

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

OCTOBER 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

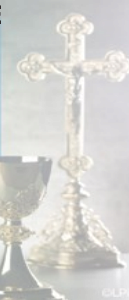
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

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

October 5, 2025

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Saturday, October 4

4PM Mass

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

+Michael Di Capua

Sunday, October 5

8AM Mass

+Francis & Kathleen Schmidt

10:30AM Mass

+Thomas Walsh



8:30AM Mass

Monday, October 6

+Marcos Mendoza

Tuesday, October 7

+Eugene Rafa

Wednesday, October 8

+Jim Franke

Thursday, October 2

+Jacek Lew

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.

THANK YOU

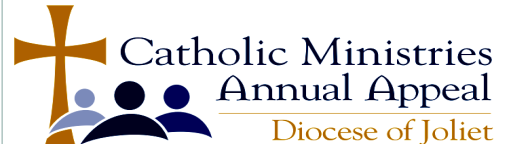
for your generosity

Sunday Collection
September 18–September 24, 2025
\$8,625.83

YTD Budget thru August 2025
\$89,167

YTD Actual thru August 2025
\$80,706

YTD Difference thru August 2025
-\$8,461



	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$68,531
Amount Paid	\$61,970
Balance Due	\$6,561
Donors	226
2025 Rebate	\$2,639

Updated 9/28/2025

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Oct 18/19 –World Missions
Oct 25/26 –C.O.R.E



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Holy Ghost Family Faith Formation

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

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



Pray for 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
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CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbook
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A1C Nicholas Pfeifer

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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
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

Micah Casey
Aldegunda Diego
Thomas Franzen
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales
Therese Kotecki
Jerad Klint
Cindi Shea
Feliciano Vero
Gloria Villanueva
Salvatore Vivo
Cyndi Zwadlo

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!



Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, **Pope Leo XIV**, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by St. Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5).

In the 50th anniversary year of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, we are reminded that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers" (41). Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses—bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace. Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church's call to support the **1,124 mission territories** where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.

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 Richard Gergats

From the Lebiecki & Medema Families

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

November 8/9, 22/23, 27, 29/30

December 6/7, 27/28

January 2026 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, 31/1

(*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.

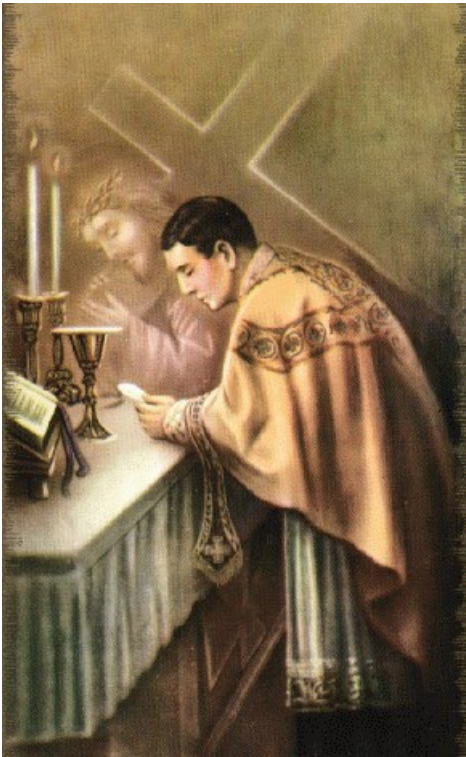
You may mail your request with your contribution to:

Holy Ghost Church
at 254 N Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale IL 60191.



In Memory of Michael DiCapua
Happy Anniversary from Tina DiCapua

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



14 WONDERS OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY MASS:

A Treasure Beyond Measure

The Holy Mass is central to Catholic life, where heaven touches earth and the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross is made present. Understanding the immense graces and benefits we receive through active, devout participation in the Mass can transform how we approach this sacred mystery. Let's delve deeper into the *14 Wonders of the Power of the Holy

Mass*, exploring how they impact our spiritual journey and eternal destiny.

1. GREATEST CONSOLATION AT THE HOUR OF DEATH

At the moment of death, the Holy Masses you attended devoutly will bring you the greatest comfort.

The Mass is a wellspring of grace and spiritual protection. When your soul is about to leave this world, the Masses you participated in become a source of solace.

Each time you attended Mass faithfully, you united with Christ's sacrifice, and this union will console you as you face God's judgment.

2. ADVOCATE IN THE DIVINE COURT

Every Holy Mass you attended will accompany you to the Divine Court and plead for your forgiveness.

The Mass is an intercession that transcends time.

