

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

OCTOBER 19, 2025

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm
Closed Friday - Sunday
630-860-2975

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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.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

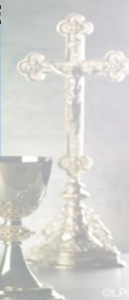
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

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 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 18

4PM Mass

**Health & Blessings for
Sarah Pauscher**

Sunday, October 19

8AM Mass

+Evelyn Helen Frontier

10:30AM Mass

**Health & Blessings for
Ann & Louis Jr. Walsh**

**For the Parishioners of Holy
Ghost Parish Living & Deceased**



8:30AM Mass

Monday, October 20

**+Mary Rose Minerva
+Joseph Minerva**

Tuesday, October 21

+Rosemary Berg

Wednesday, October 22

**Health & Blessings for
Lorraine & Paul Kmiecik on their
65th wedding anniversary**

Thursday, October 23

+Edward H Gisburne

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

**October 1—October 7, 2025
\$11,601.05**

YTD Budget thru September 2025
\$133,750

YTD Actual thru September 2025
\$125,829

YTD Difference thru August 2025
-\$7,921



**Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal**

Diocese of Joliet

	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$69,631
Amount Paid	\$64,248
Balance Due	\$5,383
Donors	226
2025 Rebate	\$4,233

Updated 10/13/2025

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 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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:

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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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SFC Zack Cieslak
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CW2 Carlos Contreras
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PVT Ian Schauchuk

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

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Bianca Marie Borowski
Micah Casey
Aldegunda Diego
Thomas Franzen
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales
Jerad Klint
Therese Kotecki
Michael Malek
Jose Joaquin Negrete Paz

Cindi Shea
Frank Staggs
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!



Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law—**World Mission Sunday**. Your generosity today supports the **Pope's missions** in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year's theme—*"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"*—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

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.



Health & Blessings for Phil Goulding

From the Tina DiCapua

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 Adrienne Curiale

From Susan Tutaj

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



THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MASS ACCORDING TO ST. JUSTIN MARTYR:

Its Essence and Continuity with Today's Catholic Liturgy

Saint Justin Martyr, a second-century philosopher and Christian convert, left us one of the earliest detailed accounts of the Catholic Mass in his writings, particularly in his *First Apology* (written around 155 A.D.).

His description provides not only a powerful defense of Christian worship during a time when the faith was misunderstood and persecuted, but also a remarkable insight into the continuity of the Catholic Mass from the Apostolic era to the present day.

In this reflection, I will outline Justin Martyr's account of the Mass, explain its components, and highlight how this early form of Christian worship continues to be present in the structure and theology of the modern Catholic Mass.

1. THE CONTEXT OF JUSTIN MARTYR'S APOLOGY

Before diving into the liturgical elements, it's important to understand the historical and theological context in which Justin Martyr was writing.

Christians were often accused of bizarre practices (including cannibalism due to the misunderstanding of the Eucharist) and of being disloyal to the Roman state.

As a philosopher who had converted to Christianity, Justin Martyr used his intellectual background to defend the faith, addressing his *Apology* to the Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius.

In this document, he explains the beliefs and practices of Christians, showing that they are rational and that their worship, particularly the Mass, was rooted in tradition and the teachings of Christ.

2. JUSTIN MARTYR'S DESCRIPTION OF THE MASS

In Chapter 67 of his *First Apology*, Justin Martyr provides a detailed description of the Sunday worship of Christians, which we can recognize as the early form of the Catholic Mass.

Here is a breakdown of the elements he describes, followed by an explanation of each component in its historical and theological context:

a. *The Gathering of the Faithful*

"On the day which is called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the countryside gather together to one place..."

From the beginning, Christians gathered on Sunday, the day of the Lord's Resurrection, to celebrate the Eucharist. This practice continues in the Church today.

The early Christians, like us, came together in community, symbolizing the Body of Christ in unity, whether in homes, catacombs, or simple worship spaces.

b. *The Reading of the Scriptures*

"The memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits."

The Liturgy of the Word is evident here, where readings from both the Old Testament ("the writings of the prophets") and the New Testament ("the memoirs of the apostles," referring to the Gospels and other apostolic writings) were proclaimed.

