

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#1090

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Parish Office Hours:

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

Faith Formation Office Hours:

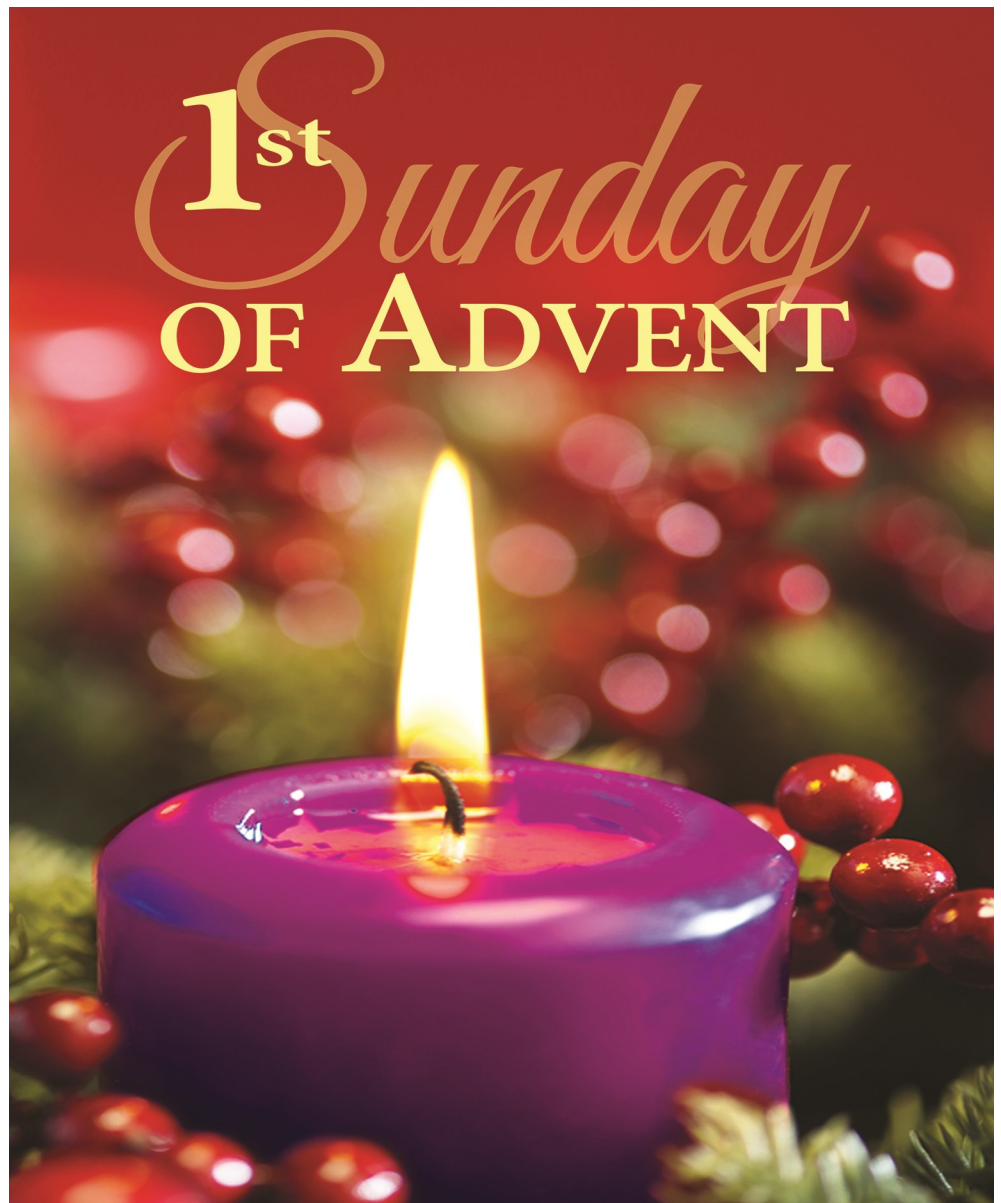
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509

*(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.



