

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

OCTOBER 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1277

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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)*

The parish office will be closed
on Monday, October 13 for
Columbus/
Indigenous People's Day.



28th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner
returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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 12, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 11

4PM Mass

+Eugene Sczubleski

Sunday, October 12

8AM Mass

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

+Paul DeMichele

10:30AM Mass

**+Arlene Lesso
+Wladyslawa Wisniecka**



8:30AM Mass

Monday, October 13

+Frank Ohmer

Tuesday, October 14

+Donald Paul Lasica

Wednesday, October 15

+Andrzej Makuch

Thursday, October 16

**The living & deceased members
of the Joseph Monaco Family**

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 24–September 30, 2025
\$9,965.49

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	\$69,606
Amount Paid	\$63,643
Balance Due	\$5,963
Donors	226
2025 Rebate	\$3,810

Updated 10/05/2025

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 the Sick

PRAYER & WORSHIP
October 12, 2025
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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
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A1C Nicholas Pfeifer

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LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
CAPT Elizabeth Gonzales
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SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
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CW2 Carlos Contreras
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PVT Ian Schauchuk

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

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Ryan James Ruizol

Bianca Marie Borowski
Micah Casey
Aldegunda Diego
Thomas Franzen
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Cindi Shea
Feliciano Vero
Gloria Villanueva
Salvatore Vivo
Joseph Yello
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!



United in Prayer with the Missions

As World Mission Month continues, we are invited not only to give but to pray for the Church in mission territories. One powerful way to do this is by praying the **World Mission Rosary**, introduced by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1951. Each decade is a different color, representing a region of the world.

In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer" (75). Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

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 Pasquale Dardano

From the Dardano Family

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

November 22/23, 27, 29/30

December 6/7

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:

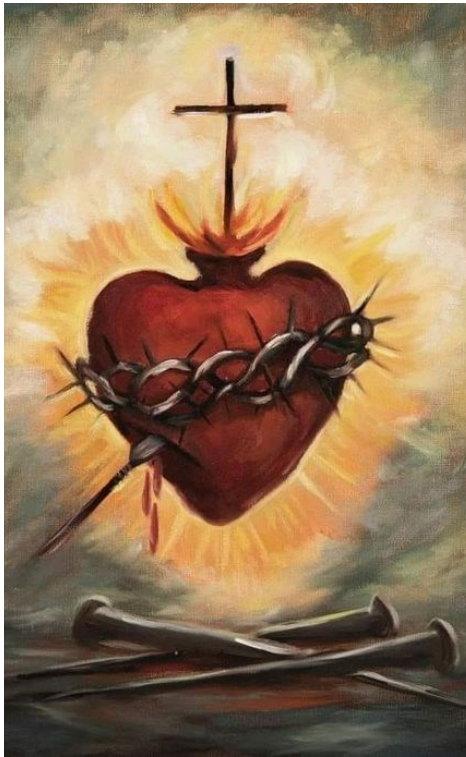
Holy Ghost Church
at 254 N Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale IL 60191.



In Memory of Josef Kuta

From the Kuczaj Family

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



MASTERING THE ART OF DIVINE LOVE:

Skillful Practice of the Supernatural Virtue of Love in Catholic Life

The supernatural virtue of love, also called *charity* in Catholic theology, is the highest of the theological virtues, along with faith and hope.

Charity is not merely a human emotion but a divine grace that enables us to love God above all things and to love others as God loves them.

To skillfully practice this virtue, Catholics must integrate love into every aspect of life, reflecting God's infinite love in their thoughts, words, and actions.

This in-depth exploration will outline the nature of this supernatural virtue, how it is practiced, and provide examples that can serve as a guide for Catholics striving to embody it more fully.

1. UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF THE SUPERNATURAL VIRTUE OF LOVE

❖ The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes charity as the theological virtue "by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822).

❖ Unlike human love, which is often conditional, limited, or self-serving, the supernatural virtue of love is a participation in God's own nature.

❖ It is a self-giving love that reflects God's perfect, unconditional love for humanity.

❖ As St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud... Love never fails" (1 Cor. 13:4,8).

❖ This description gives us a glimpse of the depth and breadth of divine love, setting the standard for how we are called to love God and others.

❖ The practice of charity is thus not based on emotions or fleeting affections.

