was exhausted. I had had enough. I thanked God for His interest in me, but decided it was over. No priesthood for me.

The next morning, I woke up and drove to church to attend morning mass. My morning routine included a stop at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. She was on a shelf about "chin high" and I would kneel at the kneeler. There was a familiar looking kind of index card lying at her feet. I recognized it as one that we had gotten from our Cursillo weekend almost two years ago. It kind of laid out our promises to pray daily and attend Mass. The front of the card read "Christ Is Counting On You". I turned the card over and there was my signature. It was my card from 20 months ago.

I called Fr. Peter Jarosz who had been my Pastor at Christ the King. We had a long talk. Then I called Fr. Jeff Stoneberg, who was my current Pastor at Christ the King. The next day Fr. Jeff came and sat down beside me in my pew waiting for morning mass to begin and he said, "I think it is time you called Burke". He meant Fr. Burke Masters, the head of vocations at that time. I did so and went through the entire review and interview process.

I was ordained a Catholic Priest on May 22, 2021.



Healing From the Inside Out

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal funds counseling services at Daybreak, Catholic Charities' shelter for those experiencing homelessness. In two years, nearly 200 clients have received therapy, coping skills, and the compassionate care they need to heal — and hold on to — a stable home.



Watch the video and see
the good your donation to the CMAA
brings to our community



Vacation Bible School

We invite all children ages 4 years to 8th Grade to join us for Vacation Bible School **Monday, June 8th – Friday, June 12th, 2026 9:00AM-12:00 NOON.** We are looking forward to a fun, faith filled week with crafts, games, snacks, music and learning about our Catholic faith; and we are excited for your child(ren) to participate in SONSURF BEACH BLAST! As kids explore the wonders of the beach, they'll also discover the Big Answers to their Big Questions about Jesus. Five life-changing Bible verses—including John 14:6—will help them understand who Jesus is and why they need Him. At SonSurf Beach Blast VBS, kids learn that there is only one truth: Jesus! It will be \$35 per child for the week. There are forms in the vestibules, the parish office or call Nancy Siemers (630) 766-4509 to register.