

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NOV 16, 2025

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Office Hours:

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

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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.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

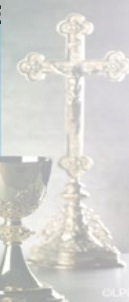
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15

4PM Mass

+Mildred & Stanley Kmiec

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 16

8AM Mass

+Carmen Saucedo

10:30AM Mass

+Albert Tassi



8:30AM Mass

Monday, November 17

+Jacek Lew

Tuesday, November 18

+Paulino Magtoto

Wednesday, November 19

+Michael Blossak

Thursday, November 20

+John & James McLaughlin

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.

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 a priest 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.

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

Sunday Collection
October 29—November 4, 2025
\$12,073.36

YTD Budget thru October 2025
\$178,333

YTD Actual thru October 2025
\$167,501

YTD Difference thru September 2025
-\$10,833



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

Diocese of Joliet

	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$70,231
Amount Paid	\$67,146
Balance Due	\$3,370
Donors	233
2025 Rebate	\$6,262

Updated 11/9/2025

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Nov 15/16-Human Development
Nov 22/23 -C.O.R.E



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.



Initiation Sacraments for Adults:

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation Through the parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process, adult candidates (individuals who were baptized and now wish to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church) may receive formation in the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. At the end of the instructional period, all candidates will complete their full initiation into the Church.

Adult Catechumen (individuals who seek to enter into the Catholic faith for the first time) will receive instruction in Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. At the end of the process, all catechumen will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. For more details contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.



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
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbock
A1C Ryan Leider
A1C Nicholas Pfeifer

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

NAVY:

LCDR Nicholas Lucania
Ryan James Ruizol



Cathy Alcozer	Bob Pauss
Bianca Marie Borowski	Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz
Michael Brann	
Micah Casey	Cindi Shea
Ady DeLargarza	Frank Staggs
Aldegunda Diego	Nancy Townsend
Thomas Franzen	Feliciano Vero
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales	Gloria Villanueva
Sarah Kasab	Salvatore Vivo
Jerad Klint	Joseph Yello
Therese Kotecki	Cyndi Zwadlo
Donald Lesmeister	
Michael Malek	

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!



Family Corporate Communion and Memorial Mass

Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council
"Celebrates Faith, Family, Fraternity"

at the 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Nov. 23

The Knights will remember deceased brothers:

Jennaro Altier	Seward McKenney
Jan Berezniak	Richard Mock
Chester Bogal	Joseph Morrissey
Joseph Bono	Ken Muller
Dan Bonk	Tony Melone
William Booth	Don Murray
David Bright	Leon Muscia
Vito Colella	Rich Nadboralski
Marvin Cnudde	John O'Brien
Paul Deering	Robert O'Connor
Robert Doane	Joe Patricelli
Gerald Donahue	Ken Peterson
Ed Fisher	Joe Piazza
Rev. Tom Fleming	George Pollock
Dino Franch	Bill Prena
Robert Gilhooly	John Rudy
Robert Gould	Dennis Ryan
Ron Haugen	Edmund Sabia
Larry Johnson	Steve Sandor
Richard Kiefer	Conrad Sivek
Ray Kolinski	Frank Specht
Tony Langfeld	Rev. Jess Testa
John Lombardo	Richard Wolf
Stuart Marsh	

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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.



In Memory of Carmen Saucedo

From Tina DiCapua

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

January 2026 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, 31/1
February 2026 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/1

(*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 Ann Marie Cozzone

From Mom Irene Imbrogno

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



SINS THAT CRY TO HEAVEN:

The Weight of Blasphemy and Injustice in Catholic Teaching

In Catholic theology, the gravity of sin is understood not just in terms of personal

morality but also in the broader context of divine justice and mercy.

Among the most grievous offenses are those that blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and those that "cry out to Heaven for vengeance."

These sins are particularly significant because they represent a deep rebellion against God's will and a rejection of the love and justice that should characterize human relationships.

Here, we delve into these categories of sin, their implications, and examples that illustrate their severity.