❖ It is rooted in the will, empowered by grace, to love as

God commands, even when it is difficult or inconvenient.

2. LOVING GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS

❖ The first aspect of the supernatural virtue of love is loving God above all else.

❖ This begins with cultivating a personal relationship with God through prayer, the sacraments, and living a life of virtue.

• *Prayer as an Act of Love*

❖ Prayer is one of the most profound expressions of love for God.

❖ It is a way of communicating with Him, adoring Him, and aligning our hearts with His will.

❖ St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a Doctor of the Church, viewed prayer as a simple act of turning one's heart toward God.

❖ In her words, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

❖ Through prayer, especially the Eucharist, Catholics unite themselves to God's love.

❖ The Mass, the "source and summit" of Catholic life, is the ultimate expression of love for God, as it is the representation of Christ's sacrificial love on the cross.

❖ Attending Mass, receiving the Eucharist, and spending time in Adoration are acts of love that deepen one's relationship with God.

• *Loving God through Obedience*

❖ Loving God means more than affection; it also requires obedience to His commandments. Jesus emphasized this when He said, "If you love me, keep my commands" (John 14:15).

❖ Obedience to God's will is an expression of love because it reflects trust in His goodness and wisdom.

❖ Even when His commands seem difficult, the supernatural virtue of love enables Catholics to follow them with joyful hearts.

❖ An example of this is seen in the lives of the saints. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) devoted her life to serving the poorest of the poor.

❖ Though she experienced great spiritual darkness and doubt, she continued to serve because her love for God compelled her to live out His command to care for the least among us (Matthew 25:40).

3. LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR AS GOD LOVES THEM

❖ The second aspect of charity is loving others, not merely



with natural affection but with supernatural love. This means seeing others as God sees them—dignified, valuable, and beloved.

•*Forgiveness as an Expression of Love*

❖ One of the greatest challenges of loving others is the call to forgive. Jesus made it clear that forgiveness is not optional: "If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15).

❖ The supernatural virtue of love empowers Catholics to forgive even when they have been deeply hurt.

❖ Forgiveness does not mean excusing wrong behavior or pretending that pain doesn't exist. It means letting go of resentment and trusting God to bring justice and healing.

❖ St. John Paul II demonstrated this in a powerful way when he forgave Mehmet Ali Ağca, the man who attempted to assassinate him in 1981.

❖ Visiting his would-be assassin in prison and offering him forgiveness was a profound act of charity and an example of how love transcends human limitations.

•*Acts of Generosity and Service*

❖ Another practical way to live out the virtue of charity is through generous service to others.

❖ In Matthew 25:35-40, Jesus identifies Himself with the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the imprisoned.

❖ "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

❖ Catholics are called to practice charity through acts of kindness, whether it be feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowful, or visiting the sick.

❖ This is seen vividly in Catholic social teaching, which emphasizes the dignity of the human person and the call to serve the common good.

❖ An example of this love in action is the work of Catholic Relief Services, which provides humanitarian aid around the world.

❖ Through this kind of charitable work, Catholics not only meet the physical needs of others but also reflect the love of Christ to the world.

MERCY AND COMPASSION:

Loving the Difficult

❖ The supernatural virtue of love extends even to those who are difficult to love. Jesus taught, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

❖ This radical call to love those who hurt or oppose us is only possible through God's grace.

❖ St. Maria Goretti, a young girl who was martyred in 1902, demonstrated this love in an extraordinary way.

❖ As she lay dying after being stabbed by her assailant, she forgave him and prayed for his repentance.

❖ Her forgiveness not only reflected her love for God but also led to her attacker's conversion later in life.

4. PERSEVERING IN LOVE THROUGH SUFFERING

❖ Love is most powerfully tested in times of suffering.

❖ The supernatural virtue of love gives Catholics the strength to endure hardship while remaining faithful to God and compassionate to others.

NEWS & EVENTS

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•*Love as Redemptive Suffering*

❖ Catholics believe that suffering, united to Christ's own suffering, has redemptive value.

❖ This is rooted in St. Paul's teaching: "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church" (Colossians 1:24).

❖ When Catholics offer their suffering in love, it becomes a powerful means of grace, not only for themselves but for others.

