

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MAY 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

#1180

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm
Closed Friday - Sunday
630-860-2975

Faith Formation Office Hours:

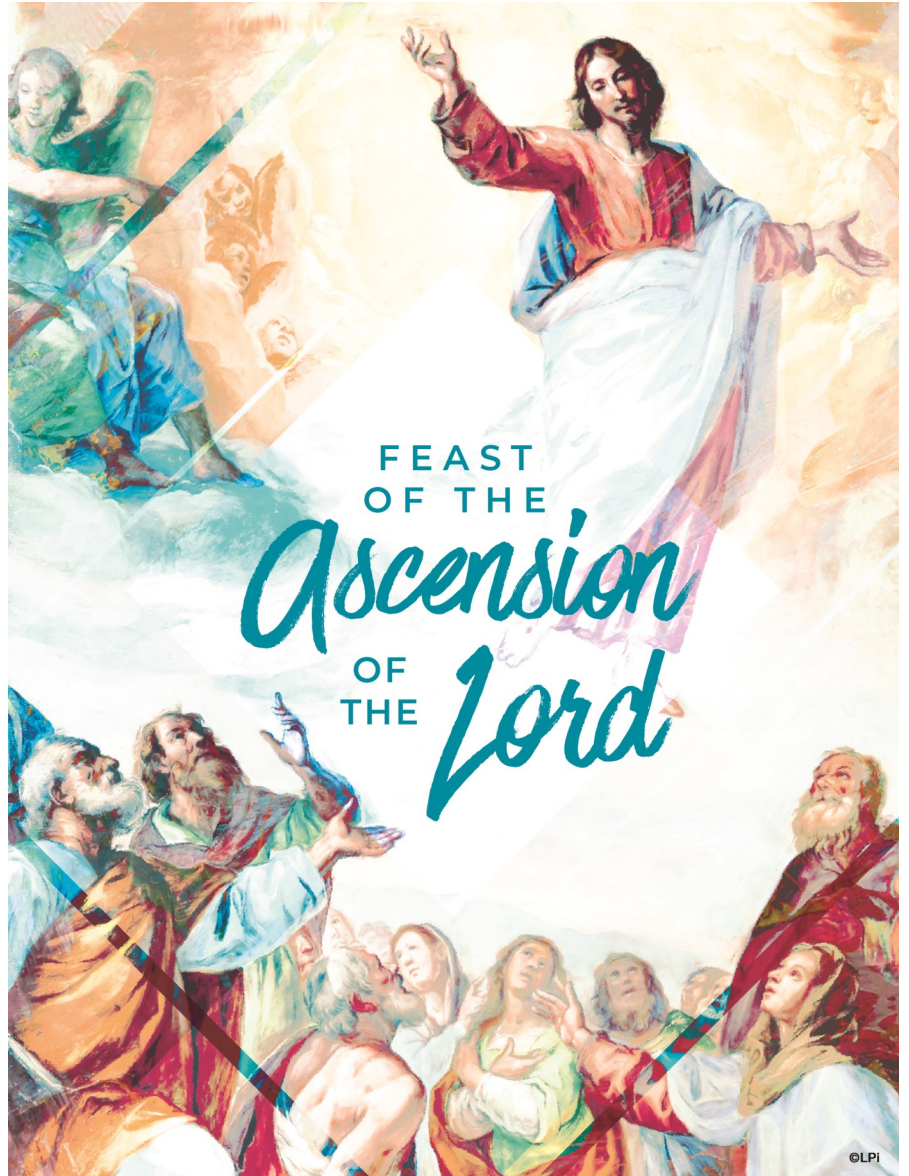
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509

*(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



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.

Please join us for **Adoration**
from 7AM to 8AM
before the 8:30AM
weekday morning Mass.



WELCOME

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of The Lord



Saturday, May 16

4PM Mass

+Erika Fleischacker

For the women of CCW both living and deceased

Sunday, May 17

8AM Mass

+Alice Isbell

For the women of CCW both living and deceased

10:30AM Mass

+Don & Mary Ann Lloyd

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

For the women of CCW both living and deceased

Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, May 18

Health & Blessings for Janina Chramiec

Tuesday, May 19

Health & Blessings for Melissa Thomas

Wednesday, May 20

+Maria Luz Yanez

Thursday, May 21

+Virginia Crowley

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 29 - May 5, 2026

Sunday Collection \$10,034.22

YTD Budget thru April 2026
\$445,833

YTD Actual thru April 2026
\$413,752

YTD Difference thru March 2026
-\$32,080



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$56,223
Amount Paid	\$39,185
Balance Due	\$17,038
Donors	205
2026 Rebate	\$0

Updated 5/10/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

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

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Have it emailed to you automatically every week.

1

Go to ParishesOnline.com and enter our parish in the search.