This practice of reading Scripture remains a central part of the Catholic Mass today.

Justin emphasizes the connection between the Hebrew Scriptures and the new covenant in Christ, showing that the early Christians saw continuity between Judaism and the Gospel message.

c. *The Homily or Exhortation*

"When the reader has finished, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things." After the readings, there would be an exhortation, or what we now call the homily, where the presider would explain the Scriptures and encourage the faithful to live according to the Gospel.

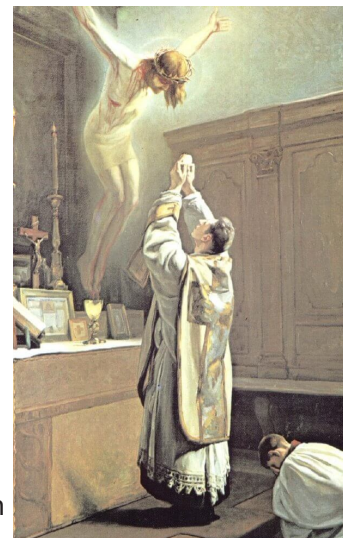
This part of the Mass is still observed, where the priest or deacon offers a homily that reflects on the readings and applies them to the lives of the faithful.

d. *The Prayers of the Faithful*

"Then we all rise together and offer prayers."

The Prayers of the Faithful, where the congregation prays for the needs of the Church, the world, and individuals, are another essential element of the early Mass that continues today.

This communal prayer reflects the early Church's belief in the communion of saints and the intercession for one another, which is still very much alive in



the Catholic tradition.

e. The Kiss of Peace

"When we have ceased from our prayers, we greet one another with a kiss."

The Kiss of Peace, or Sign of Peace, was a gesture of reconciliation and unity among the early Christians. Today, this is symbolized in the Mass when the faithful exchange a sign of peace, emphasizing the need for reconciliation and peace with one another before receiving the Eucharist.

f. The Offering of Bread and Wine

"Then bread and a cup of wine mixed with water are brought to the one presiding."

After the prayers and the Kiss of Peace, the faithful would bring forward the gifts of bread and wine.

The mixing of water with the wine, which Justin mentions, was already a part of early Christian worship, symbolizing the union of Christ's divinity and humanity, as well as our participation in the divine life through the sacraments. This practice is still carried out in the Mass today.

g. The Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration

"The president offers prayers and thanksgivings according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen."

This is one of the earliest descriptions of the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass, where the presider prays over the bread and wine, asking God to send the Holy Spirit to consecrate them, transforming them into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Justin Martyr doesn't provide the exact words used, but he emphasizes that the prayer involves **thanksgiving** (from which the word **Eucharist** comes) and that the people's participation is marked by their saying **"Amen,"** signifying their agreement and belief in the mystery being celebrated.

h. The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

"For we do not receive these things as common bread and common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise we have been taught that the food consecrated by the word of prayer which comes from Him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus."

Here, Justin Martyr makes a profound statement of faith regarding the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He explicitly teaches that the bread and wine, after consecration, are no longer ordinary food but the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a direct refutation of modern claims that the Eucharist is merely symbolic.

The belief in transubstantiation, the transformation of the substance of bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood, is clearly rooted in the early Church, long before the formal definitions of later councils. This belief remains central to Catholic theology today.

i. The Distribution of Communion

"The deacons give to each of those present to partake of the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced, and to those who are absent they carry away a portion."

After the consecration, the faithful would receive Communion.

Justin mentions that deacons would distribute the Eucharist to those present and even carry it to those who were absent, such as the sick or imprisoned.

This practice continues today in the Church, where Communion is distributed to the congregation and often taken to the homebound or ill.

3. CONTINUITY WITH THE MODERN CATHOLIC MASS

Justin Martyr's description of the Mass in the mid-second century shows remarkable continuity with the Catholic Mass of today.

While certain rituals, prayers, and the external form have developed over the centuries, the essential elements remain the same:

- Gathering on Sunday
- Reading of Scripture
- Homily or Exhortation
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Offering of bread and wine
- Consecration of the Eucharist
- Reception of Communion

This unbroken tradition reflects the Church's commitment to Christ's command at the Last Supper:

"Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). The Catholic Mass, rooted in Apostolic tradition and preserved by the early Church Fathers like Justin Martyr, is the same Sacrifice of Christ made present to us, perpetuating His saving grace through the Eucharist.

