

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NOV 2, 2025

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)

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## Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm  
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630-860-2975

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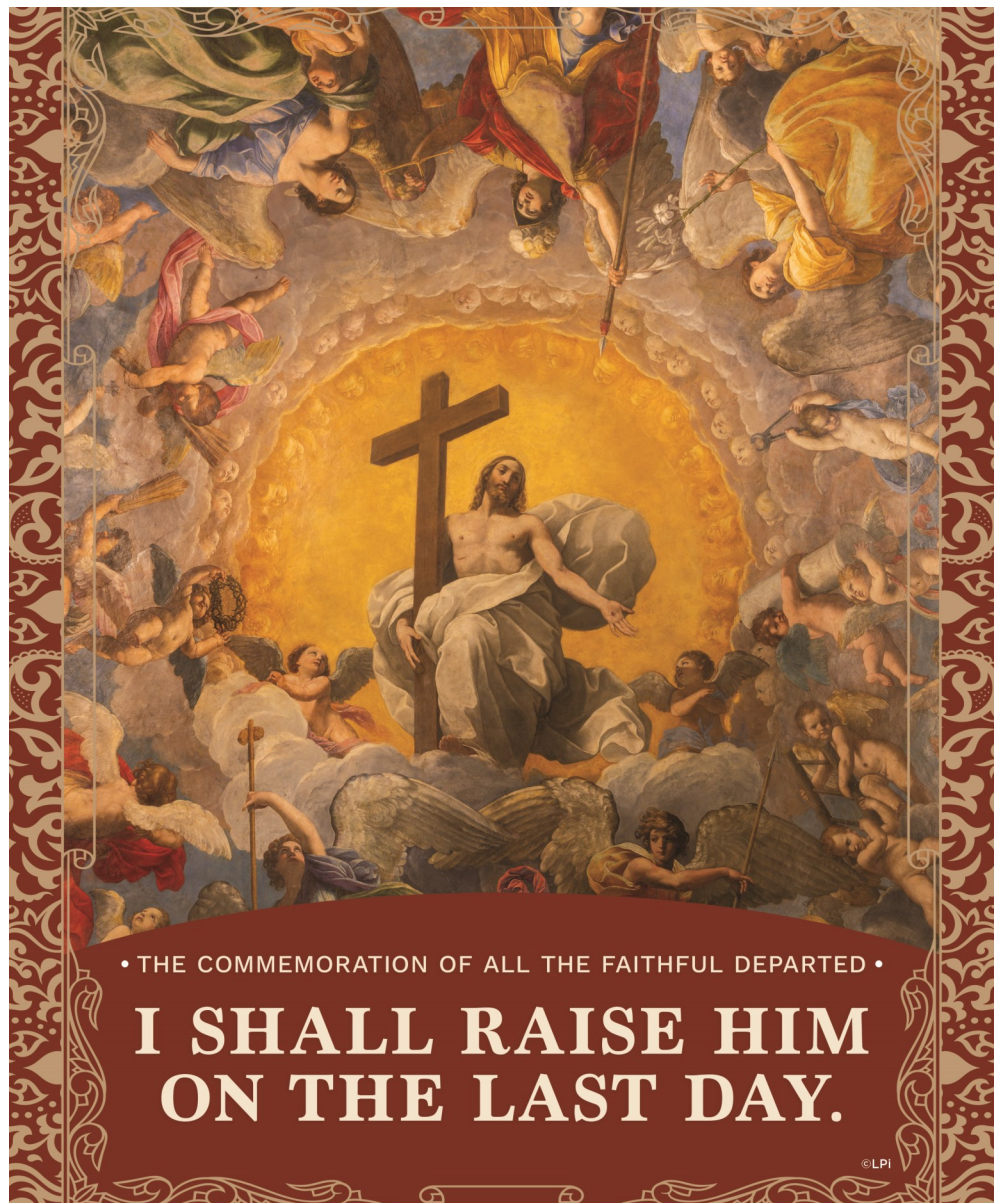
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm  
630-766-4509

(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.



