CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **#1287**

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x132

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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

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

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.

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

WELCOME

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7

4PM Mass

+Domenica Carbonara

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 8

8AM Mass

+Enola Mele

10:30AM Mass

+Thomas Dizon Jr.

Weekday INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9

+Carl Foust

Tuesday, November 10

+Rosendo Avila

Wednesday, November 11

+Donald Gniech

Thursday, November 12

+Rosemary Berg

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 21 - October 27, 2026
$10,357.17

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
$11,150.00

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	$54,200
Amount Pledged	$67,756
Amount Paid	$62,971
Balance Due	$4,785
Donors	223
2026 Rebate	$6,140

Updated 11/01/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Nov.14/15 - Campaign for Human Development
Nov. 21/22 - CORE

WeShare by Ministry Brands

Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, PayPal

Simply **scan the QR code** or visit our website to give securely from your smartphone.
Thank you for supporting our ministries and mission!

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





Pray for 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

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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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CAPT Edward W. Miller
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SGT Jack Rowley
LCPL Michele Giuseppe Bottalico
LCPL Vincent Anthony Eltman
PVT Cameron Andresen
PVT Gabriel Leon
PVT Billy Termine
SGT Jeremy Ames

NAVY:
LCDR Nicholas Lucania
Ryan James Ruizol
CTT2 Kurtis Ames

Military and Prayer List
Please email: hgbulletin@holyghostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to add or remove a name from the list.
Thank you!



Cathy Alcozer
Bianca Marie Borowski
Michael Brann
Micah Casey
Ron Catalano
Joan Cattinari
John Davies
Rosemarie Davies
Thomas Franzen
Mike Kaiser
Sarah Kasab
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Michael Malek
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz
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.





We welcome Evalynn Sarahi Vazquez who was recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for her and her family.



The parish office will be open normal business hours on Veterans day.
8am - 3pm

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.



In grateful celebration of our 42nd Anniversary

From Kristen & Craig Nelson

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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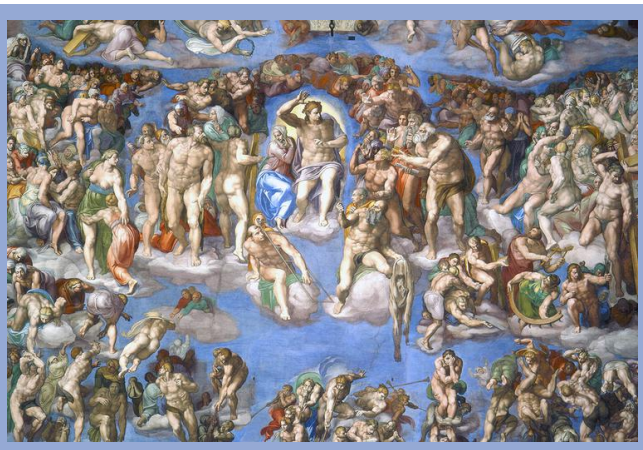
In Memory of William Morse

From Joe & Cathy Alcozer

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

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM





WHAT JUDGMENT IS NOT:

Dispelling Misconceptions from a Catholic Perspective

Judgment, both in a temporal and eternal sense, is a core concept in Catholic theology.

It signifies God's righteous evaluation of each soul at the end of their earthly life.

However, there are numerous misconceptions about what judgment truly entails and how it is administered according to the Church's teachings.

This exploration will clarify what judgment is not, dispelling common misunderstandings while reinforcing the Catholic understanding of divine judgment.

1. JUDGMENT IS NOT ARBITRARY OR UNJUST

A common fear is that divine judgment could be arbitrary, harsh, or even unjust.

People may worry that God will judge them based on random or unknowable standards.

However, Catholic theology emphasizes God's perfect justice and mercy.

Deuteronomy 32:4 says, "He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not capricious or unjust.

God's judgment is based on His infinite knowledge, perfect justice, and boundless mercy.

It is rendered according to the choices, actions, and faithfulness of each person during their life.

The moral law and divine commandments are clear, and judgment will be according to how one has responded to God's grace and truth.

2. JUDGMENT IS NOT BASED ON APPEARANCES OR HUMAN STANDARDS

In human society, judgment often falls prey to bias, limited perception, and superficial standards.

People are judged by their appearances, social status, or material success. Divine judgment, however, is not subject to these flaws.

1 Samuel 16:7 states, "For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not based on human appearances or standards.

God sees into the heart of every person, understanding their intentions, struggles, and true desires.

