CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | **ALL SAINTS** | **#1310**

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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.

Knights of Columbus Council #10325

Website: kofc10325.org
Facebook: facebook.com/kofc10325



ALL SAINTS DAY

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them." Matthew 5:1-2

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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.

Home-bound:
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.

Pray the **Rosary** with us Monday through Thursday at 9 AM and on Thursday evenings at 7PM

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3 to 3:45PM.

WELCOME

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

All Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31

4PM Mass

+Irene Rossa

Sunday, November 1

8AM Mass

+Frank Berlen

10:30AM Mass

+Joseph DiCiolla

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Weekday INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2

+Patricia Majcan

Tuesday, November 3

+Gerri Kentgen

Wednesday, November 4

+Eamon McLaughton

For the deceased members of the Quigley Seminary Class of 1969

Thursday, November 5

+Frank Rice

Friday, November 6

+Gustavo Guzman

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.

Baptismal prep classes:
Our baptismal preparation classes are held on the first Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. Please call us to register.
630-766-4509

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

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

Annulments:
If you have questions about an annulment or are interested in starting the process with the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Diocese of Joliet, please contact Susan Tutaj 630-536-7427 or stutaj@holyghostparish.org

Funerals:
To schedule a funeral or memorial service for a loved one, please contact Fran Hargadon at 630-860-2975. Our parish community is here to support and comfort you during this difficult time.

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 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.

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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.



October 14 - October 20, 2026
$12,533.16

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
$11,150.00

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	$54,200
Amount Pledged	$67,621
Amount Paid	$62,816
Balance Due	$4,805
Donors	221
2026 Rebate	$6,031

Updated10/25/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Nov. 7/8 - Seminarian Education
Nov.14/15 - Campaign for Human Development
Nov. 21/22 - CORE

WeShare by Ministry Brands

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!

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



Pray for the Sick

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 Petrbok
A1C Ryan Leider
SRA Nicholas Pfeifer
A3C 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!



Cathy Alcozer
Bianca Marie Borowski
Michael Brann
Micah Casey
Ron Catalano
Joan Cattinari
John Davies
Rosemarie Davies
Thomas Franzen
Mike Kaiser
Sarah Kasab
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Michael Malek
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz
Georgia Schroeder
Cindi Shea
Frank Staggs
Holly Staggs
Nancy Townsend
Matt Vocino
Bernadette Watson
James Wilk
Phil Yanez
Joseph Yello
Cyndi Zwadlo
Colin
Special intention for Family GP

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

Celebration of Marriage



Congratulations to Dominick Joseph Santucci and Marissa June Mahan who were married at Holy Ghost by Fr. Larry Burnett on October 16, 2026.



ALL SOULS DAY

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am.

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
254 N Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale IL 60191.



Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

November 14/15, 21/22
December 12/13, 19/20
January 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/31

(*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 acknowledgment 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:
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at 254 N Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale IL 60191



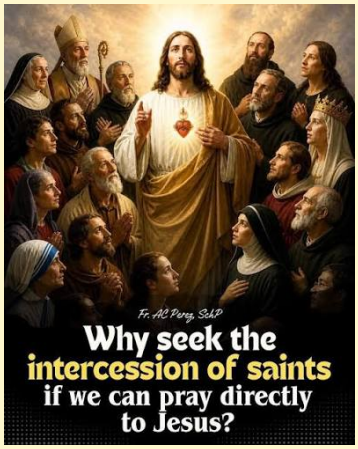
In Memory of Andreas Rzenna

From Margaret & Tony Rzenna

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

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM





HOW WE KNOW THAT THE SAINTS INTERCEDE FOR US BEFORE GOD:

In Catholic theology, the intercession of the saints is a key part of the Church's teaching on the communion of believers, both living and dead.

Catholics believe that the saints—those holy men and women who have lived virtuous lives and are now in heaven—can intercede to God on behalf of those still on earth.

This belief in the intercessory power of the saints is deeply rooted in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and it reflects the broader Catholic understanding of the Church as one unified body in Christ.

The saints' ability to intercede for us, often called the Communion of Saints, can be a profound source of comfort for Catholics, who look to these holy men and women as examples and as heavenly advocates who bring their petitions before God.

But how do we know that the saints have the capacity to intercede for us?

Let's explore this in-depth, considering Biblical foundations, theological principles, and examples from both tradition and Church history.

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1. THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR INTERCESSION

While some may question whether the saints can truly intercede for the living, Scripture provides several indications that the righteous—those who are united with God—can pray on behalf of others.

One important biblical passage is found in the Book of Revelation, which reveals a heavenly vision of the saints offering the prayers of the faithful to God.