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# I SHALL RAISE HIM ON THE LAST DAY.

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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.



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

November 2, 2025  
All Souls Day

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 1**

**4PM Mass**

**For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased**

**Sunday, November 2**

**8AM Mass**

**ALL SOULS NOVENA**

**For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased**

**10:30AM Mass**

**ALL SOULS NOVENA**



**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, November 3**

**ALL SOULS NOVENA**

**Tuesday, November 4**

**ALL SOULS NOVENA**

**Wednesday, November 5**

**ALL SOULS NOVENA**

**Thursday, November 6**

**ALL SOULS NOVENA**

**Friday, November 7**

**ALL SOULS NOVENA**

### 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](mailto: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 15–October 21, 2025**  
**\$8,855.25**

YTD Budget thru September 2025  
\$133,750

YTD Actual thru September 2025  
\$125,829

YTD Difference thru September 2025  
**-\$7,921**



**Catholic Ministries**  
**Annual Appeal**

Diocese of Joliet

|                | 2025     |
|----------------|----------|
| Parish Goal    | \$58,200 |
| Amount Pledged | \$70,131 |
| Amount Paid    | \$65,456 |
| Balance Due    | \$4,675  |
| Donors         | 228      |
| 2025 Rebate    | \$5,079  |

Updated 10/26/2025

### UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Nov 8/9 –Seminar Education Endowment

Nov 15/16-Human Development

Nov 22/23 –C.O.R.E



### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



### Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation

Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation Program for children ages 4 through Parish 8 **began on September 7, 2025**. Its not too late to register. Forms can be found on the Holy Ghost web site at [www.HolyGhostparish.org](http://www.HolyGhostparish.org) or on the Welcome Center.

Do you know any older teens or adults that want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or may want to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation? If you know anyone needing Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation have them contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509.



## 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  
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek  
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec  
SSGT Robert W. Dones  
SSGT Timothy Latvis  
SRA Randall Petrbook  
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

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Bianca Marie Borowski    | Cindi Shea        |
| Micah Casey              | Frank Staggs      |
| Aldegunda Diego          | Feliciano Vero    |
| Thomas Franzen           | Gloria Villanueva |
| Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales  | Salvatore Vivo    |
| Jerad Klint              | Joseph Yello      |
| Therese Kotecki          | Cyndi Zwadlo      |
| Michael Malek            |                   |
| Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz |                   |

**And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.**

### Military and Prayer List

Please email: [hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org)  
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975  
to add or remove a name from the list.

**Thank you!**



We welcome Gabriel Alexander Kelly and Elena Crowley who were recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.



## PRAYER & WORSHIP

November 2, 2025  
**All Souls Day**

### 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 Judy Iovielli

From Myrtle Ciesla

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

**November 27** (Thanksgiving day)  
**January 2026** 3/4, 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.



### For Healing of Sandy's Nephew

From Anita Fischer

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



### THE MIRACLES OF JESUS:

Signs and Lessons in the Catholic Tradition

In Catholic theology, the miracles of Jesus are not just demonstrations of His divine power; they are deeply meaningful signs meant to teach spiritual and

moral lessons.

Each miracle serves as a revelation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, the Messiah, and as an invitation to faith, repentance, and transformation.

Below is an enumeration and in-depth exploration of key miracles of Jesus, categorized into types, with an explanation of the lessons they impart according to Catholic understanding.

### 1. MIRACLES OF HEALING

These miracles demonstrate Jesus' compassion and His authority over physical ailments, reflecting the healing and restorative nature of God's Kingdom.

- Healing the Blind Man (John 9:1-12):
- Lesson: This miracle is about spiritual blindness.

The physical healing of the blind man symbolizes the opening of spiritual eyes to see the truth of Christ.

It teaches that faith in Jesus brings spiritual enlightenment.

- Healing the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12):
- Lesson: Jesus first forgives the man's sins before healing him, demonstrating that spiritual healing (forgiveness) is more important than physical healing.