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 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 29

4PM Mass

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 30

8AM Mass

+Anthony Sinacola

+Rina Selvaggio

10:30AM Mass

+Jim Franke

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



8:30AM Mass

Monday, December 1

+Eugene & Bridget Paulich

Tuesday, December 2

+Adeline Conti

Wednesday, December 3

+Jennifer Lynn Ellerman-Queen

Thursday, December 4

+Jesus Rodriguez

Friday, December 5

+Louise & Paul Kmiecik

Parish Membership:

Holy Ghost church welcomes you and your family. Please register by calling, stopping by the office during the week, or download the form from our website and return to the office.

Bulletin Articles:

All articles for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted **at least 10 days before the published Sunday**. This allows time for editing, formatting, and printing. Make sure to plan ahead to meet the deadline and ensure your content is included in the upcoming bulletin! Please email bulletin content for consideration to hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org

Baptisms:

Parents or guardians are required to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are held on the first and third Saturdays. Please call us to register.

Baptismal prep classes:

Our baptismal preparation classes are held on the first Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. **This meeting must be attended before setting the date.** Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

Marriages:

It is necessary that all couples desiring to be married at Holy Ghost Church call the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date of their wedding and **BEFORE** they set a date with a banquet facility. Please call us to register.

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education Program builds and supports informed, practicing, and faith filled families. The program is held on select Sundays from September through April between 9:00-10:15 AM. Families are then encouraged to attend mass together either at 8 AM or at 10:30 AM. Please call us to register. 630-766-4509

Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Instruction for children on these sacraments is currently being offered within the religion curriculum in the Faith Formation programs. It is diocesan policy that a person be in the Faith Formation program for two full years before receiving sacraments. For more information and to register please contact the (RE) Faith Formation Office at 630-766-4509.

THANK YOU

for your generosity

Sunday Collection

November 12 — November 18, 2025
\$8,522.30

YTD Budget thru October 2025
\$178,333

YTD Actual thru October 2025
\$167,501

YTD Difference thru October 2025
-\$10,833

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday – Support Our Parish!

This Giving Tuesday, consider making a gift to our parish. Your generosity helps sustain our ministries, faith formation, outreach, and daily parish needs. Every donation—big or small—makes a difference in keeping our faith community strong and vibrant. Thank you for your continued support!

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Dec 13/14 –Religious Retirement
Dec 20/21 –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

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.





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 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

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SGT Nicholas Reid
SGT Jack Rowley
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LCPL Vincent Anthony Eltman
PVT Cameron Andresen
PVT Gabriel Leon
PVT Billy Termine

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Ryan James Ruizol

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

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.

Military and Prayer List

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

Thank you!



We welcome Ivy Mae Michelson and Carter Joseph Viera 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 30, 2025
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Memorare

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

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

Food for the Banquet

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



In Memory of Edna Stahl

From Bill & Bernice Sosnowski

In Memory of Angelica Laporta

From the Family of
Amatore Laporta

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

(*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 Walter & Irine Russa

From Ellen & Jenny Russa

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



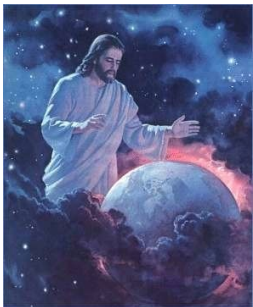


THE NATURE OF GOD: A Catholic Exploration of Divine Mystery

The questions "Who is God?", "Where is God?", "What is God?", "When was there a God?", and "How does He do what He does?" delve into the Catholic understanding of the divine.

Each question addresses different aspects of theology, metaphysics, and philosophy as understood in the Catholic tradition.

Here's a Catholic perspective on these profound questions, along with examples to illustrate each concept.



1. WHO IS GOD ?

Catholic Perspective:

In Catholicism, ****God is the Supreme Being****, the Creator of the universe, and the ultimate source of all existence. God is understood as a Trinity—three Persons in one God: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. This mystery of the Trinity is central to Catholic faith and emphasizes that God is both one and relational.

- ****God as Father****:

God the Father is seen as the Creator and Sustainer of all life. He is often described in relational terms, highlighting His desire for a personal relationship with each individual, as a loving parent cares for their children.

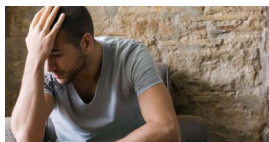
- ****God as Son****:

In the Person of Jesus Christ, God becomes incarnate. Jesus, fully divine and fully human, reveals God's nature and will through His teachings, life, death, and resurrection. The Catholic understanding of Jesus as God emphasizes God's closeness to humanity and His willingness to suffer for the salvation of all.

