



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH 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:

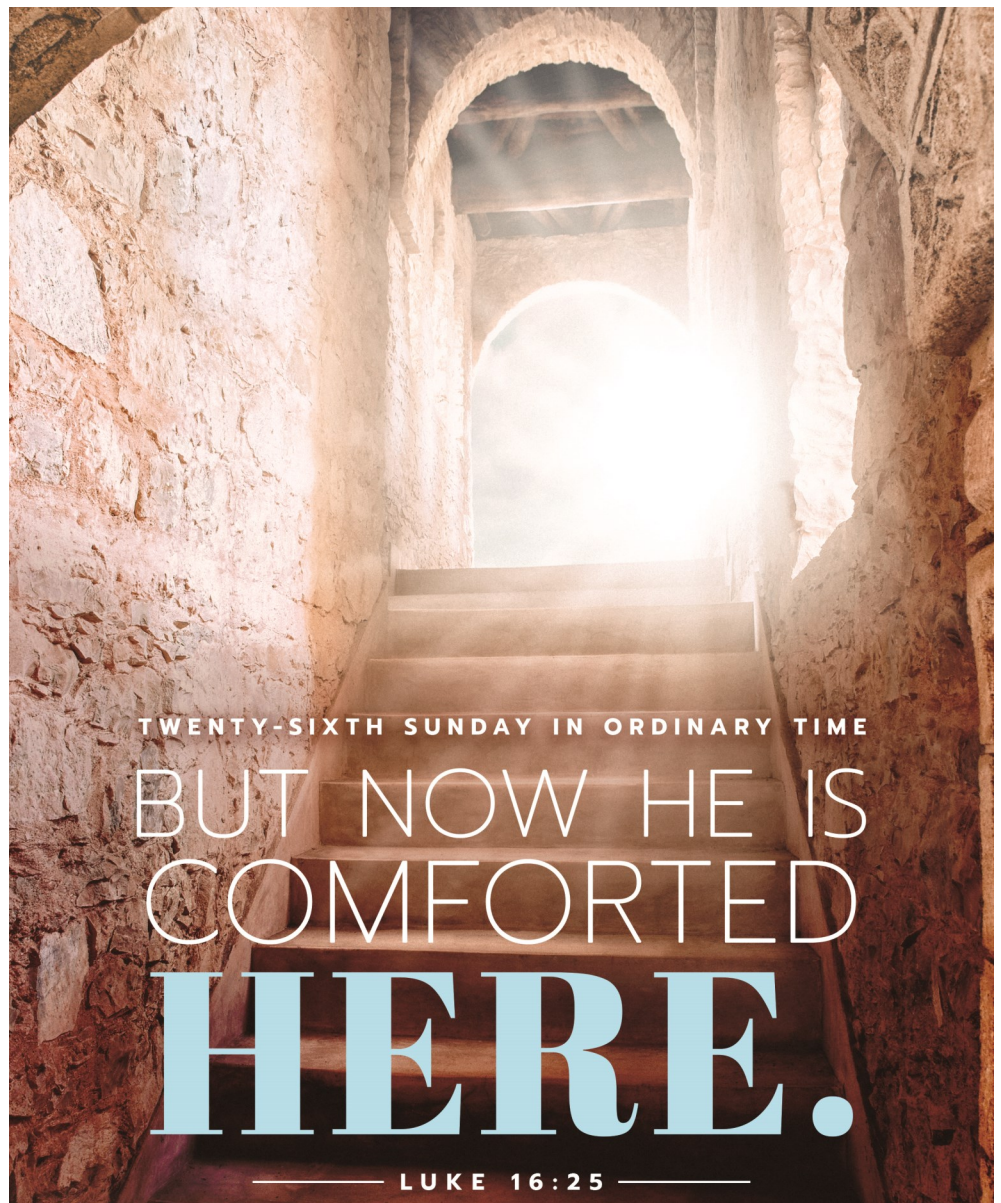
Tues - Thurs 9am - 2pm
630-766-4509

*(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.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT NOW HE IS
COMFORTED
HERE.

LUKE 16:25

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

September 28, 2025
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 27

4PM Mass

+Alfredo Saucedo

Sunday, September 28

8AM Mass

+Rocco & Maria Pontrelli

10:30AM Mass

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish Living & Deceased

+Helmut Hoeing

+Erika Hoeing



8:30AM Mass

Monday, September 29

+Alfonzo Guzman

Tuesday, September 30

+Virginia Zdunek

Wednesday, October 1

+Jennifer Lynn Ellerman-Queen

Thursday, October 2

The Living & Deceased member of the Joseph Monaco Family

Friday, October 3

+Marcos Mendoza

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 11–September 17, 2025
\$7,998.81

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 9/21/2025

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
September 28, 2025
26th 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:

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

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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

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LCDR Nicholas Lucania
Ryan James Ruizol

Micah Casey
Aldegunda Diego
Thomas Franzen
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales
Therese Kotecki
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@hollyghostparish.org
or call the parish office at 630-860-2975
to add or remove a name from the list.
Thank you!