This shows Jesus' authority to forgive sins and invites believers to seek spiritual health.

- Healing the Leper (Luke 5:12-16):
- Lesson: Lepers were outcasts, symbolizing sin's isolating power.

Jesus' healing of the leper shows that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy.

It teaches the inclusivity of God's love and the importance of

compassion.

- Healing the Centurion's Servant (Matthew 8:5-13):
- Lesson: This miracle highlights the power of faith.

The centurion, a Gentile, believes in Jesus' authority without needing His physical presence.

It teaches that faith transcends cultural and ethnic boundaries and that God's grace is available to all who believe.

- Healing of the Woman with the Issue of Blood (Mark 5:25-34):
- Lesson: This miracle teaches persistence in faith.

The woman's faith is personal and determined, leading to her healing.

It also illustrates the transformative power of an encounter with Jesus.

### 2. MIRACLES OF NATURE

These miracles demonstrate Jesus' dominion over the natural world, illustrating His divine authority as the Creator.

- Calming the Storm (Mark 4:35-41):
- Lesson: The calming of the storm represents Jesus' power over chaos and fear. It teaches that faith in Christ brings peace in the midst of life's storms, emphasizing trust in His divine protection.
- Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-14):
- Lesson: This miracle symbolizes God's provision and the Eucharist.

Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fish, showing that God's grace is abundant and sufficient.

It teaches the importance of spiritual nourishment and the generosity of God.

- Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33):
- Lesson: Jesus walking on water teaches about faith and trust.

Peter's attempt to walk towards Jesus symbolizes the journey of faith, which can be fraught with doubts.

The miracle emphasizes keeping one's focus on Christ to overcome fear and doubt.



- The Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11):

- Lesson: This miracle is a call to discipleship. The abundant catch after a fruitless night of fishing symbolizes the fruitfulness of responding to Jesus' call. It teaches the importance of obedience to Christ and the promise of spiritual abundance.

### 3. MIRACLES OF EXORCISM

These miracles demonstrate Jesus' power over evil and His mission to liberate humanity from demonic oppression.

- Exorcism of the Gerasene Demoniac (Mark 5:1-20):

- Lesson: The liberation of the demoniac shows Jesus' authority over evil spirits and His desire to restore individuals to their rightful dignity.

It teaches the transformative power of God's grace and the possibility of new life free from the bondage of evil.

- Healing the Boy with a Demon (Matthew 17:14-21):

- Lesson: This miracle underscores the power of faith and prayer. The disciples' inability to cast out the demon highlights the need for deep faith and reliance on God. It teaches that spiritual power comes through faith and communion with God.

- Exorcism in the Synagogue (Mark 1:21-28):

- Lesson: Jesus' authority is immediately recognized by the demon, emphasizing His divine power over all creation.

The lesson here is that the presence of Christ dispels evil and brings holiness, inviting believers to acknowledge His sovereignty.

### 4. MIRACLES OF RESURRECTION

These miracles point to Jesus' power over life and death, prefiguring His own Resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

- Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44):

- Lesson: This miracle is a profound sign of Jesus' power over death and a foreshadowing of His own Resurrection.

It teaches the promise of eternal life for those who believe in Christ and emphasizes the importance of faith even in the face of death.

- Raising the Widow's Son at Nain (Luke 7:11-17):

- Lesson: This miracle reflects Jesus' compassion and His authority over life. It teaches the value of life and the hope of resurrection, affirming that in Christ, death is not the end.

- Raising Jairus' Daughter (Mark 5:21-43):

- Lesson: The raising of Jairus' daughter teaches that Jesus brings life where there was death, and that faith should be maintained even when situations seem hopeless. It emphasizes the need for perseverance in faith.

### 5. MIRACLES OF PROVISION

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These miracles highlight Jesus' ability to meet both physical and spiritual needs, symbolizing God's abundant grace.

- Turning Water into Wine (John 2:1-11):

- Lesson: This first miracle of Jesus at the wedding at Cana is about transformation.