• SINS THAT BLASPHEME AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasizes that certain sins, when committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent, represent a direct affront to the Holy Spirit, who is the source of grace and sanctification.

These sins are seen as particularly grievous because they entail a rejection of God's mercy, the foundation of salvation.

1. DESPAIRING OF SALVATION

Explanation: Despair is the sin of believing that one's sins are too great to be forgiven, thus rejecting the infinite mercy of God.

This attitude implies that God's love and power are insufficient to save, which is a profound denial of the divine nature.

Example: A person who, after committing grave sins, refuses to seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation because they believe that God cannot forgive them.

This despair not only separates them from God but also from the hope of eternal life.

Biblical Reference: Judas Iscariot's despair after betraying Jesus, leading to his suicide (Matthew 27:3-5), is often cited as an example of this sin. Unlike Peter, who denied Christ but sought forgiveness, Judas lost hope in God's mercy.

2. PRESUMPTION OF SALVATION

Explanation: Presumption occurs when someone believes they are guaranteed salvation without the need for repentance or a life of virtue.

This sin is rooted in pride and self-reliance, assuming that one can achieve salvation without God's grace or by one's own merit.

Example: A person who continues to live in sin, believing that God will forgive them regardless of their actions, exhibits presumption.

This attitude disregards the need for ongoing conversion and repentance.

Biblical Reference: The Pharisee in Jesus' parable, who boasted of his righteousness before God (Luke 18:9-14), presumed his salvation based on his works, unlike the tax collector who humbly sought mercy.

3. DENYING A TRUTH RECOGNIZED BY THE CHURCH

Explanation: Heresy, the willful denial or doubt of a truth that must be believed with divine and Catholic faith, is a sin against the Holy Spirit.

It involves placing one's judgment above the teaching authority of the Church, which is guided by the Holy Spirit.

Example: A Catholic who rejects the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist after it has been clearly explained to them is committing this sin.

They elevate personal understanding above the magisterium of the Church.

Biblical Reference: The warning in Hebrews 10:26-27 against continuing in sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth speaks to the danger of rejecting known truths.

4. ENVYING THE GRACE GIVEN TO OTHERS

Explanation: Envy is a sin that not only desires what others have but begrudges them their blessings. When this envy is directed at the spiritual gifts or graces that others receive, it becomes a sin against the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of all good gifts.

Example: A person who resents another's deepening relationship with God, rather than rejoicing in it, is guilty of this sin. This envy obstructs their own spiritual growth and grieves the Holy Spirit.

Biblical Reference: Cain's envy of Abel's favor with God, leading to the first murder (Genesis 4:1-16), exemplifies how envy can corrupt the soul.

5. OBSTINACY IN SIN

Explanation: Obstinacy is the stubborn refusal to repent and amend one's life, even after receiving divine illumination.

This sin is a direct defiance of the Holy Spirit's work in guiding souls toward truth and conversion.

Example: A person who repeatedly justifies their sinful actions despite knowing they are wrong, refusing to change, demonstrates obstinacy in sin. This hardens their heart against the grace of God.

Biblical Reference: Pharaoh's hardened heart in the face of God's signs and wonders (Exodus 7-11) is an archetype of obstinacy, leading to his downfall.

6. FINAL IMPENITENCE

Explanation: Final impenitence is the refusal to repent even at the moment of death. It represents a life-long rejection of God's mercy, sealing one's separation from God for eternity.

Example: A person who, on their deathbed, continues to refuse reconciliation with God, despite being aware of their need for repentance, embodies final impenitence.

Biblical Reference: The rich man in the parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31), who did not repent even after death, serves as a warning of the consequences of impenitence.

• THE FOUR SINS THAT CRY TO HEAVEN FOR VENGEANCE



These sins are particularly grievous because they represent severe injustices that disrupt the social order and cry out for divine justice.

1. MURDER

Explanation: Murder, the willful taking of innocent life, is a grave sin that cries out to God for justice. It violates the fundamental right to life, a gift from God.

