



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#1269

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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)



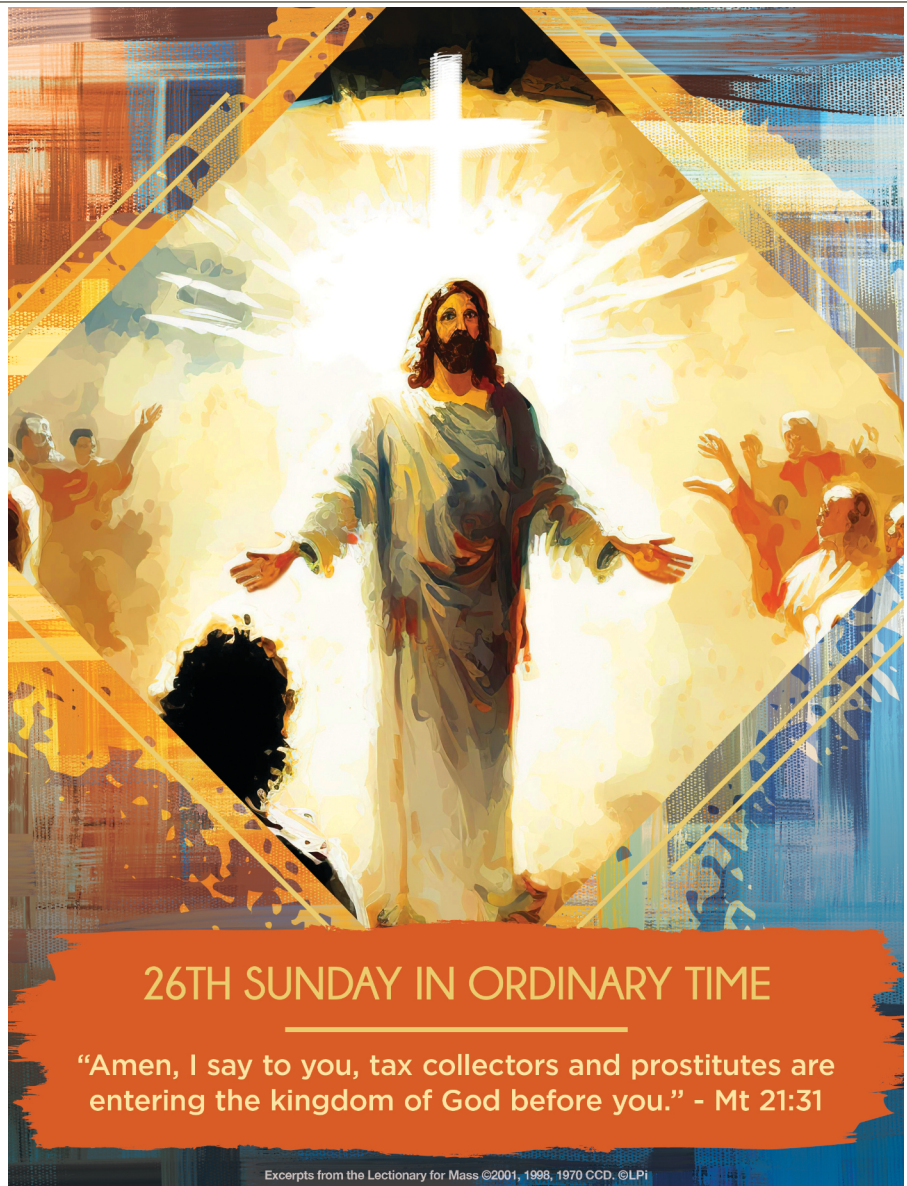
Did you know that Holy Ghost
Church has it's own Facebook page?

Follow us to get information on
upcoming events and more.



Knights of Columbus Council #10325

Website: kofc10325.org
Facebook: facebook.com/kofc10325



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are
entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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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.

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



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

WELCOME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 26

4PM Mass

+Scott A Krueger & Family

For the Parishioners of Holy Ghost
Parish Living & Deceased

Sunday, September 27

8AM Mass

+Enola Mele

10:30AM Mass

+Joseph DiCiolla



Monday, September 28

+Mrs. Lila Coddington

Tuesday, September 29

+Tomas Dizon Sr.

Wednesday, September 30

+Virginia Zdunek

Thursday, October 1

+Rocco & Maria Tontrelli

Friday, October 2

+Robert Sammartino

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@holychurchparish.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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THANK YOU

for your generosity

Sept. 9 - Sept. 15, 2026

\$12,261.00

26-27 Budgeted Weekly Collection

\$11,150.00



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Diocese of Joliet

	2026
Parish Goal	\$54,200
Amount Pledged	\$66,870
Amount Paid	\$60,098
Balance Due	\$6,772
Donors	219
2026 Rebate	\$4,128

Updated 9/20/2026

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

October 17/18 - World Mission Sunday

October 24/25 - CORE



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@holychurchparish.org

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.



Pray for the Sick

PRAYER & WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
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
MAJ Jeremy Shimanek
1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
SSGT Robert W. Dones
SSGT Timothy Latvis
SRA Randall Petrbock
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!



