



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

#1185

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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 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday



Saturday, May 23

4PM Mass

+Sue Kolinski

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 24

8AM Mass

+Alice Isbell

10:30AM Mass

+Bob & Betty Karuk

Weekday 8:30AM Mass

Monday, May 25

+Evelyn Frontier

Tuesday, May 26

+Edward H. Gisburne

Wednesday, May 27

+Michael Castelli

Thursday, May 28

+Irene Gniech

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

May 6 - May 12, 2026

Sunday Collection \$10,660.70

YTD Budget thru April 2026
\$445,833

YTD Actual thru April 2026
\$413,752

YTD Difference thru April 2026
-\$32,080



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

Diocese of Joliet

| | 2026 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Parish Goal | \$54,200 |
| Amount Pledged | \$56,223 |
| Amount Paid | \$39,760 |
| Balance Due | \$16,463 |
| Donors | 205 |
| 2026 Rebate | \$0 |

Updated 5/17/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

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



We're excited to announce that you can now give using **digital wallets**:

Apple Pay
Google Pay
Venmo
PayPal



Simply **scan the QR code** or visit our website **to give securely** from your smartphone. Thank you for supporting our ministries and mission!

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 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

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

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!



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

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.



We welcome Tomas Angel Garza III and Eliza Rose Saucedo who were recently

baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.



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 Ann & Ronald Gober

From the Goldberg 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 Wojciech Fajfer

From the Meyer Family

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



THE FULFILLMENT OF JEWISH LITURGY IN THE CHRISTIAN EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP



The Christian liturgy, as celebrated in the Mass, finds its roots in the Jewish liturgical practices and brings them to fulfillment in the New Covenant through Christ. The foundations of Christian worship are deeply intertwined with Jewish traditions, yet in Christ, these

elements achieve their full meaning and purpose. This essay will explore how the Christian liturgy springs from the Jewish liturgy, using biblical references, teachings from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, insights from Apostolic Tradition, and writings of the Early Church Fathers.

1. THE TEMPLE SACRIFICE AND THE EUCHARIST

Jewish liturgical life centered around the Temple in Jerusalem, where sacrifices were offered for the atonement of sin. The Letter to the Hebrews describes how these sacrifices, though commanded by God, were only a foreshadowing of the perfect sacrifice that would come through Christ (Hebrews 10:1-4). In the Christian liturgy, the sacrifice of the Eucharist fulfills this practice by presenting Christ's once-for-all sacrifice on the Cross.



At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist as the new Passover, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). This act replaced the old sacrifices

with the offering of Himself, fulfilling what the Jewish liturgy could only point toward. The Catechism affirms this, stating that "the Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of His unique sacrifice" (CCC 1362).

2. THE PASSOVER AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

The Jewish Passover was a liturgical celebration commemorating the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt. God commanded the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb, eat it with unleavened bread, and mark their doorposts with its blood (Exodus 12:1-14). This was a sign of their salvation and deliverance from slavery.

In the Christian liturgy, the Passover finds its ultimate fulfillment in the Paschal Mystery—Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. St. Paul writes, "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Through His death, Jesus accomplished the ultimate act of deliverance, freeing humanity from the bondage of sin and death. The Catechism underscores this, teaching that "by celebrating the Last Supper with His apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning" (CCC 1340).

3. SYNAGOGUE WORSHIP AND THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Jewish synagogue worship involved the reading of the Torah and other Scriptures, prayers, and the giving of thanks. This form of worship profoundly influenced early Christian communities, especially in the Liturgy of the Word, which forms the first part of the Mass. Jesus Himself participated in this practice, as seen when He read from the book of Isaiah in the synagogue of Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21). The Liturgy of the Word continues this tradition by

reading from the Old and New Testaments, followed by the homily that explains the Scriptures.

The Early Church Fathers recognized this continuity. St. Justin Martyr, writing in the second century, explained that early Christian worship consisted of readings from the "memoirs of the Apostles" (the Gospels) and the "writings of the prophets," followed by a sermon and prayers (First Apology, 67). This clear connection shows how Christian liturgical practice springs from Jewish synagogue worship.

4. JEWISH FESTIVALS AND CHRISTIAN FEASTS

Jewish festivals, such as Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Booths, had deep liturgical significance in Jewish life. In the Christian liturgical calendar, these feasts are fulfilled and transformed. Pentecost, for example, was originally a Jewish harvest festival, but in the Christian context, it marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the birth of the Church (Acts 2:1-4). The Early Church recognized this fulfillment of Jewish feasts in Christian liturgy, as St. Irenaeus of Lyons wrote, "The law was given to the Jews by Moses, and the Word came to fulfill it, not destroy it" (Against Heresies, 4.9.1).

The Catechism explains that "in the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ, from His Incarnation and Nativity through His Ascension, to





Pentecost and the expectation of the blessed hope of the coming of the Lord" (CCC 1163). The Jewish liturgical year, centered on acts of salvation, finds its completion in the Christian liturgical year, which celebrates Christ's definitive act of salvation.

5. THE HEAVENLY LITURGY

Both Jewish and Christian liturgies anticipate the eternal worship of God in heaven. The Book of Revelation offers a vision of heavenly worship that mirrors the Christian liturgy, with its focus on the Lamb who was slain (Revelation 5:6-14). St. John Chrysostom explains this connection by stating, "Our sacrifice is the same as that which is offered in heaven... One Christ is everywhere, who offered the sacrifice that purifies us" (Homily on Hebrews 17:3).