In Revelation 5:8, St. John writes:

"And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

This passage suggests that those in heaven, symbolized by the twenty-four elders (interpreted as saints), are offering the prayers of those on earth to God.

This image of saints in heaven presenting earthly prayers confirms that they participate in the act of intercession, offering up the petitions of the faithful.

Another scriptural reference comes from Hebrews 12:1, where the author speaks of being surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses."

This metaphor suggests that the saints, having completed their earthly journeys, are spiritually present to assist and encourage those who are still striving to live holy lives.

While this passage doesn't directly mention intercession, it strongly suggests a connection between those who have gone before us and those still on earth.

2. THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS:

A Spiritual Bond Beyond Death

The belief in the Communion of Saints is central to Catholic doctrine and is explained in the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the communion of saints."

This refers to the spiritual union of all members of the Church—

- those on earth

(the Church Militant),

- those in purgatory

(the Church Suffering), and

- those in heaven

(the Church Triumphant).

This communion reflects the teaching of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, where he describes the Church as the Body of Christ, with Christ as the head.

In this mystical body, all members are interconnected, meaning that the saints, even though they are no longer physically present on earth, remain united with the Church and continue to care for and assist their fellow members.

In Catholic teaching, just as the living can ask each other to pray on their behalf, the faithful on earth can also ask the saints—who are alive in heaven—to intercede for them.

This is the basis for Catholic prayers like the Litany of Saints, where believers call upon the saints by name to pray for them.

3. THE SAINTS' INTERCESSION IN SACRED TRADITION

The Tradition of the Church also supports the practice of asking for the saints' intercession.

From the earliest centuries, Christians believed that the saints could intercede for them, a practice evident in the writings of the Church Fathers.

For example, St. Augustine (4th-5th century) affirmed the practice of asking for the saints' prayers, saying,

"At the Holy Table we do not commemorate the martyrs in the same way that we do others who rest in peace. Instead, we commend ourselves to their prayers."

Augustine recognized that the saints in heaven were powerful intercessors before God, and he encouraged the faithful to seek their prayers.

Similarly, St. Jerome (4th century), one of the greatest biblical scholars of the early Church, wrote in defense of the intercession of the saints, saying,

"If the apostles and martyrs, while still in the body, can pray for others, at a time when they must still be concerned for themselves, how much more will they do so after their crowns, victories, and triumphs?"

These early Church Fathers clearly believed in the efficacy of the saints' intercession, and this teaching has been consistently upheld throughout the centuries.

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4. EXAMPLES OF SAINTS' INTERCESSION IN CATHOLIC DEVOTION

Many Catholics can attest to the powerful intercession of the saints through their personal experiences and the long tradition of miracles attributed to their prayers.

Some of the most famous examples of saints interceding for the faithful come from the lives of the saints themselves.

One such example is St. Thérèse of Lisieux, known as the Little Flower.



St. Thérèse promised before her death that she would spend her time in heaven doing good on earth.

Since her death, countless Catholics have reported receiving graces and favors through her intercession.

Her promise, "I will let fall a shower of roses," has become associated with receiving answered prayers after asking for her help.

Another example is St. Padre Pio, a 20th-century priest known for his profound spirituality and miraculous abilities, such as the stigmata (the wounds of Christ).

During his life, many came to him for prayer, and after his death, countless miracles have been attributed to his intercession.

Devotees of Padre Pio testify to the efficacy of his prayers, and his shrine continues to attract pilgrims seeking his heavenly assistance.

Even more historical saints, such as St. Anthony of Padua, have well-established reputations for intercession.

St. Anthony is often invoked by Catholics to help find lost items, and many believers claim to have found missing objects through his prayers.

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5. THE THEOLOGICAL EXPLANATION OF INTERCESSION

From a theological perspective, the intercession of the saints is possible because of their union with Christ.

In heaven, the saints behold God face to face, a state known as the Beatific Vision.

They are fully united with God in love, and their wills are perfectly aligned with His will.

Therefore, when the saints intercede for us, they do so in perfect accordance with God's plan and desire for our lives.

This idea is reinforced by the Catholic teaching that Christ is the one true mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).

The intercession of the saints does not diminish or replace Christ's mediation but rather participates in it. The saints, as members of Christ's Body, share in His work of intercession because they are united with Him. In other words, their prayers are powerful precisely because they are united with Christ, the ultimate mediator.

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6. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ASKING FOR THE SAINTS' INTERCESSION

For Catholics, asking for the saints' intercession is a practice that deepens one's relationship with the larger Church community.

It fosters a sense of connection to the saints, who serve as models of holiness and encouragement for the faithful.