2

Click the Subscribe button on our parish page.



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 17, 2026

The Ascension of The Lord

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!

Devotions, Explained!

Memorare, Explained

The Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need. "I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother," reads one section of the prayer, which goes on to beseech "the Mother of the Word Incarnate" to receive these petitions with love and mercy.

St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis de Sales were two great devotees of this prayer.

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the text is derived from an older and longer prayer entitled "*Ad sanctitatis tuae pedes, dulcissima Virgo Maria*" ("at your holy feet, most sweet Virgin Mary"). The title "Memorare" is taken from the Latin word for "remember," which begins the prayer. The modern version appears in the 1846 *Raccolta*, a collection of indulgenced prayers.

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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.



Health & Blessings to members of Holy Ghost CCW

From Kelly Scardina

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 Cecylia Edward Siwinski

From the Meyer Family

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

**SAN DAMIANO CROSS:****A Brief Explanation**

The San Damiano Cross is the one St. Francis was praying before when he received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The original cross presently hangs in Santa Chiara (St. Clare) Church in Assisi, Italy. All Franciscans cherish his cross as the symbol of their mission from God. The cross is called an icon cross because it contains images of people who have a part in the meaning of the cross. The tradition of such crosses began in the eastern Church and was transported by Serbian monks to the Umbria district of Italy.

The San Damiano Cross was one of a number of crosses painted with similar figures during the 12th century in Umbria. The name of the painter is unknown. The purpose of an icon cross was to teach the meaning of the event depicted and thereby strengthen the faith of the people. These conclusions have been reached based on a thorough study of the history of the cross and the literature concerning it. Very little literature is available in English. Most of it can only be read in Italian or French. The author also found it very helpful to compare the cross to similar crosses in Umbrian art.

Finally, much of the English literature on the cross is faulty in its analysis since it dates back to sources prior to 1938 when the cross was restored to its original depiction.

THE HISTORY OF THE CRUCIFIX

An unknown Umbrian artist painted the Crucifix Icon in the 12th Century. There is strong Syrian influence, and history tells us that there had been some Syrian monks in the area.

It is painted on wood (walnut) to which cloth had been glued. It is about 190 cm high, 120 cms wide and 12 cms thick. It is more than likely it was painted for San Damiano to hang over the Altar as the Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in non-Parish Churches of those times and especially those that had been abandoned and neglected as we know San Damiano had been. In 1257 the Poor Clares left San Damiano for San Giorgio and took the Crucifix with them. They carefully kept the Cross for 700 years.

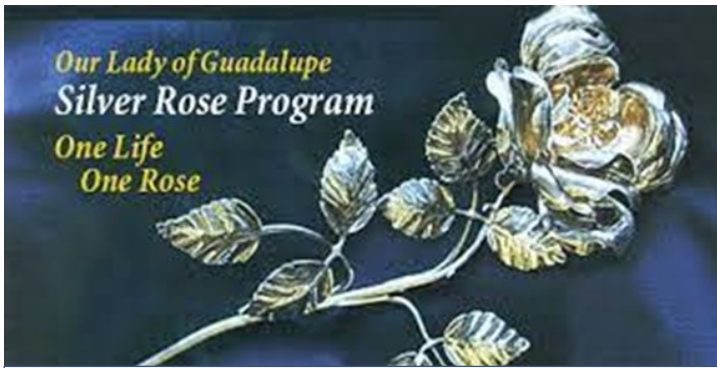
THE ICON OF THE TRANSFIGURED CHRIST

For Eastern Christians the Icon is a representation of the living God, and by coming into its presence it becomes a personal encounter with the sacred, through the grace of the Holy Spirit. The San Damiano Icon is then a personal encounter with the transfigured Christ - God made man. The Crucifix contains the story of the death, resurrection and ascension into glory. It expresses the total and universal Paschal Mystery of Christ. It invites us all to take part in it with a lively and lived faith, just as St Francis did. Christ's saving death is shown in John's Gospel in its serene majesty, and this Crucifix portrays this in picture form. It is not surprising that Saint Francis was attracted to this Icon and that the inspiration for his life came from this Christ who spoke to him "Go repair my Church ...".

THE FIGURE OF CHRIST

The central figure of the icon is Christ, not only because of the relative size, but because Christ is a figure of light dominating the scene and giving light to the other figures "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12). Christ stands upright, not nailed. The eyes of Jesus are open: He looks out to the world, which He has saved. He is alive, the one who is eternal. Jesus' vestment is a simple loin cloth - a symbol of both High Priest and Victim. The chest, throat and neck are very strong, Jesus gives power of re-creation to His Disciples (John 22:23). He breathed on His Disciples (John 20:22), the Greek word used recalls the moment of Creation (Gen 2:7). The shadow over the face of Jesus is increased by the fact the halo and face are tilted forward on the original Icon. The humanity of Christ veils the true glory of the Word who lives in the super illuminous darkness of the Godhead. Behind the outstretched arms of Christ is His empty tomb, shown as a black rectangle.





The Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to join us for the Silver Rose Prayer Service Saturday May 23rd at 5:15 pm.

Each year, the Silver Rose travels from Canada through the United States and into Mexico as a symbol of unity, devotion, and our commitment to the sanctity of life. Join us as we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. **All are welcome.**

SPECIAL CAMPS

Counselors who volunteer will:

- Have fun alongside campers!
- Earn 100 volunteer hours!
- Attend for FREE!
- Participate in activities including: archery, canoes & kayaks, crafts, sports & field games, swim, drum line lessons, yoga, zip line, dance parties, high ropes course, talent show

SpecialCamps.org

Colleen McDonald: 630-690-0944

26710 Nippersink Rd. Ingleside, IL 60041

Adults Week: June 7-12 with campers age 23+ Kids Week: June 14-19 with campers age 8-22

Volunteers Needed for Special Camps

We are also looking for additional **camp volunteers. An experience you'll never forget!** There's a reason our Volunteers call this their favorite week of the year. So much, love, so much joy, tons of fun activities going on constantly, with enough belly laughter and hugs to last you until you want to return the next summer. Our volunteers always want to return, that's why many of them have been volunteering for #20+ years. Time commitment of one week (Sunday morning - Friday afternoon).

An opportunity you'll never forget... full of love, enthusiasm, pure joy and sooo many great activities. Play side by side with our amazing campers.

Dates
June 7 - 12 for our adult campers
June 14 - 19 for our youth camp

Location: Camp Red Leaf in Ingleside. Beautiful campground. Stay in nice dorms with attached bathrooms.

MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED

ROBBIE LASICA



As a young adult, I came across the understanding that the psalms are "the school of prayer." More specifically, that the Holy Spirit, teaches us to pray through the psalms. This intriguing thought imprinted itself on my mind. How does the Holy Spirit teach us to pray through the psalms? There seemed

to be one simple way to see.

I bought a small red book that contained a condensed version of morning and evening prayer in the liturgy of hours. The book is filled with the scriptural psalms and other prayers organized into a four week pattern. This small red book became my companion as I began to pray the psalms through the liturgy of hours.

Some of the psalms were fascinating, while others seemed strange. Sometimes I was fully engaged, while at other times staying focused was a challenge. I'm not sure when it happened, but as I was praying the words to the psalms, I began to sense God's presence. God's presence was there with me while I was praying. Through the psalms, I found myself speaking with God as I would speak with a friend.

When the psalm was thanking God for a favor received, I was thanking God for a favor received. If the psalm was crying out for God's help, I was crying out for God's help. If the psalm was begging God for his merciful forgiveness, I was begging God for his merciful forgiveness. If the psalm was protesting about one of life's challenges to God, I was protesting about one of life's challenges to God.

I started to have a longing to sense God's presence again while praying the psalms. A game of hide and seek formed. This game of seeking his presence through the psalms began to nurture a friendship with God. From this friendship, the desire to love God has been enkindled.

**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.

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.

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



BE PART OF THE DIRECTOR'S CLASSIC GOLF OUTING

JUNE 10, 2026

All proceeds directly benefit the St. Stephen's Fund which supports deacons during times of need.

How you can help:

- **Play:** Gather friends or coworkers for a competitive and meaningful day of golf.
- **Sponsor:** Promote your business while supporting a great cause. Several sponsorship levels available.
- **Donate:** Consider a donation to the St. Stephen Fund
- **Dine:** Not a golfer? Join us for the awards dinner and silent auction at 5pm for just \$35/per person.

REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$150/golfer or \$500/Foursome
Includes green fee, cart, lunch, and dinner
- Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course
19433 Renwick Road, Crest Hill 60403
11:30 am shotgun start

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT DEACON
 VIC PUSCAS AT 815-221-6172**

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



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.



Special Camps

A camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities



Adults Week

June 7-12

Cost per Camper

\$600

Kids Week

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



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER FOR TEENS!



June 26-28, 2026

Say "yes" to lifting up the next generation

Adults (18+) are invited to donate their time, energy, and joy to help create a powerful weekend of faith for our youth during the Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference June 26-28 at Benedictine University.

- We need 100 enthusiastic volunteers who can serve for the full weekend (Friday–Sunday) or shorter shifts.
- Registration is open through early June and includes the standard Virtus and background check process.
- Meals are provided for volunteers during mealtimes.



SCAN TO SIGN UP!



QUESTIONS?

Contact Kristin Laszlo
joliet@partnershipforyouth.org