At the Divine Judgment, every Mass you attended stands as a testimony of your faith and devotion, pleading for mercy and forgiveness.

Christ's sacrifice on the altar speaks for you, advocating for your soul in the face of your sins.

3. LESSEN TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT

With each Mass, you lessen the temporal punishment due for your sins, based on your fervor.

While the eternal consequences of sin are forgiven through repentance and confession, temporal punishment remains. The graces obtained by attending Mass with reverence and love can shorten this punishment, reducing time in purgatory.

4. SUPREME HOMAGE TO CHRIST'S HUMANITY

In the Mass, you offer the highest homage to the Most Holy Humanity of Jesus.

By attending Mass, you honor Jesus Christ in a way unmatched by any other act of devotion.

His Incarnation and Sacrifice for humanity are made present, and your participation unites you with His redemptive work.

It fills the gaps in our failures and weaknesses in worshipping Him fully.

5. FORGIVENESS OF VENIAL SINS

The Mass forgives your venial sins, strengthens your resolve against sin, and weakens the devil's influence over you.

Venial sins, though not as serious as mortal sins, damage your relationship with God.

The Mass purifies your soul, healing the effects of these sins and helping you to avoid them in the future.

It also reduces the devil's power, shielding you from spiritual attacks.

6. COMFORT FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

By offering the Mass, you bring immense relief to the souls in Purgatory.

The souls in Purgatory rely on the prayers and sacrifices of the living to shorten their purification.

Offering your participation in the Mass for them accelerates their journey to heaven.

It is one of the greatest acts of charity we can offer for the faithful departed.

7. MORE BENEFIT THAN POSTHUMOUS MASSES

A Mass attended during your lifetime benefits you more than those offered for you after death.

While it is good for others to offer Masses for your soul after you pass, the graces you receive from Masses attended while alive are far greater.

These graces accumulate throughout your life, helping to secure a more favorable judgment and reducing time in Purgatory.

8. PROTECTION FROM DANGERS AND MISFORTUNES

Holy Mass shields you from many dangers and misfortunes that might otherwise befall you.

Attending Mass invites God's protection over your life.

Through the graces you receive, you are safeguarded from various spiritual and physical harms, often without even realizing the dangers you have avoided.

9. REDUCTION OF PURGATORY

The Mass shortens your time in Purgatory.

The temporal punishment due to sin must be purified either on earth or in Purgatory.

By fervently participating in Mass, you reduce this punishment and ease the purification your soul would otherwise endure after death.



10. INCREASE IN HEAVENLY GLORY

Every Mass increases your degree of glory in Heaven.
The Mass not only prepares you for eternal life, but it also enhances the glory you will experience in Heaven.
The more devotedly you participate, the greater your capacity for heavenly joy and closeness to God.

11. SURROUNDED BY ANGELS

During the Mass, you are spiritually surrounded by a multitude of angels who assist at the Holy Sacrifice.
The angels worship alongside us, though invisibly, during every Mass.

This divine company heightens the sacredness of the liturgy, and your participation draws you into their eternal praise of God.

12. TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

The Mass brings blessings to your temporal affairs and daily life.

Attending Mass invites God's grace not only into your spiritual life but also into your everyday concerns.
The peace, wisdom, and strength you gain from the Mass can transform your work, relationships, and responsibilities.

13. GAIN SPECIAL PROTECTION OF THE SAINTS

Hearing Mass in honor of a saint strengthens your relationship with that saint and their intercession for you.
The saints are powerful intercessors before God.
By attending Mass in their honor, you show gratitude for their example and ask for their help in your life.
This deepens your connection with them and increases their protection and prayers on your behalf.

14. HONORING THE SAINTS AND GOD'S GRACE IN THEM

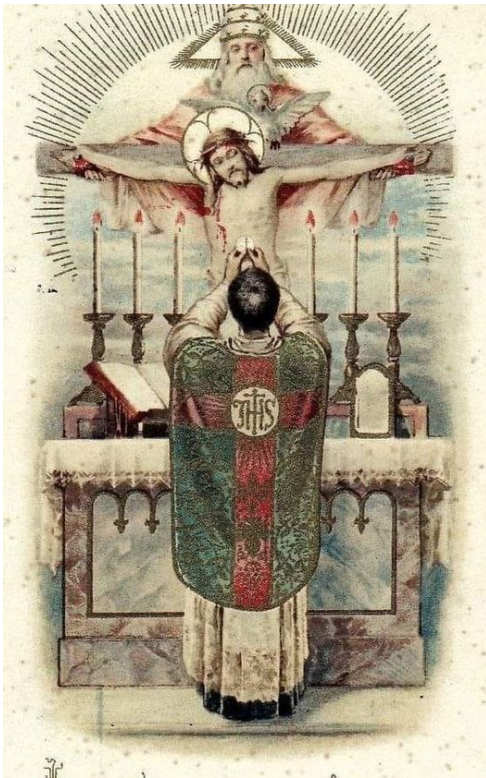
Each day you attend Mass, you also honor the Saint of the day and acknowledge the grace of God working in their lives.*

The Church calendar is filled with feast days commemorating the lives of saints.