- ****God as Holy Spirit****:

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world, inspiring, guiding, and sustaining the Church and the faithful. The Spirit is seen as a helper and advocate, constantly working to bring about God's kingdom on earth.

****Example****: In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30), illustrating the unity within the Trinity while also revealing the distinct roles each Person plays in the divine plan of salvation. The Catholic understanding of the Trinity invites believers into a relationship with a God who is both unity and community.



2. WHERE IS GOD ?

****Catholic Perspective****:

In Catholic theology, God is omnipresent, meaning He is everywhere and not confined by space. God is both transcendent

(existing beyond the physical universe) and immanent (present within the universe and intimately involved with His creation).

- ****Transcendence****:

God's transcendence indicates that He exists beyond all created things and is not limited by the physical constraints

of space and time. God exists outside of creation but also sustains it. This concept is reflected in passages such as Isaiah 55:8-9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

- ****Immanence****:

God's immanence means that He is fully present in all parts of creation. Psalm 139 beautifully captures this idea, stating, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there" (Psalm 139:7-8). This suggests that God is intimately involved in every aspect of existence.

****Example****: The Catholic understanding of the Eucharist exemplifies God's immanence. Catholics believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine consecrated during the Mass. This presence is not symbolic but actual, demonstrating how God can be fully present in a specific place while also being everywhere.



3. WHAT IS GOD ?

****Catholic Perspective****:

God, in Catholic teaching, is the Supreme Being, the Creator of all things, visible and invisible. God is

defined by His nature as omnipotent (all-powerful), omniscient (all-knowing), omnibenevolent (all-good), and omnipresent (everywhere present). The essence of God is love, as stated in 1 John 4:8: "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

- ****The Nature of God****:

God is a Trinity of Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each fully God, co-equal, and co-eternal. This understanding of God as a communion of persons emphasizes that God's very nature is relational and loving.

- ****God's Attributes****:

Attributes of God include His eternity, meaning God has no beginning or end; His immutability, meaning He does not change; His simplicity, meaning He is not composed of parts; and His perfection, meaning He is complete and lacks nothing.

****Example****: The Trinity is a central mystery in Catholicism. It illustrates the complexity and depth of God's nature. Though there are three distinct Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—they are one in essence. This can be loosely compared to the way water can exist as ice, liquid, and vapor but remains the same substance. However, this analogy is imperfect because God's oneness and threeness are far more profound.



4. WHEN WAS THERE A GOD ?

****Catholic Perspective****:

In Catholic teaching, God is eternal, meaning He exists outside of time and has no beginning or end. God always was, is, and will be. The

concept of God's eternity is central to understanding His nature as uncaused and self-existent.

- ****Eternal Nature****:

Unlike created beings who have a beginning and an end, God's existence is necessary, meaning He is the ground of all being. God's name revealed to Moses in the burning



bush, "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14), reflects His eternal and self-sustaining nature.

- ****Timelessness****:

God's existence is not bound by time; He exists in an eternal present. Saint Augustine, in his "Confessions," explains that God's view of time is different from human experience. God sees all of time—past, present, and future—simultaneously.

****Example****: The concept of God's eternity can be visualized by imagining a timeline. Humans perceive time linearly, moving from past to present to future. God, however, sees the entire timeline at once. He is not confined to any single point in time but is present at all times, in every moment, eternally.

5. HOW DOES GOD DO WHAT HE DOES ?

****Catholic Perspective****:

Catholicism teaches that God acts through His divine will, which is always aligned with His omniscience, omnipotence, and omnibenevolence. God's actions are executed through His providence, grace, and sometimes, through miracles.

- ****Providence****:

God's providence refers to His continuous guidance and governance of the world and the unfolding of human history. He orders all things according to His divine plan, working through natural laws and human free will. As stated in Romans 8:28, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

- ****Grace****:

God operates through grace, which is His freely given love and help to humans, enabling them to respond to His call and live as His children. This grace is essential for salvation and sanctification, allowing individuals to grow in holiness and follow God's will.

- ****Miracles****:

At times, God intervenes directly in the natural order through miracles, which are extraordinary events that manifest His power and serve as signs of His presence and action in the world. Examples include the miracles of Jesus, such as turning water into wine (John 2:1-11) and raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44).