The Catechism also highlights this connection, teaching that "in the earthly liturgy, we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy" (CCC 1090). Thus, the Christian liturgy does not only fulfill the Jewish liturgy in a historical sense but also points toward its ultimate fulfillment in eternal worship.

CONCLUSION

The Christian liturgy springs from the Jewish liturgical tradition but finds its ultimate fulfillment in Christ. The Temple sacrifices, Passover, synagogue worship, and Jewish festivals were all foreshadowings of the perfect sacrifice of Christ and the worship offered in the Mass. Through biblical support, teachings from the Catechism, and the wisdom of the Early Church Fathers, we can see that the Christian liturgy both preserves and completes the rich liturgical heritage of Israel. In this way, the Christian liturgy becomes not just a human tradition but a divine institution, connecting the faithful to the eternal worship of God in heaven.



MAKE CONVERSION: ENCOUNTERING THE SACRED BO KOWALSKI



Hi, my name is Bo. Some people know me only by that name, but my full names are Bogdan or Bogusław. They mean "God's gift" and "God's glory." I didn't always think much about that, but over time I began to see that maybe my life is somewhere between those two, receiving from God and trying, often imperfectly, to give something back to Him.

I come from Poland. I grew up during a time when faith was not something supported by the system around us. But for me, faith was never about opposing anything. It was something quieter. I always had this sense that there is Someone more, that there is a presence you can't explain, but you cannot ignore either.

As a boy, I served as an altar boy. I didn't understand everything, but I remember the silence, the altar, the Eucharist. Something there was real. That stayed with me.

As I got older, I kept searching. For some time, I even considered religious life, the monastery. I wanted to give my life fully, but I was still trying to understand what that means.

Later, I studied theology, I have a Master's in Dogmatic Theology. But I learned something important: knowing about God is not the same as knowing Him. You can read many books and say many prayers, and still be searching.

And I am still searching.

For me, coming to know God is more like waiting for the arrival of someone you love. You cannot sit still, you are attentive, you are expecting, you are open. That is how I understand faith now.

So, my story is simple. I am still on the way. Still searching. Still trying to respond.

Today I am on the path toward the Permanent Diaconate—not because I have found everything, but because I want to continue seeking and serving.

One thing that has become very important to me is how I pray. I am very grateful that I can receive Holy Communion kneeling. For me, kneeling is not just a gesture, it reminds me of reverence before the Giver of every gift I receive. When I kneel before God, I remember who I am and who He is.

I have also come to love "wasting time" with God, being with Him without rushing, without needing to achieve anything, simply remaining in His presence. And when I stand, I know that I am not strong because I stand on my own, but because He is always standing behind me, faithful to the very end, even to the final gift on the Cross.

And maybe my name says it best: I received something I did not earn, and I am still learning how to give glory back to the Giver of every gift I receive.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

All the small groups will be taking a break for the summer months. Each course ends with an evaluation by the participants. During Lent/Easter some attended the course: **When You Pray**. Here are some comments from the participants:

"This course opened my eyes, ears and heart more. I've learned to sit still and listen better and talk more to God. It would help parishioners to do the same."

"Our parishioners should take this course to deepen their relationship with God, God thirsts for our time and our love."

"Give God that "nothing" when you're distracted in prayer. We can still offer God our broken imperfect prayer."

"Best course so far. Very practical and encouraging advice whether you are new to praying daily or have prayed daily for many years. Many excellent points and great advice given."

"Going through the session has changed my prayer life and I look forward to the 30 day challenge. We can all benefit from thinking about where, when, why and how we pray and looking at prayer from the view of some saints and the church. The videos were wonderful and I was able to see places in the world I will probably never have the opportunity to see. There was also wonderful fellowship in the group."

Hopefully you will want to explore this course in the Fall. Currently, we are looking to offering When You Pray on Mondays at 7pm in the Koinonia Room and on Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 9. Watch the August bulletins for your opportunity to register.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Tom Vercruyse: 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



HEROES

DURING MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

★ COME HONOR OUR ★

— ALL ARE WELCOME! —

You do not need to have a loved one interred at one of our cemeteries to attend.

A gathering across our cemeteries at the locations and times listed below celebrated by distinguished members of the Diocese of Joliet.

† MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 †

- † **9:00 AM** ST. MARY CEMETERY, ELMHURST
 310 W. Alexander Blvd.
- † **9:00 AM** ST. JOHN CEMETERY, WINFIELD
 Summit & Gary Mills Rd.
- † **9:30 AM** SS CYRIL & METHIDIUS CEMETERY, JOLIET
 2001 Maple Rd.
- † **10:00 AM** RESURRECTION CEMETERY, ROMEOVILLE
 200 W. Romeo Rd.
- † **10:00 AM** ST. MARY NATIVITY CEMETERY, CREST HILL
 737 Caton Farm Rd.

BRING A
OUTDOOR
CHAIR
FOR SEATING.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
— DIOCESE OF JOLIET —

This Memorial Day, we remember the price of freedom— and the faith that honors it.

JOIN US ACROSS FIVE CEMETERIES AS AMERICA MARKS ITS 250TH YEAR.

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.

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.



Vacation Bible School

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.

We invite all children ages 4 years to 8th Grade to join us for Vacation Bible School **Monday, June 8th – Friday,**



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



Colleen McDonald

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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
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