By attending Mass on these days, you recognize God's grace that made them holy and you ask for that same grace to work in your life.

CONCLUSION:

A Call to Treasure the Holy Mass
The Holy Mass is far more than an obligation or ritual; it is a profound encounter with God's mercy, love, and grace.
Through these 14 wonders, we see the Mass as a wellspring of spiritual and temporal blessings, a source of consolation at the hour of death, a



NEWS & EVENTS

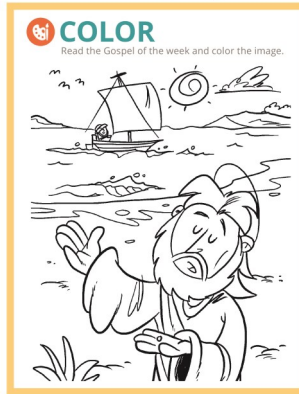
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means of reducing punishment, and an opportunity for divine protection.

By devoutly attending Mass, we grow closer to Christ and His saints, and secure a future filled with heavenly glory.
Let us approach each Mass with reverence, devotion, and love, knowing the immense graces that await us.

GROWING
WITH THE *Gospel*
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Children's Bulletins

Weekly Children's Bulletins, containing pictures, puzzles and information about the Sunday Scriptures are available at the welcome center. Children are welcome to take them home each week and Grandparents are invited to pick them up for their grandchildren.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



Last call to register and join your parish family in small groups this fall. Courses beginning the first week of October are

A Biblical Walk through the Mass:
Monday at 7pm; **When We Pray:**
Monday at 10am; **Jesus, The Way,**
The Truth and The Life: Tuesday at

Noon; and **The Rescue Project:** Sunday virtually at 7pm or Wednesday at 7pm.

Go to the parish website: holychostparish.org to register on SIGNUPGENIUS for the course, day and time that fits your interests or your schedule. Call if you would like help with registering or have questions.

Please know that if you will be out of town and will miss a class or two, be sure to still sign up as the books, videos and discussions are so rich that you will be glad you came while you are in town.

CARING CONNECTIONS is our grief support group. We will meet over refreshments on Monday, October 6 at 1pm in Room 9. (please park outside door #12)

Please come and meet us and help us to plan our year to best serve YOU! Leave a message with Susan: 630-860-3691 if you plan to attend. It will be good to gather again!

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

Inviting all Crafters and Vendors...

to participate in this year's

CCW Holiday Bazaar



Event Dates:

Saturday Nov. 8, 9am-4pm &

Sunday Nov. 9, 9am-2pm

Tables are available for rent, \$50 for one day, \$80 for two days



*For more info contact Frannie
@ 630-860-2975 or*

email: fran@holyghostparish.org

Please scan the QR code to go directly to the application.

Please respond by
October 13th, 2025



HOLY GHOST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

are selling Tootsie Rolls for
Halloween Candy after Masses
to help those with

Intellectually Disabilities

While they last

October 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19

Bag of 50 for \$10.00



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A ROSARY RALLY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

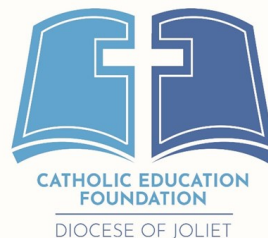
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2025
9AM
HOLY GHOST CHURCH
SOUTH DOORS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA HAS ASKED US TO
PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Keeping Catholic Education Strong

Since 1996, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has secured the future of Catholic schools in our diocese. Through generous donors, more than 50,000 students at 40+ schools across five counties have received a faith-filled education.

This year, we aim to raise \$1 million to keep Catholic education vibrant for generations to come.



Join us! Visit CEFJoliet.org to learn more or use this QR Code to give today.



Bishop Hicks' Column
October 2025
MAKE



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When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter *MAKE!* and *launched it* just this month. It builds on Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter *GO!*, which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28): "Go and make disciples." *MAKE!* vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why *MAKE!* is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made

into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to **MAKE** disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org.

Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, **MAKE**, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.



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A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the **Diocese of Joliet**