CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

OCTOBER 18, 2026 | **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **#1278**

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Parish Office Hours:

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

Faith Formation Office Hours:

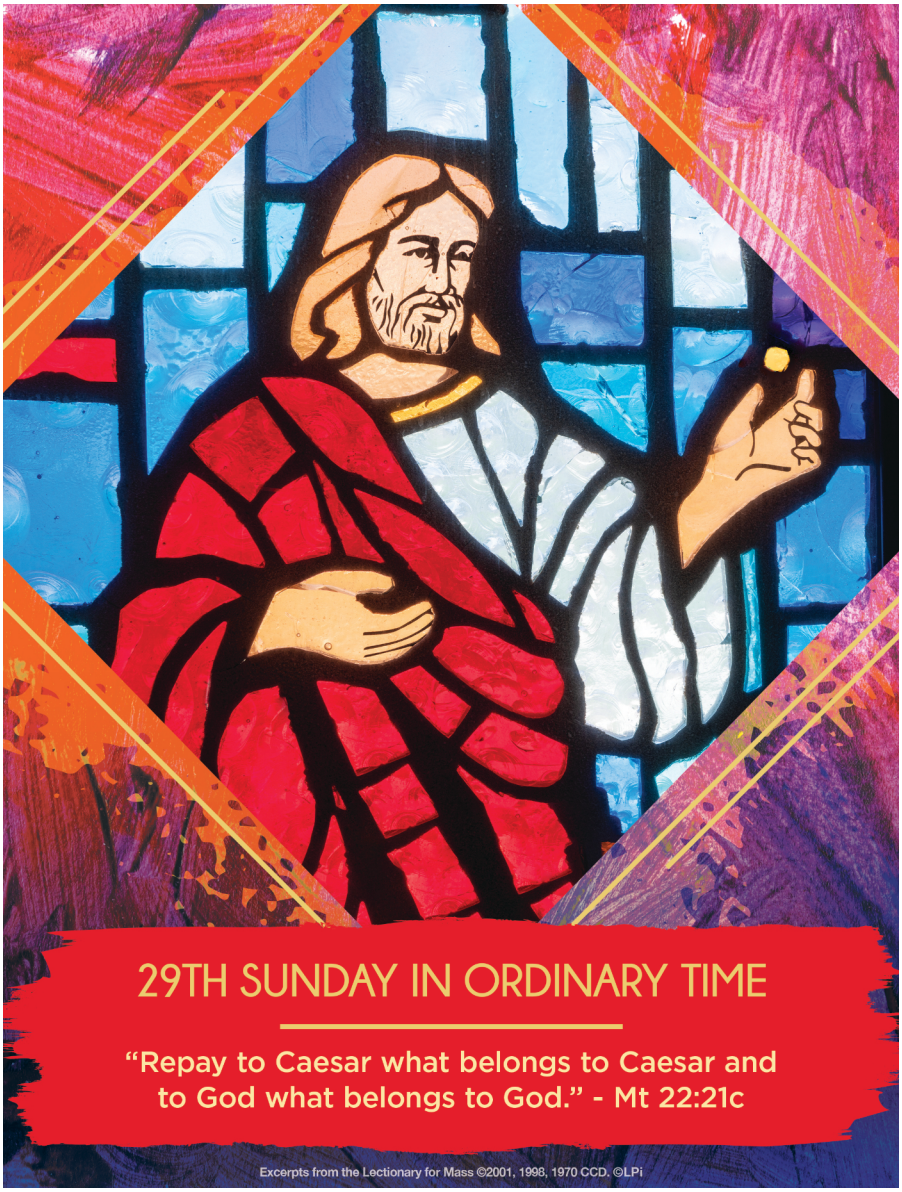
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509
(Located on the north side of the church in the Farrell Faith Formation Center)

Did you know that Holy Ghost Church has it's own Facebook page?

Follow us to get information on upcoming events and more.

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

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.

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

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

WELCOME

OCTOBER 18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17

4PM Mass

+Raffaele Pulice

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

Sunday, October 18

8AM Mass

+Frank Rice

10:30AM Mass

+Antonia Abbate

Weekday INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19

+Frank Rice

Tuesday, October 20

+Rosemary Berg

Wednesday, October 21

+Rosemary Berg

Thursday, October 22

Paul & Marie's 66th Wedding Anniversary

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

Sept. 30 - October 6, 2026
$9,865.51

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection
$11,150.00

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	$54,200
Amount Pledged	$67,121
Amount Paid	$62,354
Balance Due	$4,767
Donors	220
2026 Rebate	$5,708

Updated10/11/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

October 17/18 - World Mission Sunday
October 24/25 - 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

ARMY:
LTC Robert Bowen
LTC Grace Gallagher
CAPT Elizabeth Gonzales
SFC Zack Cieslak
SPC Marco Garcia
SPC David Patcher
CW4 Anderson Mann
CW2 Carlos Contreras
PVT Steven Badgley
PVT Ian Schauchuk

MARINE CORPS:
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
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
Aldegunda Diego
Thomas Franzen
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales
Mike Kaiser
Sarah Kasab
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Michael Malek
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz
Georgia Schroeder
Cindi Shea
Frank Staggs
Holly Staggs
Nancy Townsend
Feliciano Vero
Gloria Villanueva
Salvatore Vivo
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.

