

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

OCTOBER 26, 2025

THIRTIETH 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.



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

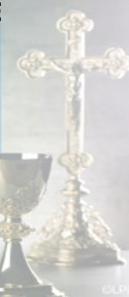
4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

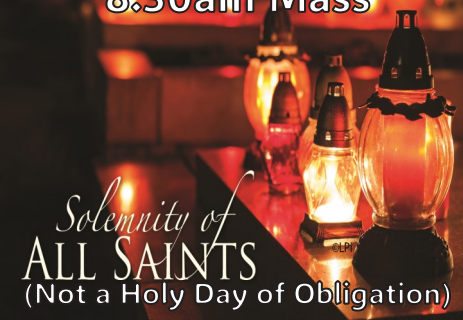
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Please join us for **Adoration**
from 7AM to 8AM
before the 8:30AM
weekday morning Mass.



Saturday, November 1
8:30am Mass



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

WELCOME

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 25

4PM Mass

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

+Antonia Abbate

Sunday, October 26

8AM Mass

+Rosmary Berg

10:30AM Mass

+Sylvia Heuser



8:30AM Mass

Monday, October 27

+Stephanie & Eugene Rafa

Tuesday, October 28

+Albert Tognacchi

Wednesday, October 29

+Irene Rossa

Thursday, October 30

+Donald Gniech

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.

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 8—October 14, 2025
\$5,938.43

YTD Budget thru September 2025
\$133,750

YTD Actual thru September 2025
\$125,829

YTD Difference thru September 2025
-\$7,921



	2025
Parish Goal	\$58,200
Amount Pledged	\$69,631
Amount Paid	\$64,298
Balance Due	\$5,333
Donors	226
2025 Rebate	\$4,268

Updated 10/19/2025

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Oct 25/26 –C.O.R.E

Nov 8/9 –Seminar Education
Endowment

Nov 15/16 –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
MAJ Mary Dones
CAPT Joseph Piscopo
CAPT Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbock
A1C Ryan Leider
A1C Nicholas Pfeifer

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

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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



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!



Mission Does Not End with October

As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through prayer, storytelling, and generous action. The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote villages, conflict zones, refugee camps, and urban slums. They bring more than aid—they bring Jesus Christ. As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "The Church exists in order to evangelize" (14). We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to Mission Magazine, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through www.pontificalmissions.org. Hope does not disappoint—and the world still needs hope.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

October 26, 2025
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Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Food for the Banquet

A beautiful way to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, is through providing Food for the Banquet. You may mail your request with your \$50 contribution to Holy Ghost Church at 254 N Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL 60191.



In Memory of Dr. Paul Kinkade 25th Anniversary

From Craig & Kriston Nelson

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

November 27 (Thanksgiving day)
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 St. Anthony

From Robt. & Frances Cano Jr.

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

EVENTS & MORE

October 26, 2025

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CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS WITH FR. SAM



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL:

Why Full Communion with the Catholic Church Matters



While it is true that we are all children of God by virtue of creation (cf. Genesis 1:27), the Catholic Church teaches that God's invitation to a full relationship with Him involves more than simply acknowledging this fundamental truth.

The Church holds that the fullness of faith and the means of salvation are uniquely found within the Catholic Church, and choosing not to join can have significant spiritual implications.

Let's unpack this in detail:

1. THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO COMMUNION

The Catholic Church teaches that God desires all people to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) and to come into communion with Him.

While it is possible to have a relationship with God outside of formal membership in the Catholic Church, Catholicism holds a unique place because it is the Church Christ Himself founded (cf. Matthew 16:18) and entrusted with the fullness of truth, the sacraments, and the means of salvation.

In Catholic teaching, ****Christ established the Church**** to be the ****sacrament of salvation****—that is, the visible institution through which God dispenses His grace most fully (Lumen Gentium, no. 14).

Joining the Catholic Church means entering into the sacramental life that Jesus instituted, which includes the sacraments of

- Baptism,
- Confirmation,
- Eucharist, and
- Reconciliation

—all of which play a critical role in a person's relationship with God.

2. THE ROLE OF BAPTISM IN BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD

The Catholic Church teaches that, though all are children of God by creation, through Baptism we become adopted children of God in a new and deeper way.

In John 3:5, Jesus says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

- Baptism cleanses us from original sin and makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

- Through this sacrament, a person enters into full spiritual sonship or daughtership with God, sharing in Christ's own divine life.

Thus, being a child of God by Baptism in the Catholic Church brings us into the fullness of God's family and His plan for our salvation.

3. THE NECESSITY OF THE CHURCH FOR SALVATION

The Catholic Church, based on Scripture and Tradition, teaches that outside of the Church there is no salvation (Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus).

This does not mean that those who are not formally Catholic cannot be saved, but it affirms the Catholic Church's unique role in God's plan of salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

- "All salvation comes from Christ the Head through the Church which is his Body" (CCC 846).

- Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know Christ or His Church but seek God sincerely can still be saved by God's grace (CCC 847).

However, for those who have come to know the Church and understand its teachings, there is an obligation to respond to this knowledge in faith.

