CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 | **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **#1290**

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Parish Office Hours:

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

Faith Formation Office Hours:

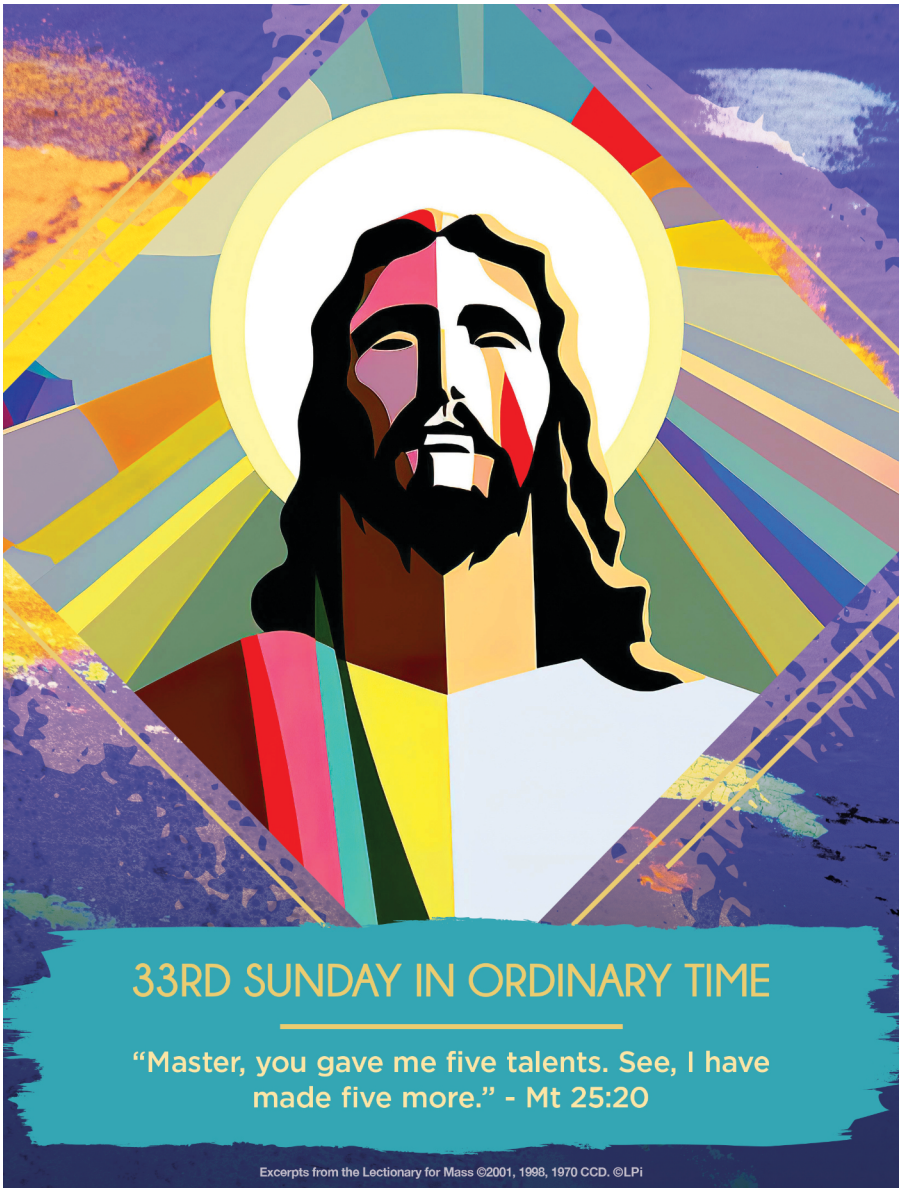
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509
(Located on the north side of the church in the Farrell Faith Formation Center)

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



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 15, 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14

4PM Mass

+Mildred & Stan Kmiec

Sunday, November 15

8AM Mass

+Tomasina Willis

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

10:30AM Mass

+Carol Zaremba

Weekday INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16

Health & Blessings for Julia Lamonica

Tuesday, November 17

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 18

+Esther Meehan

Thursday, November 19

+Anna Kurian

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.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

October 28 - November 3, 2026
$8,668.08

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
$11,150.00

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	$54,200
Amount Pledged	$68,017
Amount Paid	$63,522
Balance Due	$4,495
Donors	225
2026 Rebate	$6,526

Updated 11/08/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Nov.14/15 - Campaign for Human Development
Nov. 21/22 - CORE
Dec. 12/13 - Retirement for Religious
Dec. 19/20 - 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 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
George Hiller
Mike Kaiser
Sarah Kasab
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Michael Malek
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz
Laverne Peterson
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.