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR (OCT.)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

17 Fr. John Sebahar, Fr. Greg Skowron
18 Very Reverend Richard Smith, Fr. Danilo Soriano
19 Sr. Laura Filipas OSF, Sr. Rosemary Fonck OSF
20 Dcns. John Rex, John Ripoll, David Ritter, Timothy Roberts
21 Sr. Sharon Frederick OSF, Sr. Ann Freiburg OSF
22 Fr. Robert Schoenstene, Fr. James Schwab
23 Fr. John Sponder
24 Seminarian David Molfese
25 Fr. Maciej Stelmach, Fr. Daniel F. Stempora
26 Dcns. Thomas Ross, Michael Ruddle, Kevin Ryan, Terry Safko, Thomas Sagenbrecht, Luis Saltigerald
27 Sr. Verene Girmscheid OSF, Sr. Mary Jane Griffin OSF, Sr. Mary Ann Hamer OSF
28 Seminarian Sean Czaplewski
29 Fr. Gerald Nicholas O.S.A., Fr. John Ohner O.S.A., Fr. John Sotak O.S.A.
30 Dcns. Thomas Rachubinski, Donald Randolph, David Raskowski, Thomas Rehak, Philip Rehmer
31 Sr. Barbarine Houdek OSF

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 Memory of the deceased members of the Thomka Family

From Ed & Marge Thomka

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

October 31/1
November 14/15, 21/22, 28/29

(*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 the Walow Family

From the Meyer Family

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

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM





THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND THE ANTICHRIST:

A Catholic Perspective on the Second Coming

In Catholic theology, the Return of Christ—commonly referred to as the Second Coming or the Parousia—is a monumental event that signifies the final fulfillment of God's plan for salvation.

Catholics believe that Jesus, who ascended into heaven, will come again to judge the living and the dead, establish His eternal Kingdom, and renew all creation.

This teaching, deeply rooted in both Scripture and Tradition, shapes how Catholics live their faith today.

The return of Christ is also intricately connected to the rise of the Antichrist, a figure who embodies the ultimate opposition to God's Kingdom.

Understanding the relationship between the Return of Christ and the Antichrist helps Catholics prepare for both the trials and the hope that lie ahead.

1. BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMING

The doctrine of Christ's Second Coming is found throughout the New Testament.

Jesus Himself prophesied His return, saying in Matthew 24:30-31:

"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."

Additionally, the angels in Acts 1:11 reminded the apostles that Jesus, who ascended into heaven, "will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This passage gives assurance to believers that Jesus will return, just as He promised, at the culmination of history.

2. THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S RETURN

The Second Coming is the ultimate moment when Christ will fulfill the Kingdom of God and execute the Final Judgment.

At this point, Jesus will return as the glorious King, not as the suffering servant of His first coming, and all humanity will be judged.

The righteous will enter into eternal communion with God, while the unrepentant will face eternal separation.

This moment is the climax of the redemptive history, when Christ triumphs definitively over sin, death, and Satan.

At the same time, the Resurrection of the Dead will occur, as Christ will raise the bodies of the dead and reunite them with their souls.

This will be a moment of completion for all creation, as the fullness of salvation is revealed, and God's justice and mercy are perfectly manifested.

3. THE ROLE OF THE ANTICHRIST IN SALVATION HISTORY

Before the glorious return of Christ, Catholic teaching holds that the world will face a final period of tribulation, marked by the rise of the Antichrist.

The Antichrist is often understood as a human figure (or, according to some interpretations, a system or ideology) that opposes God and leads many people astray.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 675) explains this, saying,

"Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the 'mystery of iniquity' in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth."

This figure is often described in Catholic eschatology as being empowered by Satan to deceive people, convincing them to turn away from God and follow false teachings.

The Antichrist is spoken of in the New Testament, particularly in the writings of St. Paul and St. John.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, St. Paul warns about the coming of the "man of lawlessness":

"Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God."

This figure will seek to exalt himself above God, leading many into deception.

According to Catholic tradition, this final trial will involve intense spiritual warfare, during which the Church will be tested, and many will fall into apostasy or disbelief.

4. LIVING IN ANTICIPATION:

The "Already" and the "Not Yet"

Catholic teaching often emphasizes that believers live in an "already but not yet" reality of the Kingdom of God.

Christ's first coming through His incarnation, death, and resurrection has already inaugurated the Kingdom of God, but it will not be fully realized until His Second Coming.

Catholics are therefore called to live in vigilance and hope, knowing that the final victory has been won through the cross, yet anticipating its full manifestation when Christ returns.

The presence of the Antichrist serves as a reminder of the spiritual battle that continues in the present age.

Jesus cautioned His disciples in Matthew 24:24 that "false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

Catholics are called to remain steadfast in faith, discerning the true signs of God's Kingdom and rejecting the deception of false prophets and ideologies that oppose the Gospel.