By praying to the saints, Catholics acknowledge that holiness is attainable and that the saints' virtues can inspire and guide them in their spiritual journeys.

For instance, someone seeking patience might turn to St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, who patiently prayed for her son's conversion for many years.

Those seeking courage might look to St. Joan of Arc, who faced persecution and death with unwavering faith.

Additionally, turning to the saints can provide comfort in times of suffering, as believers know they have heavenly advocates who are already enjoying the fullness of eternal life.

CONCLUSION:

The Saints, Our Heavenly Advocates

The Catholic Church's belief in the intercession of the saints is deeply rooted in the unity of the Church, the teachings of Scripture, and centuries of tradition.

The saints, who now live in the fullness of God's presence, are not disconnected from the faithful on earth but continue to intercede on their behalf, presenting their prayers to God.

From the early Church Fathers to contemporary saints, the intercession of holy men and women has been a source of inspiration, comfort, and miracles for countless Catholics throughout history.

In seeking the intercession of the saints, Catholics are reminded of the power of prayer, the importance of community, and the ultimate goal of joining the saints in heaven, where they too will participate in the eternal communion of love with God.





Please join Pope Leo in praying his November 2026 intention:

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



Advent Season is upon us and CORE is grateful for your past support. Our hope is that you can continue your generosity.

Some important information concerning the Advent Giving Tree. We will have the Advent Giving Tree again this season. Tags may be picked up from the tree on November 21st & 22nd. That is the week-end before Thanksgiving. Gifts should be brought to church on December 5th & 6th (2 weeks later). Advent season is a season of hope. Thank you for helping our Giving Tree recipients know the power of hope.

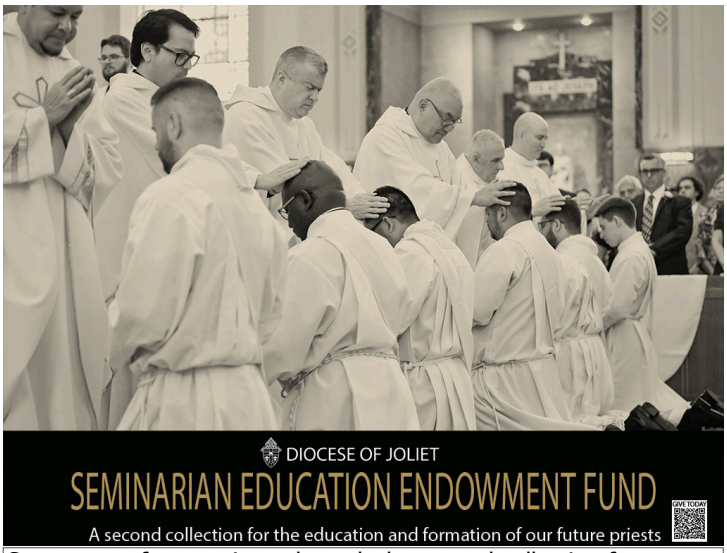
C.O.R.E. Christian Outreach Effort







Children's Bulletins Weekly Children's Bulletins, containing pictures, puzzles and information about the Sunday Scriptures are available in the vestibules. Children are welcome to take them home each week and Grandparents are invited to pick them up for their grandchildren.



Support our future priests through the second collection for Seminarian Formation!

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit has blessed the Diocese of Joliet with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 27 men in seminary formation, which costs $53,900 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has established this second collection.

At Masses next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for this effort. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, use your smart phone to scan this QR code:

Fannie May
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FUNDRAISING 2025

We're kicking off our Fannie May Fundraiser to support our Faith Formation program—and we need every parishioner to get involved!

Fannie May flyer and order forms are available in the vestibules, and the parish office. Use the forms to help gather orders from friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors. This is a simple (and sweet!) way to help raise funds for our program, including materials, retreats, and special events that help our children grow in faith.

Why This Matters:

For every sale made, our Faith Formation program receives 30% back—that's a big impact with each box of chocolate sold! Although these items may occasionally be available at a lower price in stores, purchasing through our fundraiser ensures that 30% of each sale directly supports our parish Faith Formation Program.

- **All order forms and payments are due by Sunday, November 15.**
- **Orders will arrive just in time for the holidays—perfect for gift-giving!**
- **Pick up is Sunday, December 6.**

Your participation truly makes a difference, and we're grateful for your continued support. Let's make this fundraiser a success for our kids and our parish community!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the parish office.



11/11/26, Livestream of Mass of Installation for Bishop-designate Brendan J. Cahill -

View the livestream of the Mass of Installation for Brendan J. Cahill as the seventh Bishop in the Diocese of Joliet on November 11, 2026, at 2:00 pm. https://youtube.com/live/cu1faZsXpiQ