

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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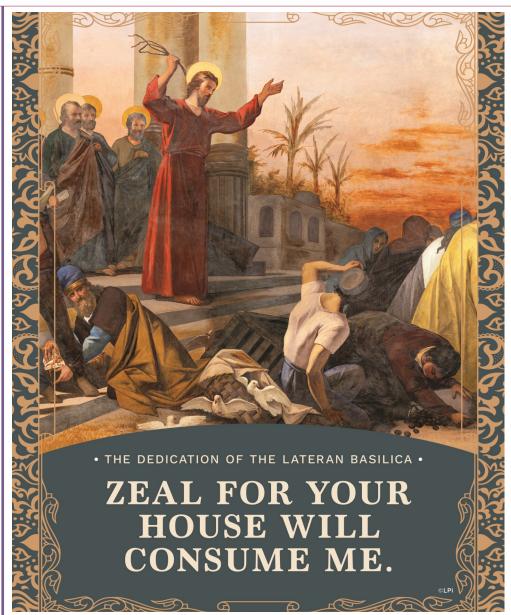
Faith Formation Office Hours:

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

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Saturday, November 8

4PM Mass

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Sunday, November 9

8AM Mass

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10:30AM Mass

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For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased



8:30AM Mass

Monday, November 10

+Donald Paul Lasica

Tuesday, November 11

+Sonny & Betty Mondia

Wednesday, November 12

+Lena Minerva

Thursday, November 13

+Tomasina Willis

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.

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.



Sunday Collection October 22—October 28, 2025 \$13,306.90

YTD Budget thru September 2025 \$133,750

YTD Actual thru September 2025 \$125,829

YTD Difference thru September 2025 -\$7,921



Thanks to all contributed to CMAA! Holy Ghost has exceeded the goal and has received a rebate in the amount of \$3,624.49

Open pledges will continue to be collected during the remainder of the appeal and a second rebate check will be forthcoming in January 2025.

On behalf of Bishop Hicks, Fr. Sam and all those who will benefit from the CMAA, your support is sincerely appreciated.

God Bless You!

	2025	
Parish Goal	\$58,200	
Amount Pledged	\$70,231	
Amount Paid	\$66,791	
Balance Due	\$3,440	
Donors	230	
2025 Rebate	\$6,013	

Updated 11/2/2025

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Nov 8/9 –Seminarian Education Endowment Nov 15/16-Human Development Nov 22/23 –C.O.R.E

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**.
 - Pick up is Sunday, December 14.

Your participation truly makes a difference, and we're grateful for your continued support.





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 Petrbok A1C Ryan Leider A1C Nicholas Pfeifer

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Cathy Alcozer **Bob Pauss** Bianca Marie Borowski Jose Joaquin Negrete Раz Michael Brann Micah Casev Cindi Shea

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Cyndi Zwadlo

Michael Malek And for those listed in our parish

Therese Kotecki

Donald Lesmeister

Military and Prayer List

book of prayers.

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!



CORRECTION

GREGORY FRANCIS BRONSBERG 9/5/1948 - 9/25/2025



We welcome Khloe Sophia Bain-Martinez who was recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for her and her family.



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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 Cecylia Edward Siwinski

From the Meyer Family

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, 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.

In Memory of Pasquale Orrico

From his sister Angelina DeFilippis

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

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CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM





UNDERSTANDING GOD'S RESPONSES TO OUR PRAYERS:

A Catholic Perspective

Prayer is a fundamental aspect of Catholic spirituality, serving as a way to communicate with God, seek His guidance, and express our needs and desires.

While many approach prayer with specific requests, it is important to recognize that God, in His infinite wisdom and love, responds in ways that are best for us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2735-2737) teaches that God's answers to prayer are always aligned with His will and our ultimate good, even if they do not align with our expectations.

Here, we explore five ways God may answer our prayers, each revealing a different facet of His divine plan and love for us.

1. "YES. I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D ASK."

Understanding the Affirmative Response: This response represents a straightforward "yes" to our prayers.

It reflects God's joy in giving us what we ask for, especially when our desires align with His will and our prayers come from a place of sincerity and trust.

It can be seen as a moment where God's will and our request coincide perfectly.

Example: Consider a person praying for the grace to forgive someone who has hurt them. God answers "yes" to this prayer because forgiveness is a virtue He desires for us.

By granting this grace, God aligns His will with our desire for reconciliation and peace, and He rejoices in our openness to forgive, which mirrors His own forgiveness towards us.

Biblical Reference: In Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus teaches, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." This passage reflects God's eagerness to answer our prayers when they align with His will.

2. "NO. I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH."

Understanding the Loving Denial: Sometimes, God's response is a loving "no." This answer reflects God's protective nature and His understanding of what is truly best for us, even when we may not see it.

A "no" from God is not a rejection but a redirection towards a greater good or protection from harm.

Example: A person might pray fervently for a specific job, believing it to be perfect for them.

However, God, knowing the future challenges and moral compromises the job might require, may lovingly say "no" to protect the person's soul and guide them towards a more suitable opportunity.

Biblical Reference: In 2 Corinthians 12:7-9, Paul speaks of a "thorn in the flesh" that he asked God to remove three times. God's response was a "no," but He explained, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." This teaches us that God's "no" often comes with a deeper purpose or lesson.