5. SIGNS OF THE SECOND COMING AND THE DEFEAT OF THE ANTICHRIST

Catholic eschatology teaches that certain signs will precede the return of Christ, including natural disasters, wars, and widespread apostasy.

The Antichrist's reign is one of the most notable of these signs.

However, while his influence will cause great suffering, Catholics believe that his reign will be temporary.

Revelation 19:20 describes the ultimate defeat of the Antichrist:

"But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf.

With these signs, he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur."

At Christ's return, He will cast the Antichrist and all forces of evil into eternal damnation, restoring truth, justice, and peace.

The ultimate defeat of the Antichrist signifies the triumph of God's Kingdom over all evil.

6. THE EUCHARIST AS PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist plays a central role in preparing for Christ's Second Coming.

Each time Catholics celebrate the Eucharist, they proclaim the Mystery of Faith, which includes the declaration:

"We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again." The Eucharist not only makes present the saving work of Christ but also anticipates His return in glory.

It is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, where believers will fully participate in the divine life.

By participating in the Eucharist, Catholics are spiritually strengthened to withstand the deceptions of the Antichrist and remain focused on the promise of Christ's return.

The Eucharist becomes a source of grace, allowing believers to endure the trials of this life and hold fast to the hope of eternal salvation.

7. THE RENEWAL OF CREATION AND THE END OF EVIL

Catholics believe that the return of Christ will bring about the renewal of all creation.

The earth and the heavens, currently affected by sin and corruption, will be restored to their original beauty and harmony.

In Revelation 21:1, St. John speaks of the "new heaven and a new earth," where God will dwell with His people and wipe away every tear, and where death, suffering, and evil will be no more.

The Antichrist, as the embodiment of opposition to God's plan, will be vanquished once and for all, along with Satan and all his followers. This victory is not just personal but cosmic, as the entire universe is freed from the effects of sin.

8. CHRISTIAN HOPE IN THE SECOND COMING

The anticipation of Christ's return fills Catholics with hope and confidence.

It is not a source of fear, but a reason for joy.

St. Paul expressed this hope in Romans 8:18-19, saying, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God."

Catholics are called to live with a sense of urgency, aware that the Second Coming could happen at any time.

Yet, this urgency is marked by faithfulness to God's commands, works of mercy, and deep spiritual vigilance.

CONCLUSION:

Triumph Over the Antichrist and the Fulfillment of God's Kingdom

The Return of Christ is the climax of salvation history, where Christ's victory over sin, death, and the Antichrist will be fully realized.

Catholics live in this hope, knowing that Christ will come again to restore all things and bring the faithful into eternal communion with God.

While the rise of the Antichrist signifies a period of great tribulation and deception, it ultimately gives way to the final and glorious triumph of Christ.

Catholics are called to remain vigilant, hold fast to their faith, and eagerly anticipate the day when Christ returns in glory and His Kingdom reigns forever.



Please join Pope Leo in praying his October 2026 intention:

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

A Fall Morning of Reflection

With Fr. Sam Conforti and Susan Tutaj

Join us for a meaningful morning as we break open the Parable of the Talents and reflect on the many gifts God has entrusted to each of us.

Everything we have is a gift from God. Together, we will reflect on how God is calling us to use our unique gifts and talents to help build His Kingdom.

Come spend the morning with us as we:

- Pray together
- Reflect on Scripture
- Participate in a guided meditation
- Conclude our morning with Adoration

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9:00 AM – NOON

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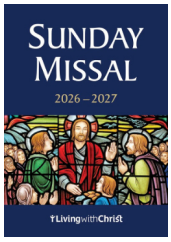
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TO ATTEND

Please register before 11/10 with Joanne: 630-860-2975

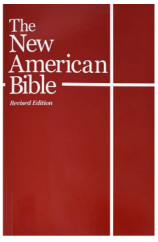
There is no fee to attend this Morning of Reflection.
A basket will be available for a free will donation.





The new Sunday Missals are for sale in the church office for $5.

There are always Bibles available in the office to purchase for $10.



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Some of the features include:
Messages from the Parish
Fr. Sam's Homilies
The daily readings read at Mass
An easy-to-reference list of Catholic prayers with prayer reminders
A helpful examination of conscience and next confession reminder
A button for online giving
Parish information and directory
Bulletins

A reminder feature called "Mass Mode," for Mass and confession. This includes phone silencing notification to help encourage us all to be more present while at Holy Ghost

If you do not have the app, please download the MyParish App Classic from your app store. We are looking to enhance our communication with the parish by using the app on a more regular basis.

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.

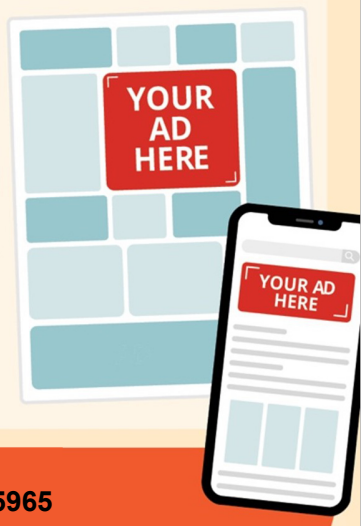
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