The miracle symbolizes the transformative power of Jesus, turning the ordinary into the extraordinary.

It also foreshadows the Eucharist and teaches that God brings joy and abundance into the lives of the faithful.

- Feeding the 4,000 (Matthew 15:32-39):

- Lesson: Similar to the feeding of the 5,000, this miracle emphasizes God's providence and care. It teaches the inclusivity of God's blessings, extending beyond Israel to all nations.

- Coin in the Fish's Mouth (Matthew 17:24-27):

- Lesson: This miracle teaches about God's provision and the importance of fulfilling obligations. Jesus provides for the temple tax in a miraculous way, showing that God will provide what is needed to fulfill His purposes.

### CONCLUSION:

Miracles as Signs of the Kingdom

In Catholic teaching, every miracle of Jesus is not just a display of power but a sign pointing to the Kingdom of God.

These miracles reveal who Jesus is—God incarnate, the Savior, the one who brings healing, liberation, provision, and life.

Each miracle is an invitation to deeper faith, a call to conversion, and a foretaste of the fullness of life that God offers.

Understanding these miracles within the Catholic perspective involves recognizing that they are sacramental in nature—visible signs of invisible grace.

They are meant to lead believers into a deeper relationship with God, a stronger faith in Christ, and a more profound commitment to living out the Gospel in their daily lives.



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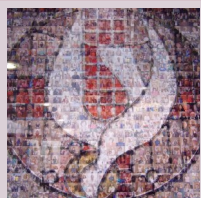
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### Please join Pope Leo in praying his November 2025 intention:

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.

## DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



### MAKE: A PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

In October, Bishop Hicks released his Pastoral Letter: MAKE to the people of our Diocese. Your Discipleship Team here at Holy Ghost are carefully reading the document to identify areas we are already

tending to and areas we need to expand as disciples.

In the coming months I will quote sections of the letter in the bulletin and newsletter so that all parishioners can become familiar with it and know how our parish is responding. As you read these articles, please feel free to reach out to me if you have additional ideas for the staff and discipleship team to consider.

From Bishop Hicks: "If we are to grow as a thriving vibrant Church, one serious about passing on the faith to future generations, we must move from maintenance to mission. To make this shift, I have invited everyone to follow a vision focused on three essential paths summarized in five words: Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action."

The discipleship team began with **CATECHESIS** to name how we are currently supporting in our parish. We need to remember that catechesis puts us in touch with the person of Jesus and is a lifelong journey which engages our heads and our hearts. You might say the parish has a responsibility to support growth and knowledge in one's faith from womb to tomb. (to be continued)

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



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



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.



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## 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.

## 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](http://diojoli.org/cemeteries) for more details. We're here to help!



## The Propaedeutic and Discipleship Stages

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF JOLIET



A man's formation for priesthood takes place over the course of four stages. The first of these is the Propaedeutic Stage, a year of preparation before diving into academic work. During this year, the seminarian takes time to build a solid foundation in prayer, Scripture, catechesis and community. It is a season of deepening conversion where one learns to live a Christian rhythm of life. The goal is simple: to help a man center his life on Christ.

Upon completion of the Propaedeutic Stage, a man begins the Discipleship Stage, during which a man begins the study of philosophy. Concurrently, the seminarian deepens his understanding and witness as a follower of Jesus in daily life. He grows in virtue, learns self-discipline, and gains a broad understanding of the human person and the world through his studies. It is a time of becoming a "disciple in heart and mind."

Together, these two stages foster the necessary interior and exterior freedom to hear and respond to the call to the priesthood. Without a firm spiritual foundation built on the habits of a true disciple, later formation would lack stability. The priesthood is not a job one takes up but a calling one receives—and the earliest stages are about preparing the soil so that the Lord's call can take root and flourish.

This is Part 2 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

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 the weekend of Nov 8-9**, 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:



## All Souls Day Readings

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#### Reading I

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

#### Reading II

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

#### Gospel

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."