



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

## A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

#1295

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*Pastor*

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*Permanent Deacon*

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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.



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

### 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 23, 2025

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 22**

**4PM Mass**

**+Paul DeMichele**

**Sunday, November 23**

**8AM Mass**

**+Eliabeth Pauscher**

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

**10:30AM Mass**

**+Sister Angela Walsh**



**8:30AM Mass**

**Monday, November 24**

**The Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Monaco Family**

**Tuesday, November 25**

**+Francis & Kathleen Schmidt**

**Wednesday, November 26**

**+Thomas Pace**

**Thursday, November 27**

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

### 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@holychurchparish.org](mailto:hgbulletin@holychurchparish.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

**November 5 — November 11, 2025**  
**\$14,440.60**

YTD Budget thru October 2025  
\$178,333

YTD Actual thru October 2025  
\$167,501

YTD Difference thru October 2025  
**-\$10,833**



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

*Diocese of Joliet*

	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$70,966
Amount Paid	\$68,271
Balance Due	\$2,695
Donors	234
2025 Rebate	\$7,049

Updated 11/16/2025

### UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

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](mailto: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

November 23, 2025

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

### Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### Food for the Banquet

A beautiful way to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, is through providing Food for the Banquet. You may mail your request with your \$50 contribution to Holy Ghost Church at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.



### In Memory of Ann & Ronald Gober

From Carol Gober

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

**February 2026** 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/1

**March 2026** 7/8, 14/15, 28/29

(\*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 Phil Bendix

From Halina Suarski Family

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

## EVENTS & MORE

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## CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM



### THE TRIPLE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Teaching, Sanctifying, and Governing in Christ's Name

The Catholic Church, established by Jesus Christ, carries a threefold mission: to teach, sanctify, and govern.

These distinct but interconnected responsibilities are rooted in Christ's own commands and His example, forming the very essence of the Church's purpose and activities in the world.

Let's delve into each of these missions to understand their significance and how they manifest in the life of the Church.

### 1. THE MISSION TO TEACH:



Proclaiming the Gospel to All Nations  
Biblical Foundation: Jesus commanded His apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20).

This directive establishes the Church's fundamental role as a teacher, responsible for spreading the Gospel and instructing the faithful in Christian doctrine.

Explanation:

The mission to teach is about proclaiming the truths of the Gospel and ensuring that every generation understands and lives according to God's revelation.

This includes catechesis, preaching, theological education, and moral instruction. The Church, through its bishops, priests, catechists, and educators, tirelessly works to share the teachings of Christ with all people.

Examples:

- Preaching and Homilies:

During Mass, priests and deacons deliver homilies that expound on Scripture and relate it to contemporary life, helping the faithful to understand and live out their faith.

- Catechism and Religious Education:

Catholic schools and parish religious education programs teach children and adults the doctrines of the faith, ensuring a strong foundation in Catholic teaching.

- Evangelization Efforts:

Missionaries and evangelists spread the Christian message to those who have not yet heard it, often risking their lives to bring the Gospel to distant lands.

### 2. THE MISSION TO SANCTIFY:



Administering the Sacraments and Leading in Holiness

Biblical Foundation: Christ also charged His apostles with the mission to sanctify, saying, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19) and "This is my body... Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

This authority to sanctify is further reinforced when He says, "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained" (John 20:23).

Explanation:

The mission to sanctify involves the administration of the sacraments, which are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace.

Through the sacraments, the Church helps the faithful grow in holiness, receive God's grace, and prepare for eternal life. The sacraments are the means by which the divine life is dispensed to us, transforming believers into the likeness of Christ.

Examples:

- Baptism:

Through Baptism, individuals are cleansed of original sin, become members of the Church, and begin their journey of faith.

- Eucharist:

The Church celebrates the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life, offering the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful for their spiritual nourishment.

- Reconciliation (Confession):

The sacrament of Reconciliation provides a way for believers to confess sins, receive absolution, and restore their



relationship with God and the Church.