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR (NOV.)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

15 Fr. Reynaldo Treyes, Fr. Michal Twaruzek
16 Dcns. Daniel Simmet, Patrick Skelly, James Sossong, Anthony Spatafore
17 Sr. Jane Nienaber OSF, Sr. Teresa Noser OSF
18 Dcns. John Spiezio, Douglas Starasinich, Dennis F Stolarz, Frederick Straub, Robert Sullivan
19 Sr. Mary Lou Marchetti OSF, Sr. Joanne Marusa OSF
20 Fr. Julian von Duerbeck OSB, Fr. James Flint OSB
21 Dcns. Matthew Napoli, Joseph O'Donnell, Stephen Petrouske
22 Fr. Wolf VK Werling, Fr. Charles Wheeler
23 Dcns. Edward Szymanski, Jesus Tagle, Timothy Taylor, Terrence Taylor, Dennis F Theriault, Thomas Thiltgen
24 Fr. Luis Ron
25 Sr. Margaret McGuckin OSF
26 Sr. Mary Jean Morris OSF
27 Dcns. John Jensen, Charles Scott Parks Fr. Philip Timko OSB
28 Dcns. Saul Garcia, Reyes Gonzalez
29 Sr. Albert Marie Papesh OSF, Sr. Maria
30 Pesavento OSF, Sr. Phyllis Pitz OSF

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



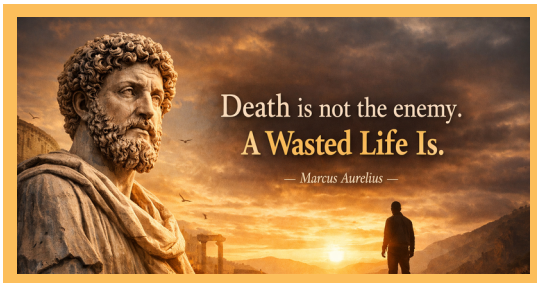
Deceased members of the Mersch Family

From Ed & Marge Thomka

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

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM





WHAT DEATH IS NOT:

A Catholic Exploration of Misconceptions and Truth

Death is a profound mystery that has captivated human thought for centuries, and it raises fundamental questions about life, meaning, and existence.

In Catholicism, death is seen through the lens of faith, with a focus on eternal life, resurrection, and God's divine plan.

However, there are many misconceptions about what death is, especially in secular and philosophical discussions. Let's explore what death is not, according to Catholic teaching.

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1. DEATH IS NOT THE END

One of the most important tenets of Catholic faith is the belief that death is not the end of human existence.

This is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who conquered death and promised eternal life to those who follow Him.

John 11:25-26 captures this belief clearly when Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not a cessation of existence.

In Catholic belief, the soul is immortal, and death marks a transition from earthly life to eternal life with God, or to eternal separation from Him.

For the faithful, death is the doorway to the fullness of life, rather than an ultimate conclusion.

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2. DEATH IS NOT A PUNISHMENT WITHOUT REDEMPTION

In Catholicism, death is often understood as a consequence of original sin, as outlined in Genesis 3:19, where God tells Adam that he will return to dust because of his disobedience.

However, death is not viewed as a punishment without hope.

Romans 6:23 states, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not a hopeless punishment.

Through Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, death has been transformed into an opportunity for redemption.

The Paschal Mystery—the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ—shows that death has been conquered, and through faith, death becomes the passage to eternal life with God.

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3. DEATH IS NOT MERELY A BIOLOGICAL EVENT

While death involves the cessation of biological life, Catholic theology teaches that death is not purely physical but spiritual as well.

The human person is a union of body and soul, and death is the separation of the soul from the body.