****Example****: One example of God's providence in Catholic teaching is the story of Joseph in the Old Testament. Though sold into slavery by his brothers, Joseph rises to a position of power in Egypt. Through a series of events that seem tragic, God's plan unfolds for the good of His people, demonstrating how God can bring good out of even the worst circumstances (Genesis 50:20).

CONCLUSION:

The Catholic Understanding of God

In Catholic theology, God is omnipresent, transcending space while being fully immanent within it. God is a Trinity of Persons, each fully divine, eternal, and unchangeable.

He exists outside of time, having no beginning or end, and His actions are expressions of His will, carried out through providence, grace, and sometimes miracles.

Understanding God in this way calls Catholics to a relationship of love, trust, and faith, recognizing God's profound mystery and His intimate involvement in the world.



NEWS & EVENTS

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent



5th Annual Cookie Walk

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th 9am - 1pm

Come in, choose your box, walk around and choose from tons of different cookies, sweets and treats.

Only \$10 per lb.

But first we need your help to make our cookie walk amazing! Donations Needed!

Cookies, Brownies, Krispy Treats, Mini Cupcakes, any bite sized sweet treats... You decide what to donate homemade or store-bought treats, both are acceptable.

Please drop off donations Thurs 12/11 8am-3pm,
Sat 12/13 4-5pm or Sun 12/14 7-9am

Contact Frannie for info call/text 708-218-6511 or email
fran@holyghostparish.org

Christmas Cupcake Decorating

Sunday, December 14, 2025 11:30-12:30pm

ONLY \$15.00 PER PERSON

ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.



**Decorate with icing,
sprinkles and candies.
Tons of fun and easy!
Get creative!**

Containers will be provided for two decorated cupcakes.

Walk-ins Welcome... SUPPLIES and SPACE Permitting

To sign up contact Frannie
Call 630-860-2975 or text 708-218-6511 or email
fran@holyghostparish.org



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.



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.**

Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women

Thanks to all who participated, shopped, and worked at the Holiday Bazaar on November 8th and 9th.

It wouldn't be a success without you!



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.



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

Please print: 2025 CCW Advent Tea

Name (s) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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

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

Scan the QR code to pay by CC.



ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

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

TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM

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

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

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

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



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NEWS & EVENTS

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



MAKE: A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet: [Evangelization](#)

Last month we looked at Bishop Hicks' first point in his letter: Catechesis. This month we will look at Evangelization.

Bishop Hicks writes: "As we deepen our knowledge of Jesus, we also discover His invitation to enter into a loving, personal relationship with Him. This is evangelization, which opens our heart to His love and intimate friendship." This definition of evangelization might be different than you thought and if you sit and think about it, it is really quite beautiful.

At Holy Ghost, your discipleship team has named that our parishioners find opportunities to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus through:

- Daily and Sunday Masses
- Holy Eucharist
- Adoration
- Prayer Services
- Holy Hour
- Rosary
- Reconciliation
- OCIA: Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation
- Retreat Opportunities
- Sacraments

What have we missed that has offered you the opportunity to truly know the presence of Jesus in your life?

Bishop Hicks writes: "I want you to love Jesus too! This is a deep desire of all who accept the Lord's invitation to go and make disciples."

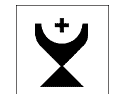
Here is another question for you to reflect upon: "In what ways can I lead others to an encounter with God?" Please reach out to me with your ideas and please pray for the Discipleship Team and Fr. Sam as we put the Bishop's Pastoral Letter into action.

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

~ Three New Advent Buttons in the My Parish App ~



Advent Reflections: Through our partnership with Ave Maria Press, reflections from the book *Let Heaven and Nature Sing: Daily Prayers for Advent and Christmas* will be available!



Higher Ground - Advent Podcast
The Podcast by Elevated Parish Missions that helps ignite a deeper love for Christ throughout the Advent Season.



A Christmas Carol - Audio Drama
Through our partnership with The Merry Beggars, listen to the classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge in an audio Advent calendar! Enjoy 25 10-minute episodes, one for each day of Advent. Brought to life with an award-winning cast, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol will cheer and inspire you in the classic tale of redemption.