### 3. THE MISSION TO GOVERN:



Guiding the Church Community in Faith and Morals  
Biblical Foundation:  
Jesus gave His apostles the authority to govern the Church, saying, "If he refuses to hear even the Church,

let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican... Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound also in heaven; and whatever you shall loose upon earth shall be loosed also in heaven" (Matthew 18:17-18).

He further affirmed this authority with the words, "He who hears you, hears me; and he who rejects you, rejects me" (Luke 10:16).

#### Explanation:

The mission to govern involves the Church's responsibility to lead and guide the faithful in faith and morals. This includes establishing and maintaining doctrinal unity, administering church laws, and making pastoral decisions that promote the spiritual welfare of the Church's members.

The authority to govern is exercised through the Magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, which includes the Pope and the bishops in communion with him.

#### Examples:

##### - Doctrinal Authority:

The Church defines and clarifies doctrines to ensure faithfulness to the teachings of Christ. Councils, such as the Council of Trent or Vatican II, have clarified and defined essential teachings in response to theological controversies.

##### - Canon Law:

The Church's legal system, known as Canon Law, provides guidelines for governance, liturgy, marriage, and other aspects of ecclesial life, ensuring order and discipline within the Church.

##### - Pastoral Decisions and Discipline:

The Church makes decisions on pastoral matters such as the formation of clergy, the administration of sacraments, and the guidance of laypeople in their spiritual lives.

### CONCLUSION:

The Church's Unified Mission in Service of God's Kingdom  
The threefold mission of the Catholic Church—teaching, sanctifying, and governing—reflects Christ's own ministry on earth and continues His work in the world today.

Through these missions, the Church fulfills her role as the Body of Christ, guiding the faithful in truth, bringing them closer to God through the sacraments, and governing them in love and justice.

Each mission is integral to the Church's identity and purpose, serving to build up the Kingdom of God and lead all people to salvation in Jesus Christ.

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### CORE (Christian Out Reach Effort)

Three days after Thanksgiving and the First Sunday of Advent is upon us. Fitting that these two themes occur so close together.

A way to express or show our gratitude for what we have is to share with those in need. This attitude is evident at Holy Ghost Parish. Our monthly CORE collection gives us a reminder of this attitude, as well as an opportunity to put it into practice.

With Advent comes our practice of the Giving Tree and the practice of outreach to those who need help putting food on the table. This past Easter you helped six-two families. That is a lot of people who were helped to have food for their Easter celebration. Because of you we can again help at Christmas.

In the Gospel we read, "What you have done to others, you have done to me." And in Sirach 7:32, "To the poor also extend your hand, that your blessings may be complete"

Thank you, Thank you.



### HOLY GHOST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanks the Knights, family members, friends who worked September 12-14 and thanks to those folks who donated.



Great Job by all!

The total raised was \$6,350.86!

The money will go to organizations that help people with intellectual disabilities.



For the 2024-2025 academic year, the Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships totaling over \$1,000,000 to more than 500 students.

Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights themselves attending Catholic colleges and Catholic universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, or the Philippines.

These figures include \$205,000 in grants to 82 seminarians in the United States and Canada.

To learn more visit [kofc.org/scholarships](https://kofc.org/scholarships).

## 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 Achatz pies for Christmas. ACHATZ PIES are rated by the Food Network as "Best Handmade Pies in



America." If you enjoyed an Achatz pie at Thanksgiving, tell your friends. Make your Christmas 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 Wednesday, December 10.**

Pies will be ready for pick-up at the kitchen window in the Holy Ghost gym **between 3 pm and 6 pm Tuesday, December 23.**

### 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!*



### 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of

Payment: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Debit/Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto: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!**



©LPI



**Advent 7 Hours of Confession**  
December 20 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**St. Peter the Apostle**  
551 N Rush St. in Itasca

**You are invited to prepare your heart  
and soul for Christmas.**

—CLOSED FOR—  
*Thanksgiving*

The parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday,  
November 26 and reopen at 8:00am on Mon. December 1.  
We wish all of our parishioners a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

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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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Faith Formation Fannie May fundraiser. As a reminder, **Pick up is Sunday, December 14.**

We're grateful for your continued support.