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not just a physical process or the end of bodily functions.

It is a profound spiritual event where the immortal soul departs from the temporal body.

Catholicism teaches that after death, the soul undergoes judgment and awaits the resurrection of the body at the end of time.

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4. DEATH IS NOT AN ESCAPE FROM RESPONSIBILITY

In some worldviews, death is seen as an escape from suffering or moral responsibility.

However, Catholic teaching is clear that death does not free a person from accountability for their actions.

Hebrews 9:27 says, "It is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment."

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not a way to evade moral responsibility.

After death, each person will face the Particular Judgment, where their soul is judged according to their deeds.

This judgment determines the soul's eternal destiny—heaven, purgatory, or hell.

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5. DEATH IS NOT TO BE FEARED AS ANNIHILATION

Many fear death because they see it as the annihilation of the self, a permanent void of nonexistence.

However, the Catholic Church teaches that death is not to be feared in this way.

Philippians 1:21 states, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not annihilation or oblivion.

For the faithful, death is a gain because it leads to eternal communion with God.

Catholics are encouraged not to fear death but to trust in the promise of the resurrection and eternal life.

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6. DEATH IS NOT THE LOSS OF PERSONAL IDENTITY

Some philosophical perspectives suggest that after death, personal identity is dissolved into the universe or absorbed into a collective consciousness. Catholicism rejects this view.

- What Death Is Not:



Death is not the loss of personal identity. Catholic teaching affirms that each individual soul retains its unique identity after death.

In heaven, the saints maintain their distinct personalities while being united with God.

The resurrection of the body at the end of time will also restore the fullness of personal identity, body and soul.

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7. DEATH IS NOT A FINAL SEPARATION FOR BELIEVERS

While death involves physical separation from loved ones, it is not a permanent separation for those who die in Christ.

The Communion of Saints doctrine teaches that the faithful on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven remain united.

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not a final separation for believers.

In the Catholic faith, the bonds of love, prayer, and communion extend beyond death.

The souls in heaven and purgatory can intercede for the living, and the living can pray for the dead.

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8. DEATH IS NOT WITHOUT MEANING

Some may view death as a meaningless event, a random or cruel interruption in life.

Catholicism offers a different perspective, where death has profound meaning in the context of God's providence.

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not meaningless. In Catholic theology, death is part of God's salvific plan.

It is a passage through which we are invited to share in Christ's own death and resurrection. Suffering and death, when united with Christ, take on redemptive value.

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9. DEATH IS NOT AN END TO LOVE

One misconception is that death marks the end of relationships and love between individuals.

However, Catholic teaching emphasizes that love transcends death.

The love shared between God and His people, as well as between individuals, continues beyond the grave.

Romans 8:38-39 assures us that "neither death nor life... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not an end to love. In the Catholic understanding, love is eternal, and the bonds of love endure even after physical death.

The love we experience on earth will find its fulfillment in God, who is love itself, and the faithful will experience this love in its fullness in heaven.

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10. DEATH IS NOT A DEFEAT FOR THE CHRISTIAN

For many, death is seen as a defeat, a tragic end that takes away life and hope.

However, in Catholic theology, death is not viewed as a defeat but as a victory through Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 triumphantly declares, "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

- What Death Is Not:

Death is not a defeat. In Catholicism, death has been defeated by Christ's resurrection.

It is no longer something to fear but a transition into eternal life.

For the faithful, death is a victory, as it leads to the ultimate goal of being united with God forever.

Through Christ's triumph over the grave, death becomes a gateway to new life rather than a final defeat.

CONCLUSION:

The Christian Hope in Death

In Catholic thought, death is viewed not as the end of existence, nor as a punishment without hope.