This teaching encourages people to consider their relationship to the Church seriously and to understand that joining the Catholic Church is an integral part of fully responding to God's call.





4. THE ROLE OF THE SACRAMENTS

The Catholic Church is the guardian of the **sacraments**, which are essential channels of grace established by Christ.

The Eucharist, for example, is the source and summit of the Christian life, and through it, Catholics receive the Body and Blood of Christ

(John 6:53-58).

By not joining the Catholic Church, you would be missing out on these powerful means of encountering Christ. The sacraments are vital for:

- Forgiveness of sins (Confession/Reconciliation, cf. John 20:21-23).
- Spiritual nourishment and unity with Christ (Eucharist, cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16).
- **Receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit** (Confirmation, cf. Acts 8:14-17).

These sacraments are not merely symbolic; they are real encounters with the grace of God, intended to **strengthen your relationship** with Him.

5. UNITY IN FAITH

Catholicism emphasizes the importance of unity in faith.

In **John 17:21**, Jesus prays for His followers, asking the Father that "they may all be one." The Church sees this unity as essential to the Christian witness to the world.

While acknowledging that there are many Christians outside of formal communion with the Catholic Church, the Church teaches that full unity is found within the Catholic Church, which safeguards the apostolic faith and administers the sacraments.

Joining the Catholic Church is a way of responding to this call for unity and participating fully in the life of the Church that Christ established.

6. THE FULFILLMENT OF REVELATION

The Catholic Church teaches that it is the **custodian of divine revelation**—the truths revealed by God through Scripture and Tradition.

As **1 Timothy 3:15** describes the Church as the "pillar and foundation of truth," the Catholic Church believes it has been entrusted with preserving and proclaiming the fullness of truth revealed by God.

While it is possible to know and love God outside of the Catholic Church, the Church teaches that full access to the truth of God's revelation, including the teachings on faith and morals, is found within Catholicism.

By choosing not to join the Church, you may miss out on the richness of the teaching authority (Magisterium) that helps guide believers in the path of truth.

CONCLUSION:

God's Call to Fullness

Yes, we are all children of God in a general sense, but the Catholic Church believes that God calls each person to a full relationship with Him through the Church He established.

To ignore or resist this call could mean missing out on the **fullness of grace** and **truth** that Christ offers through the Catholic Church. Conversion is not just about formal membership but about participating in the **sacramental life** and embracing the **truths** handed down by the Church.

Thus, while acknowledging our common status as children of God, the Catholic Church invites you to consider that God calls us to enter into **His family** through the Church, which He established as the way to come to **full communion** with Him and others. The decision to join the Catholic Church is a profound response to God's invitation to experience the fullness of His grace and love.



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.**



**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

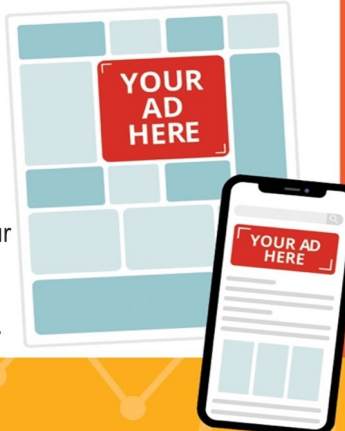
Items for sale include:
Toys, Cards, Soaps, Jewelry, Scarves, Candles, Gnomes, Wreaths, Ornaments, Home Décor, Sweet Treats, Holiday Items, Cutting Boards, Wood Working, Christmas Items, Candy & Cookies, Hand Made Items, Gifting Items, And Much More

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

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SUNDAY MISSAL

2025 – 2026



Living with Christ

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

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



The Four Dimensions of Priestly Formation

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF JOLIET



When a man enters seminary to discern the priesthood, he begins a journey of conversion and formation that touches every part of his life. The Church, through the Program for Priestly Formation (PPF), outlines four key dimensions—sometimes called “pillars”—that shape this journey.

The first is human formation, the foundation of it all. A priest must be a man of integrity, balanced and virtuous, capable of relating well to others. Next comes spiritual formation, which roots him in friendship with Christ through daily prayer, the Eucharist, and a life centered on holiness. Intellectual formation, the rigorous studies in philosophy and theology, prepare the man to explain the faith clearly and faithfully. Finally, pastoral formation prepares them to be shepherds—through hospital visits, parish ministry, encounters with the poor, and hands-on experiences of serving God’s people.

These dimensions aren’t separate boxes to be checked. They are woven together so that the seminarian is gradually shaped into a man configured to Christ the Good Shepherd. Formation is not just training but transformation—a work of grace, in cooperation with human effort. In the end, priestly formation aims at this: a man so conformed to Christ that he can lay down his life for the flock.

This is Part 1 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

Support our future priests through the second collection for Seminarian Formation!

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit has blessed the Diocese of Joliet with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 27 men in seminary formation, which costs \$53,900 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has established this second collection.

At Masses the weekend of Nov 8-9, our parish will take up a second collection for this effort. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, use your smart phone to scan this QR code:



NEWS & EVENTS

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SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

A second collection for the education and formation of our future priests



Fannie May
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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.