3. "YES, BUT NOT YET. THE TIMING IS NOT RIGHT."

Understanding the Delayed Answer: Sometimes, God says "yes," but asks us to wait. This response teaches us patience and trust in God's perfect timing.

God sees the bigger picture and knows the right moment for things to unfold. His delays are not denials but are meant to prepare us or the circumstances around us.

Example: A couple might pray for a child but face years of infertility. God's "not vet" could be preparing them for parenthood or waiting for circumstances to align in a way that would best support the family and the child's future.

Biblical Reference: The story of Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 17-21 is a profound example of waiting on God's timing. Though they prayed and waited many years for a child, God's promise was fulfilled in His perfect time, showing that waiting can be part of God's divine plan.

4. "YES. AND HERE'S MORE."

Understanding the Abundant Response: Occasionally, God answers our prayers with a "yes" and gives us even more than we asked for. This response showcases God's generosity and His desire to bless us abundantly.

It is a reminder of Ephesians 3:20, where St. Paul writes that God "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.'

Example: Someone might pray for the financial means to pay off a debt.

God not only provides the needed funds but also opens up new opportunities for stable income or blesses them with financial wisdom



that changes their life.

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Biblical Reference: In the feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-14), Jesus does not just provide enough food for everyone to eat; there are twelve baskets of leftovers.

This miracle illustrates God's abundant generosity, exceeding what was needed or expected.

5. "YES. BUT DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU THOUGHT."

Understanding the Unexpected Yes: God sometimes answers our prayers with a "yes," but in a way we did not anticipate. This response teaches us to remain open to God's methods and trust His wisdom, knowing that His ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9).

It encourages adaptability and faith in God's unique plan for us.

Example: A person might pray for healing from a physical illness, expecting a miraculous recovery. Instead, God grants healing through medical treatments and the hands of skilled doctors.

The outcome is the same, but the method is different, showing God's care through various means.

Biblical Reference: When the Israelites prayed for deliverance from Egyptian slavery, they likely did not expect the series of plagues or the miraculous parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 7-14).

God answered their prayers for freedom, but in a way that showcased His power and sovereignty.

CONCLUSION:

Trusting in God's Perfect Responses

God's responses to our prayers reflect His wisdom, love, and perfect knowledge of what is best for us.

Whether His answer is a direct "yes," a protective "no," a patient "wait," an abundant "yes, and more," or an unexpected "yes, but differently," each response is a call to trust in His divine plan.

As Catholics, we are encouraged to approach prayer with humility, openness, and a readiness to accept God's will, knowing that He always acts for our ultimate good and spiritual growth.

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 diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!





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 OR 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.

The Configuration and Vocational Synthesis

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS DIOCESE OF JOLIET



The final 4 years of seminary bring a shift in focus. More confident in his identity as a disciple of Jesus, the man enters the Configuration Stage and begins the formal study of theology. Here, his humanity is more intentionally shaped so as to mirror Christ the Shepherd. He studies Scripture, doctrine,

moral theology, liturgy, and pastoral theology with an eye toward preaching, celebrating the sacraments, and shepherding souls. The man regularly spends his weekends assisting at liturgy, engaged in parish ministries, and functions in a ministerial capacity. In the fall of his final year of seminary, the man is ordained as a transitional deacon and enters the Vocational Synthesis Stage. At this point, he has completed his academic training and will now live and serve fulltime in a parish. This year is truly a "synthesis" because everything converges here: prayer, study, service, community life, and ministry, demonstrating that the seminarian has become a man of integration, freedom, and priestly witness who is ready to step forward into priesthood.

These final stages are not just about learning what a priest does, but about becoming who a priest is. Through study, service, and the grace of the sacraments, the man is configured more fully to Christ the High Priest, ready to lay down his life for God's people.

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

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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@holyghostparish.org 630-860-3691

IT'S TIME TO PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS **HG CCW IS OFFERING POINSETTIA PLANTS** LARGE PLANT: \$32.00 each QTY: ____ Red. 6.5" pot 8+ blooms QTY: Marble, 6.5" pot 8+ blooms Total: \$ SMALL PLANT: \$12.00 each QTY: _____ Red, 4.5" pot, 3+blooms Premium Ice Crystal, 4.5" pot QTY: QTY: _____ Holiday Swag \$12.00 each Total: \$ Christmas Bough \$15.00 each QTY: Total: \$_____ Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: Grand Total: \$ 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!

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Enclose your check to: Holy	Ghost Council of Catholic Women.	Scan the QR code to pay by CO	C.

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Bishop Hicks' Column October 2025



"I Have Loved You" — A Gift from the Holy Father

The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, Pope Leo XIV has speedily penned and shared with us his first Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi Te ("I Have Loved You"). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

In last month's column, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter MAKE! which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read *Dilexi Te.* These two letters, the Holy Father's and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout *Dilexi Te* he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of the Early Church Fathers, the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church's unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading *Dilexi Te* moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El Salvador at a home for orphaned and abandoned children, I remember when a donation allowed us to buy doughnuts for all 525 children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, "That's generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds." He replied, "No, Padre, you're bigger and probably hungrier, you get more." That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo's reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, "Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God's love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve." That is *Dilexi Te* come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May *Dilexi Te* be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ's love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day.