Food for the Banquet



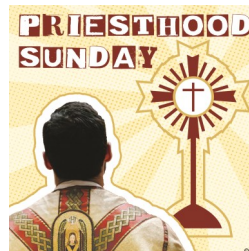
Correction from Sept. 21, 2025

In Memory of Cheryl Nelson Schultz

From Kristen & Craig Nelson

A Prayer for Priests

Jesus Christ, Great High Priest,
You are able to sympathize with our human weakness
Strengthen your priests for the work of ministry.
You healed, proclaimed, and taught.
Renew your priests in their concern for the poor, zeal for the Gospel, and personal witness to virtue.
You instituted the sacraments as signs of heavenly grace.
Make holy your priests for this sacred service.
You bore our sufferings and sins upon yourself.
May your priests remain close to the broken-hearted.
Jesus Christ, Great High Priest, bring your priests ever closer to your Sacred Heart.
Amen.



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 Alfredo Saucedo

From Tina DiCapua

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 Dear Friend Paul Andershon

From The Kucaj Family

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

**TWISTING SCRIPTURE:**

How the Bible Is Misused to Control and Manipulate in Modern Times

The Bible, as the inspired Word of God, is meant to guide believers in their spiritual lives, deepen their relationship with God, and promote love, justice, and truth.

However, throughout history and even today, it has been misused by individuals or groups to control, manipulate, or oppress others.

Such misuse often stems from a distortion of Biblical teachings, taking verses out of context, or applying them in ways that are contrary to their intended purpose.

From a Catholic perspective, misuse of Scripture violates both the letter and the spirit of God's Word.

The Church emphasizes the importance of proper interpretation (hermeneutics) through Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium to prevent such errors.

Let's explore how the Bible has been and continues to be misused to control people and how Catholics respond to these abuses.

1. SELECTIVE USE OF SCRIPTURE FOR POLITICAL CONTROL

- *Historical Examples:* In the past, political leaders have used Bible passages selectively to justify their rule or policies.

For example, rulers often cited verses like Romans 13:1-7, where Paul instructs Christians to submit to governing authorities, to demand unquestioning obedience.

These verses were frequently used to maintain oppressive regimes or policies.

- *Contemporary Examples:* In modern politics, some leaders or groups use Biblical rhetoric to control public opinion or justify unjust policies.

For instance, leaders may invoke biblical authority to support nationalism, claiming that their political platform is divinely sanctioned, using verses out of context to sanctify their actions.

They may cite Bible verses about God's chosen people to promote exclusionary or divisive policies, while ignoring teachings about universal love, justice, and mercy (e.g., **Galatians 3:28**: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus").

•*Catholic Response:* The Catholic Church teaches that no political authority has absolute divine sanction.

While the Bible teaches respect for legitimate authority, it also emphasizes that unjust laws or leaders who violate human dignity and moral truth are not to be supported.

The Church upholds that Scripture should be interpreted in the light of its broader message of love, justice, and human dignity, as affirmed in documents like *Gaudium et Spes* (from Vatican II).

2. MISUSE TO JUSTIFY OPPRESSION AND INEQUALITY

- *Slavery and Racism:* One of the most infamous examples of Biblical misuse is the justification of slavery and racial segregation.

Verses such as Ephesians 6:5 ("Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling") were used in the American South to defend the institution of slavery, ignoring the broader Biblical context that condemns injustice and upholds the dignity of all people (e.g., Genesis 1:27: the creation of humanity in the image of God).

- *Contemporary Examples:* Some fringe groups or extremists still misuse Scripture to promote white supremacy, sexism, or xenophobia.

They take verses out of context to claim Biblical support for views that contradict the Gospel's message of universal love, such as portraying certain races or ethnicities as cursed or inferior, an interpretation that distorts texts like the Curse of Ham in Genesis 9.

•*Catholic Response:* The Catholic Church rejects all forms of racism and inequality.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves respect and dignity (CCC 1935).

The Church's emphasis on the **unity** of the human family directly opposes any use of Scripture to justify discrimination.

3. SPIRITUAL ABUSE IN RELIGIOUS CULTS

- *Misuse for Authoritarian Control:* Some religious leaders misuse Scripture to establish **authoritarian control** over their followers, demanding unquestioning loyalty and discouraging critical thinking.

Cult leaders may use verses like **Hebrews 13:17** ("Obey your leaders and submit to them") to assert their spiritual authority, convincing followers that disobedience to them is equivalent to disobedience to God.

- *Contemporary Examples:* Certain **Christian sects or cults** use the Bible to isolate members from family or society, claim exclusive access to salvation, or enforce extreme behavioral control.