Example: The ongoing issue of abortion, where innocent lives are taken, is a modern

manifestation of this sin.

The Church's firm stance against abortion reflects its understanding of the sanctity of life.

Biblical Reference: The murder of Abel by Cain (Genesis 4:10) illustrates how innocent bloodshed demands justice from God.

2. THE SIN OF SODOM

Explanation: The sin of Sodom includes not only sexual immorality but also pride, gluttony, and neglect of the poor. It represents a total moral corruption that offends God.

Example: Societies that promote and normalize sexual immorality and neglect the needs of the poor and vulnerable are engaging in this sin.

The Church's teaching on the dignity of human sexuality and care for the poor is a response to such moral decay.

Biblical Reference: The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19) serves as a warning against collective immorality.

3. OPPRESSION OF THE POOR, WIDOWS, AND ORPHANS

Explanation: Exploiting the vulnerable is a sin that deeply offends God, who is the protector of the weak. This sin includes systemic injustices that keep people in poverty and deny them their rights.

Example: Modern examples include human trafficking and the exploitation of migrant workers. The Church's social teachings emphasize the need for justice and protection for the vulnerable.

Biblical Reference: God's commands in Exodus 22:22-23 to protect widows and orphans reflect the seriousness of this sin.

4. DEFRAUDING WORKERS OF THEIR WAGES

Explanation: Withholding just wages is a sin that cries out for justice because it deprives workers of their rightful compensation, often leading to further poverty and suffering.

Example: The exploitation of workers in sweatshops or the denial of fair wages in various industries today reflects this sin. The Church advocates for just wages and the rights of workers, in line with Catholic social teaching.

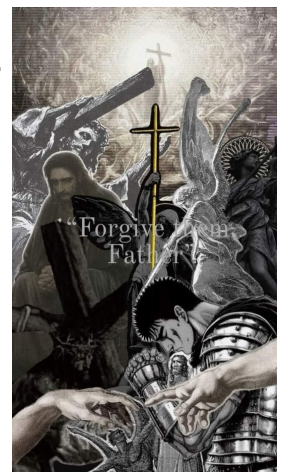
Biblical Reference: James 5:4 highlights the sin of withholding wages from laborers, emphasizing that such an act is an affront to God.

CONCLUSION

These grievous sins highlight the severe consequences of rejecting God's mercy, justice, and love.

They are sins not only against individual morality but also against the divine order and human dignity.

The Catholic Church, through its teachings and actions, continually calls the faithful to repentance, justice, and the love of God and neighbor, urging all to avoid these sins and to seek reconciliation through the mercy of God.



CCW & MORE

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Please join Pope Leo in praying his November 2025 intention:

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



Holy Ghost Council 10325 is offering 7 different Achatz pies for Thanksgiving.

ACHATZ PIES are rated by the Food Network as "Best Handmade Pies in America."

Make your Thanksgiving Dinner special with a delicious pie and support the charitable work of the Knights.

Fill out the form at the Holy Ghost Welcome Center

pay by cash or check payable to: K of C #10325.

Order online with credit/debit card with the QR code or

<http://knights-of-columbus-council-10325.square.site>

Orders must be received by Noon Friday November 14.

Pick-up pies in the gym between 3 pm and 6 pm Tuesday November 25.



Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

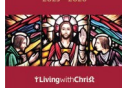
It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoli.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!



SUNDAY
MISSAL
2025 - 2026



The new Sunday Missals
are for sale in the
church office for \$5.

IT'S TIME TO PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS HG CCW IS OFFERING POINSETTIA PLANTS

LARGE PLANT: \$32.00 each

Red, 6.5" pot 8+ blooms

QTY: _____

Marble, 6.5" pot 8+ blooms

QTY: _____

Total: \$ _____



SMALL PLANT: \$12.00 each

Red, 4.5" pot, 3+blooms

QTY: _____

Premium Ice Crystal, 4.5" pot

QTY: _____

Holiday Swag \$12.00 each

QTY: _____



Total: \$ _____

Christmas Bough \$15.00 each

QTY: _____

Total: \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Orders must be pre-paid by December 2nd

Mail-in, drop in offering basket or at Parish Office.