CONCLUSION:

A Living Legacy of Faith

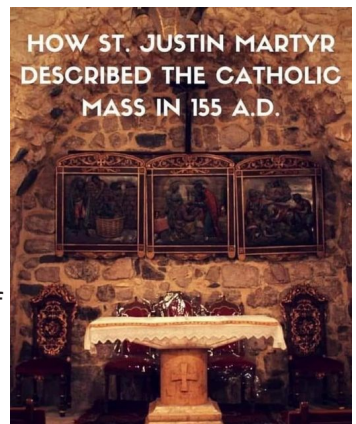
The early Christian Mass, as described by St. Justin Martyr, reveals the continuity and depth of Catholic worship.

His testimony serves as undeniable proof that from the time of the Apostles, the Church has believed in and celebrated the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and has followed a structured liturgy centered on the proclamation of the Word and the Sacrifice of the Eucharist.

For Catholics today, this knowledge deepens our appreciation for the Mass. It is not merely a ritual or a remembrance but a participation in the eternal sacrifice of Christ.

As we attend Mass, we are united with the early Christians, the Apostles, and all the faithful throughout history, celebrating the same Holy Sacrifice and encountering the same Risen Lord.

St. Justin Martyr's witness reminds us of the enduring power of the Mass and calls us to a deeper understanding and reverence for the mystery of the Eucharist, the "source and summit" of the Christian life.



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.



**Holy Ghost CCW
Holiday Bazaar**

**Raffles, Split the Pot
Amazing Gift Items**

Food and Refreshments

Admission
IS
FREE

**One Stop
Holiday Shopping**

Sat November 8th, 2025 9am-4pm
Sunday November 9th, 2025 9am-2pm

Items for sale:
Toys
Cards
Soaps
Jewelry
Scarves
Candles
Gnomes
Wreaths
Ornaments
Home Décor
Sweet Treats
Holiday Items
Cutting Boards
Wood Working
Christmas Items
Candy & Cookies
Hand Made Items
Gifting Items
And
Much
More

Holy Ghost Parish 254 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale, IL 60191

Spooky Cupcakes

Come for an hour of Food-Filled-Fun.

Here at HOLY GHOST in the
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Sweet Treats that are so good it's Scary!

YOU will decorate the tastiest looking **CREEPY CUPCAKES**.



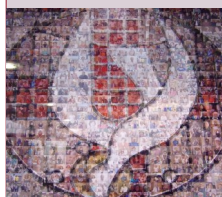
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SWEET TREATS HOME.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER
19TH 11:30-12:30PM**

WALK INS WELCOME

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@holymghostparish.org 630-860-3691



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

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 diojoliel.org/cemeteries for more details. *We're here to help!*





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- ◆ Our founder – Blessed Michael McGivney – has been beatified by the Church. People around the world seek his intercession through prayer.
- ◆ All practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are invited to join.
- ◆ Call Grand Knight Warren Wawczak for more info. 630-487-7925

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.

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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Hope
does not
disappoint.

NEWS & EVENTS

October 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 1

8:30am Mass

Solemnity of
ALL SAINTS
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Fannie May

PREMIUM CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1920

FUNDRAISING 2025

We're kicking off our **Fannie May Fundraiser** to support our Faith Formation program—and we need **every parishioner** to get involved!

Fannie May flyer and order forms are available in the vestibules, welcome center and the parish office. Use the forms to help gather orders from friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors. This is a simple (and sweet!) way to help raise funds for our program, including materials, retreats, and special events that help our children grow in faith.

Why This Matters:

For **every sale made**, our **Faith Formation program receives 30% back**—that's a big impact with each box of chocolate sold! Although these items may occasionally be available at a lower price in stores, purchasing through our fundraiser ensures that **30% of each sale directly supports our parish Faith Formation Program**.

- **All order forms and payments are due by Sunday, November 16.**
- Orders will arrive just in time for the holidays—perfect for gift-giving!
- **Pick up is Sunday, December 14.**

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.