They may manipulate apocalyptic texts like *Revelation* to incite fear and compel followers to comply with strict, often abusive, religious practices.

•*Catholic Response:* The Catholic Church teaches that while authority is necessary within the Church, it must always be exercised with humility and service, following the example of Christ (e.g., **John 13:14-15**, where Jesus washes His disciples' feet).

Spiritual abuse is a grave violation of pastoral care, and Catholics are encouraged to discern true teachings with the help of Sacred Tradition and the **Magisterium**, which protect against individualistic or authoritarian interpretations of Scripture.

4. PROSPERITY GOSPEL AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

- *Misuse to Manipulate Generosity:* In the *prosperity gospel* movement, preachers often misuse Scripture to claim that God promises material wealth and success to those who have sufficient faith and give generously to the church.

Verses like *Malachi 3:10* ("Bring the full tithe...and see if I will not throw open the windows of heaven") are twisted to imply that financial donations guarantee divine blessings.

- *Contemporary Examples:* This distortion is prevalent in televangelism and certain mega-church movements, where preachers encourage followers to give large sums of money with the promise of divine financial rewards, often leading to the exploitation of the poor and vulnerable.

•*Catholic Response:* The Catholic Church rejects the prosperity gospel as a distortion of the true Christian message. Salvation, grace, and blessings cannot be bought.

The Church teaches that while Christians are called to be generous, true prosperity is found in spiritual richness, not material wealth.

The Gospel of Matthew warns against storing up treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19-21), and Catholic social teaching emphasizes the importance of solidarity with the poor and responsible stewardship of resources.

5. GENDER AND MARITAL ROLES USED TO SUBJUGATE

- *Misuse to Enforce Gender Hierarchy:* Some Christian communities misuse verses like Ephesians 5:22 ("Wives, submit to your husbands") to justify the subjugation of women, promoting rigid gender roles that deny women leadership, autonomy, or equality in marriage.

- *Contemporary Examples:* In certain ultra-conservative groups, women are taught that they must be entirely submissive to their husbands or male leaders, leading to patterns of domestic abuse, emotional manipulation, and denial of women's agency.

These teachings often ignore the full context of the passage, which calls for mutual submission out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21), and the command

for husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the Church (Ephesians 5:25).

•*Catholic Response:* The Catholic Church upholds the dignity of both men and women, affirming their equality before God while recognizing differences in vocation and roles.

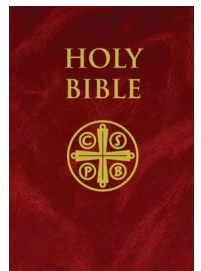
The Church teaches that marriage is a mutual partnership, founded on love, respect, and self-giving, and any attempt to use Scripture to promote abuse or subjugation is a grave distortion of Biblical teaching

(CCC 1601-1615).

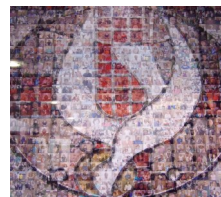
CONCLUSION The misuse of the Bible to control and manipulate people is a grave distortion of its true message, which is one of love, freedom, and salvation in Christ.

As Catholics, we are called to interpret Scripture within the living tradition of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, and always seeking the truth and justice that reflect God's will.

Misinterpretations and distortions of Scripture must be corrected with the full context of Sacred Tradition, Magisterial teaching, and the light of Christ's love.



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: holychurchparish.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@holychurchparish.org 630-860-3691

Inviting all Crafters and Vendors...

Wood Working
Wreaths
Cutting Boards
Jewelry
Hand Made Items
Home Décor
Gnomes
Scarves
Candles

to participate in this year's

CCW Holiday Bazaar

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

Cards
Christmas Items
Toys
Ornaments
Handbags
Holiday Items
Gifting Items
And
Much
More

Event Dates:

Saturday Nov. 8, 9am-4pm & Sunday Nov. 9, 9am-2pm

Tables are available for rent, one or both 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



We welcome

Artur Adam Grzelak
Sebastian Delgado

who were recently baptized into the family
of God and into the faith community of
Holy Ghost.

Please pray for them and their families.





**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.

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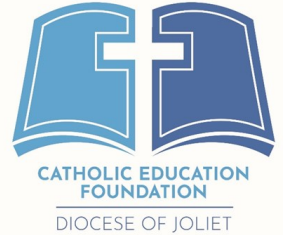
Please help. Our food drive is ongoing. Non-perishable canned,
boxed and bagged food items may be
placed on the shelving unit in the gym.

Your kind support is greatly appreciated.



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<http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrip>
Did you know you can order and pay online at
www.shopwithscrip.com?

Our enrollment code is:
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The website does accept credit cards for even easier
ordering! There are many options for e-gift cards, or
you can order physical cards to have delivered and
picked up at church.

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.