No amount of wealth, power, or outward religiosity can influence God's judgment.

Only the condition of one's soul, the sincerity of one's repentance, and the love they have shown to others will matter.

3. JUDGMENT IS NOT IMMEDIATE RETRIBUTION FOR EVERY SIN

Some believe that every time something bad happens to a person, it is God's immediate punishment or judgment.

This is a misunderstanding of how God administers justice.

In this life, people may experience suffering due to the fallen nature of the world, not because God is actively punishing them.

John 9:2-3 teaches this when the disciples ask Jesus if a man's blindness was due to his or his parents' sins, and Jesus responds, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not immediate retribution for every sin or misfortune.

God's justice is patient, allowing time for repentance and growth.

Divine judgment is ultimately reserved for the end of one's life (the Particular Judgment) or the end of time (the Final Judgment), not meted out for every misstep or trial a person faces in life.

4. JUDGMENT IS NOT WITHOUT MERCY

Some imagine that God's judgment is solely punitive, offering no opportunity for mercy or forgiveness.

However, Catholic teaching emphasizes that God's judgment is always balanced by His mercy, particularly through the sacrament of Confession and acts of true repentance.

Psalm 103:8-9 reminds us, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not devoid of mercy. God desires the salvation of all people, and His judgment is filled with compassion.

For those who seek His forgiveness and show mercy to others, God's judgment will reflect His loving mercy.

As Christ said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

5. JUDGMENT IS NOT IMPERSONAL OR UNINVOLVED

Some may view judgment as a distant or mechanical process, detached from the reality of human life.

In this view, God becomes an impersonal force applying justice without any relationship with the judged.

Catholicism offers a very different understanding.

Matthew 25:40 shows a deeply personal dimension to judgment: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not an impersonal or detached event.

God is intimately involved in every person's life and deeply cares about how we treat others, especially the vulnerable.

The standard of judgment is relational—rooted in love for God and neighbor.

Jesus Himself identifies with the poor, the needy, and the suffering, showing that judgment is based on our lived relationships with others.

6. JUDGMENT IS NOT AVOIDABLE OR OPTIONAL

Modern secular thought often tries to dismiss or avoid the idea of divine judgment altogether, preferring to focus on personal autonomy or moral relativism.

However, Catholic doctrine affirms that every soul will face judgment, regardless of their beliefs or actions.

Hebrews 9:27 says, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not optional or avoidable.

Every human being will face the Particular Judgment at the moment of death, where their eternal destiny—heaven, purgatory, or hell—will be decided based on their life.

At the end of time, the Final Judgment will occur, confirming God's justice in all things.

7. JUDGMENT IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-JUSTIFICATION

In earthly trials, we often have the chance to defend ourselves, explain our motives, or justify our actions.

However, in divine judgment, there is no opportunity to present excuses or rationalizations.

Romans 14:12 emphasizes this: "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not a chance for self-justification.

In God's presence, all is laid bare, and human excuses or self-deception will not suffice.

What will matter is whether we sought God's forgiveness, lived in love, and acted in accordance with His will.

Self-righteousness will hold no value before the Lord's perfect justice.

8. JUDGMENT IS NOT FINAL Despair for the Faithful

The thought of judgment can sometimes instill fear, especially if one focuses on God's justice without remembering His promise of salvation.

However, for those who trust in God and follow His commandments, judgment is not a cause for despair.

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not a final moment of despair for the faithful.

For those who have lived in grace and sought God's mercy, judgment is the moment where they enter into the fullness of life with God.

The goal is to hear the words of Christ in Matthew 25:23, "Well done, good and faithful servant… Enter into the joy of your master."

9. JUDGMENT IS NOT A ONE-SIDED PROCESS OF CONDEMNATION

A common misconception about judgment is that it is solely about condemning individuals for their failures and sins.

Many fear that the purpose of judgment is simply to point out one's faults and assign punishment.

However, Catholic teaching emphasizes that judgment is also an affirmation of the good done by individuals and a recognition of their cooperation with grace.

2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not solely a moment of condemnation. It is a balanced evaluation where both good and evil are considered.

The judgment of God highlights the good we have done, especially when we have acted in charity, humility, and faithfulness.

Judgment is not about destruction but about revealing the truth of one's life, including the ways they have lived according to God's will.

10. JUDGMENT IS NOT THE END OF FREE WILL

Some believe that once judgment occurs, free will no longer plays a role.