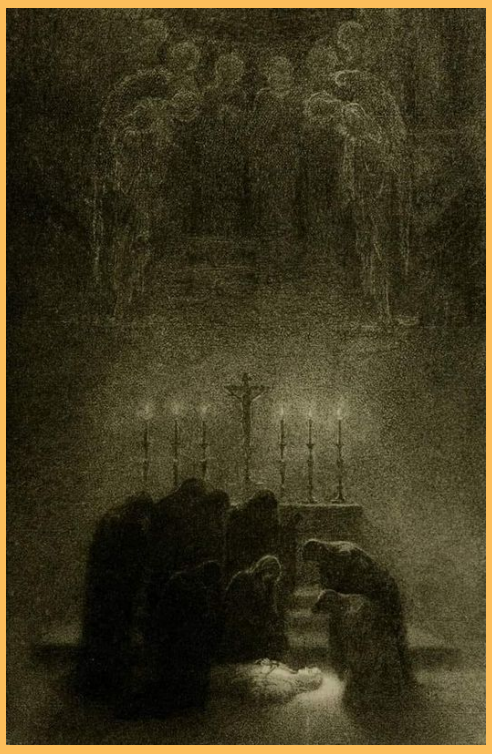
It is not the mere cessation of biological functions or an escape from moral responsibility.

Instead, death is a spiritual event that marks the transition to eternal life.

It does not annihilate personal identity, nor does it separate believers forever.

Most importantly, death has been transformed by Christ's own death and resurrection, providing hope, meaning, and the promise of eternal communion with God.

The Catholic view of death encourages the faithful to approach it not with fear, but with trust in God's mercy and hope in the resurrection, knowing that death is not the final word.



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 Tea

Friday, December 11, 2026
6 PM
Holy Ghost Gym

Featured Speaker:
Dr. Phillip Hardy, PhD
Benedictine University

Men and women of the Parish are invited to join us for our 3rd annual Advent Tea. Evening will include delightfully hearty tea fare and dessert. For more information call or contact Kelly Scardina at 630-670-7426, or by email at kelly9572@aol.com.

Cost is $25.00 per person.

Payment options:

- ***Sunday Collection***: Return the slip below with your check (made out to HGCCW) by **December 6th.** Please mark your envelope "Advent Tea".
- ***Easy Online evite and Credit Card payment***: Scan this QR code with your phone for information and payment.

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2026 CCW Advent Tea

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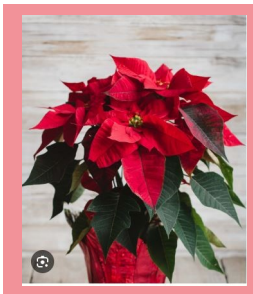
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Number of spots reserved _____@ $25 pp. **$**_____

Dietary restrictions?_____

Enclose your check to: Holy Ghost CCW

Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women





HG CCW POINSETTIA PLANT SALE

IT'S TIME TO PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS

LARGE PLANT: Red, 6.5"pot 8+ blooms

Qty: _____

Unit Price: $30.00 TOTAL: $ _____

SMALL PLANT: Red, 4.5" pot, 3+ blooms

Qty: _____

Unit price $ 12.00 TOTAL: $ _____

TOTAL PLANTS: _____

AMOUNT DUE: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____

Orders must be pre-paid by December 2nd, mail-in, drop in offering basket or at Parish Office.

Pick-up after all masses: December 5th & 6th

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.



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.

Holy Ghost Council 10325 is offering Achatz pies for Thanksgiving.

If you ordered pies from the Knights of Columbus you can **pick-up pies in the gym between 3 pm and 6 pm on Tuesday November 24.**



Fannie May
PREMIUM CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1920

FUNDRAISING 2025

- **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.

IF YOU MISSED OUR RAFFLE TICKET SALES AT CHURCH

YOU MAY STILL BUY THEM ONLINE UNTIL

Sunday, 11/29/26

PRIZES UP TO $10,000

RAFFLE BOOKS ARE $20 FOR 5 CHANCES

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COUNCIL 10325

Holy Ghost Church uses the MyParish App

Some of the features include:
Messages from the Parish
Fr. Sam's Homilies
The daily readings read at Mass
An easy-to-reference list of Catholic prayers with prayer reminders
A helpful examination of conscience and next confession reminder
A button for online giving
Parish information and directory
Bulletins

A reminder feature called "Mass Mode," for Mass and confession. This includes phone silencing notification to help encourage us all to be more present while at Holy Ghost

If you do not have the app, please download the MyParish App Classic from your app store. We are looking to enhance our communication with the parish by using the app on a more regular basis.