Pick up Poinsettias after all masses: December 6th & 7th.



2025 Advent Tea Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women

Friday, December 12, 2025 at 6:00pm

Featured Speaker: Fr. Tony Pizzo



On December 12 we cordially invite the men and women of the Parish to attend our second annual Advent Tea in the Holy Ghost gym. An intimate discussion with Fr. Tony Pizzo, Prior Provincial of the Augustinians, and close friend of Pope Leo, will be part of our evening's activities. Fr. Tony will discuss the Holy Father's papal mission and our role in it. Come as a single or come with a group. All are welcome where we will enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, and sweet treats. For more information call or contact Gina Reckard at 630-536-7427, or by email at ginareckard@gmail.com.

Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please return the slip below with your check by **December 1st** to reserve your spot. Please mark your envelope "Advent Tea" and drop in the collection, the Box at the Welcome Center, or at the Parish Office. Payment by credit card is available. Please see the QR code below. We hope to see you there!

Please print: 2025 CCW Advent Tea

Name (s) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number of spots reserved _____ @ \$20 pp. = \$ _____

Enclose your check to: Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women.

Scan the QR code to pay by CC.



ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2: THE ANNUNCIATION
DECEMBER 9: THE VISITATION
DECEMBER 16: THE NATIVITY

TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM

The discipleship team invites you, your family, and friends to join us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Each week builds on the season of Advent.

Centering on Mary this Advent, we will pray together with song; gospel readings; reflection; a reverse collection where you get to take a token of the season from the basket, and end each evening with a litany to our blessed mother. Our prayer service will last less than an hour and support your Advent journey for the remainder of the week.

Don't let another Advent disappear because of the busyness of presents, tinsel and wrapping paper. Join us!

**MAKE JESUS AND MARY
THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**



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Donate to the CCHD campaign this weekend!

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

Since 2023, our own local grants from this collection have amounted to nearly \$100,000 being awarded to organizations within our diocese including food pantries and resource center for families.

For more information, scan the QR Code



NEWS & EVENTS

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



Bishop Hicks' Pastoral Letter to Us: MAKE

The Discipleship Team in their beginning discussion of the MAKE document, brainstormed all that we currently offer under Catechesis:

At Holy Ghost, we have Faith Formation for grade school children as well as sessions for their parents; OCIA for those wanting to become full members of our church; a yearly Parish Mission; Soup and Scripture; Vacation Bible School; seasonal Prayer Services; and a huge variety of courses for adults and teens over the past 5 years and continuing this year: Discovering Christ, Following Christ, Sharing Christ, Metanoia, Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, Be Formed, No Greater Love, Mary...a Biblical Journey with the Blessed Mother, Boundless Compassion, When You Pray, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, The Rescue Project.

While it seems like we may be offering quite a bit, we know that we need many different offerings to meet the needs of our diverse community. Many parishioners join us during the Fall and Lenten courses and for that we are grateful however, there are still many who do not join with their fellow parishioners to grow in faith and community through catechesis...we encourage everyone! What would you like to see offered in the future? One suggestion was a weekly scripture study on the Gospel of the week or ????? We look forward to your suggestions as we implement Bishop Hicks' Pastoral Letter: MAKE

Questions for Reflection on this first part of the letter:

- How have I personally experienced God's love for me?
- Has my understanding of God's love changed over the years? How?

..."Go and make disciples of all nations..."

Susan Tutaj, Coordinator of Discipleship
stutaj@holyghostparish.org 630-860-3691

Fannie May Faith Formation Fundraiser

Fannie May flyer and order forms are available in the vestibules, welcome center and the parish office.

- **All order forms and payments are due by Sunday, November 16.**
- Orders will arrive just in time for the holidays—perfect for gift-giving!
- **Pick up is Sunday, December 14.**

Your participation truly makes a difference, and we're grateful for your continued support.