They imagine judgment as a final, rigid pronouncement where the soul is either damned or saved with no further development.

However, Catholic theology, particularly with regard to purgatory, shows that for those who die in a state of grace but still imperfect, judgment is not the end of their ability to respond to God's love and mercy.

1 Corinthians 3:15 speaks of purgatory: "If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."

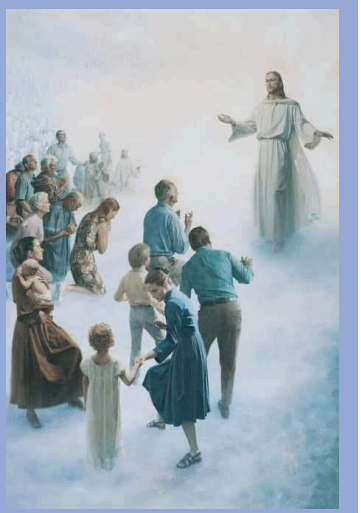
- What Judgment Is Not: Judgment is not the end of free will for those in purgatory.

Even after judgment, God's mercy continues to work on the soul, purifying it so that it can fully participate in the beatific vision.

Souls in purgatory are on a journey of further purification, where their love for God is perfected.

This shows that judgment, while decisive, is not a moment that eliminates the soul's capacity to respond to God's grace.

CONCLUSION:



The Christian Understanding of Judgment

Judgment is a central aspect of Catholic eschatology, but it is often misunderstood.

Judgment is not arbitrary, unfair, or merciless.

It is not based on superficial appearances or human standards.

Instead, God's judgment is a perfect balance of justice and mercy, rooted in His intimate knowledge of our hearts and actions.

For Catholics, judgment is not something to be feared irrationally, but a moment to be prepared for through repentance, faith, and acts of love.

It is not an impersonal event, but a deeply personal encounter with the God who knows us fully.

In the end, judgment is not a moment of despair for those who trust in God's mercy, but a transition into eternal life with Him.

Please join Pope Leo in praying his November 2026 intention:
For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



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

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

Holy Ghost Council 10325 is offering Achatz pies for Thanksgiving.

Make your Thanksgiving Dinner special with a delicious pie and support the charitable work of the Knights.

Fill out the form at the literature racks in the vestibules. 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 Tuesday, Nov. 10.

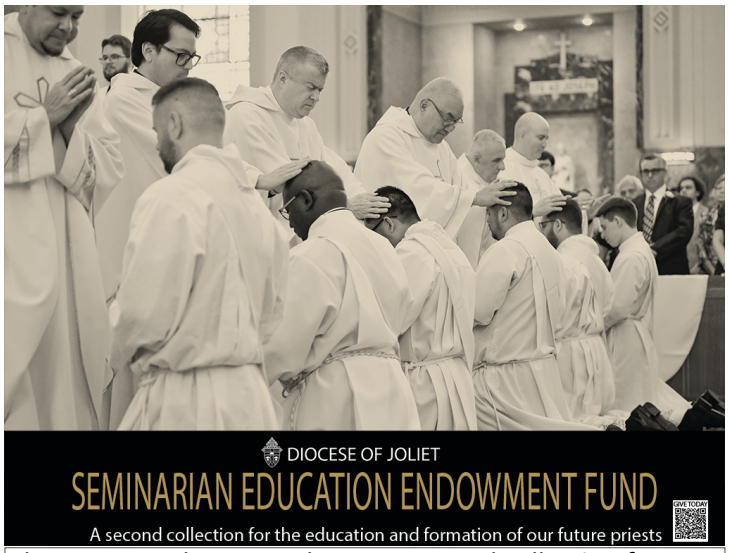
Pick-up pies in the gym between 3 pm and 6 pm Tuesday November 24.







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.



Please respond generously to our second collection for Seminarian Formation. This weekend, our parish is taking up a second collection for Seminarian Education. Your gifts will support the formation of seminarians preparing to serve as our parish priests. The Diocese of Joliet currently has been blessed with 27 men discerning vocations to the priesthood through seminary formation. Gifts to the second collection are being invested in an endowed fund to ensure the diocese can balance the cost of seminarian education — $53,900 a seminarian per year — with other ministries essential to the Church's mission. Please show your gratitude for those who have answered the Lord's call and prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support their formation with a gift. You may place your completed second collection envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. To learn more about this campaign or make a gift online, scan this QR code with your phone.

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.

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Support Vocations

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

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE

COUNCIL 10325



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

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