❖ This is seen in the lives of countless saints, such as St. Maximilian Kolbe, who offered his life in place of another prisoner at Auschwitz, embodying the ultimate expression of love.

CONCLUSION:

❖ Growing in the Skill of Love

❖ The supernatural virtue of love is not static—it grows through practice, prayer, and the sacraments.

❖ Catholics are called to intentionally cultivate love by keeping their hearts open to God's grace and being attentive to opportunities to love both God and neighbor.

❖ The more one practices this divine love, the more it transforms the soul, conforming it to the likeness of Christ.

❖ In daily life, this means:

- Prioritizing time for prayer and sacramental life.

- Serving others generously, especially the poor and marginalized.

- Offering forgiveness and patience, even in difficult relationships.

- Embracing suffering with trust in God's providence.

❖ Through these practices, Catholics skillfully live out the supernatural virtue of love, growing in holiness and witnessing to God's love in the world.



CCW & MORE

October 12, 2025

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Please join Pope Leo in praying his October 2025 intention:

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26

Bag of 50 for \$10.00

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



SMALL GROUPS: Our courses have all begun. To all of the participants this Fall, I challenge you to seriously take what the most important thing you learned each week and decide how to put it into action in your life. It is important to live our faith each and every day.

CARING CONNECTIONS is our grief support group. Please contact Susan with questions and more information. If I am not available, please leave a message and the best time to return your call: 630-860-3691

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM is a group of parishioners that meet monthly to set the direction for discipleship as a ministry in our parish. Please pray for them as they delve into the Bishop's directive "Make". Their next meeting is on Monday, October 20 at 5pm.

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

Spooky Cupcakes

Come for an hour of Food-Filled-Fun.
Here at HOLY GHOST in the
Koinonia Room

Sweet Treats that are so good it's Scary!
YOU will decorate the tastiest looking creepy cupcakes.



Only \$15.00 per person

All supplies will be provided as well as a container to take your sweet treats home.

**Sunday, October 19th
11:30-12:30pm**

Please register by October 15th

Call or text frannie @ 708-218-6511

**or email fran@holyghostparish.org or
stop by the parish office.**

Life: Our Sign of Hope

Read the full version at
respectlife.org/life-our-sign-of-hope.

In baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him. Our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined.

**Hope
does not
disappoint.**

As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope.

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NorthWest Families for Life MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, October 18, 2025



Choose Love, Choose Life



LOCATION

ST. THERESA - DOLAN CENTER
455 N BENTON ST, PALATINE, IL



SPEAKER

BONITA PRATT
PRO-LIFE-APOLOGETICS.COM



TIME

12:30 PM - EXHIBITOR TABLES
1 PM - PRAYER, MUSIC & SPEAKER
2 PM - WITNESS ALONG NW HWY
3 PM - REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP

*"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.
So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants."
Deuteronomy 30:19*

www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com | NWFL526@gmail.com | 847-651-4877

*Join us
for the next*

Catholic High School Admissions Fair

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet and Benedictine University
in partnership with the Diocese of Rockford.

Thursday, October 23 from 6-8 p.m.

Benedictine University
Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business
5700 College Road in Lisle

For 4th-8th grade students and families to explore exhibits, speak with school representatives and learn about the admissions process and financial aid.

Participating Schools

- Benet Academy, Lisle - Chesterton Academy, Lisle - IC Catholic Prep, Elmhurst - Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet - Marmion Academy, Aurora	- Montini Catholic, Lombard - Providence High School, New Lenox - Rosary High School, Aurora - St. Francis High School, Wheaton
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Learn more about outstanding schools rooted in the Catholic faith!

Register to attend:
bit.ly/4nXBKgh
Registration preferred.
Walk ins welcome.



Eastern DuPage Deanery's

JUBILEE Day of Prayer

Visit St. Peter's in Itasca,
our deanery's specially designated parish,
to receive a plenary indulgence*
during the 2025 Jubilee

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Holy Mass
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM - Adoration
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Confessions
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Holy Hour with
Vespers and
Benediction



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

St. Peter Catholic Church
551 N. Rush Street
Itasca, IL 60143

For more information, call
(630) 773-1272

* "All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any attachment to sin, who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of Penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Pope, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, which can be applied to souls in Purgatory" (Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence during the Jubilee Year 2025)