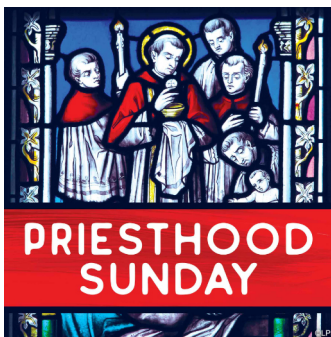
Cathy Alcozer	Georgia Schroeder
Bianca Marie Borowski	Cindi Shea
Michael Brann	Frank Staggs
Micah Casey	Holly Staggs
Ron Catalano	Nancy Townsend
Joan Cattinari	Feliciano Vero
John Davies	Gloria Villanueva
Rosemarie Davies	Salvatore Vivo
Ady DeLargaza	Matt Vocino
Aldegunda Diego	Bernadette Watson
Thomas Franzen	James Wilk
Izcoatl Garcia Gonzales	Phil Yanez
Mike Kaiser	Joseph Yello
Sarah Kasab	Cyndi Zwadlo
Jerad Klint	Colin
Therese Kotecki	Special intention for
Michael Malek	Family GP
Jose Joaquin Negrete	
Paz	

And for those listed in our parish book of prayers.



We welcome Mila Jade Garza who was recently baptized into the family of God and into the faith community of Holy Ghost.

Please pray for her and her family.



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 Cheryl Nelson Schultz

From Kristen & Craig Nelson

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

October 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, 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 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:

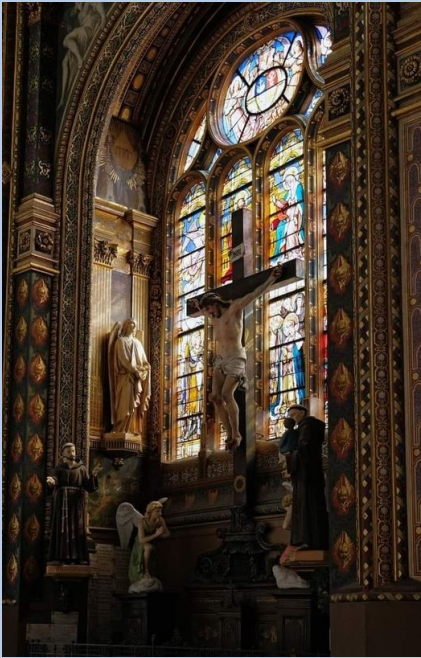
Holy Ghost Church
at 254 N Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale IL 60191



In Memory of Anthony S. Gurule

From Helen Letnick

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



SACRED SPACES: Where Catholics Encounter God

For Catholics, the encounter with God is not confined to a single place or moment but can be experienced in various sacred spaces, both physical and spiritual.

These encounters are deeply rooted in the understanding that God is present in the world and actively seeks communion with His people.

Below are some key places and ways in which Catholics can encounter God:

1. THE SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are perhaps the most profound and direct ways Catholics encounter God.

Each sacrament is a visible sign of an invisible grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.

The sacraments serve as privileged moments where God's grace is imparted to the faithful:

- Eucharist:

The Mass, particularly the celebration of the Eucharist, is the summit of Catholic worship.

In the consecration of bread and wine, Catholics believe in the real presence of Christ—His body, blood, soul, and divinity.

The Eucharist is a unique encounter with God, where the faithful are nourished spiritually and united with Christ.

- Reconciliation (Confession):

In the sacrament of Reconciliation, Catholics encounter God's mercy and forgiveness.

This sacrament offers a personal meeting with Christ, who absolves sins through the ministry of the priest.

- Baptism and Confirmation:

In these sacraments, Catholics experience the initiation into the life of grace.

Baptism cleanses from original sin and makes one a member of Christ's Body, the Church, while Confirmation strengthens the Holy Spirit's gifts, empowering the faithful to live out their Christian calling.

2. SACRED SCRIPTURE

The Bible is another profound way Catholics encounter God.

Through the inspired words of Scripture, God speaks directly to His people.

Catholics believe that the Bible is the Word of God, and through prayerful reading (lectio divina) and study, they can come to know God's will, deepen their faith, and encounter Him in their daily lives.

- Lectio Divina:

This ancient practice involves reading, meditating, praying, and contemplating Scripture.

It is a way to hear God's voice and allow His Word to shape one's life.

- Liturgy of the Hours:

The Divine Office, or Liturgy of the Hours, is the prayer of the Church, recited throughout the day.

Through the Psalms, readings, and prayers, Catholics encounter God's presence and sanctify their day.

3. THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Catholics believe that God is present in the gathered community of believers.

The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ, and in communal worship, prayer, and service, Catholics encounter God in one another.

- Parish Life:

Active participation in parish life—through liturgies, ministries, and community events—allows Catholics to experience God's presence within the body of believers.

- Works of Mercy:

Engaging in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy—feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowful—is a way to encounter Christ in the least of His brothers and sisters (Matthew 25:40).

4. PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is a crucial space where Catholics encounter God.

Whether in silent meditation, vocal prayer, or contemplation, Catholics open their hearts to God's presence in their lives.



Adoration:

Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful way to encounter Christ in a personal and intimate setting.

In the quiet of adoration, Catholics are invited to gaze upon the Blessed Sacrament and experience God's love and peace.

Rosary and Devotions:

The Rosary, chaplets, and other devotions provide structured ways to meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life and draw closer to God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints.

5. NATURE AND CREATION

Catholics also encounter God in the beauty and order of creation.

The natural world, as God's handiwork, reflects His glory and invites the faithful to recognize His presence in the world around them.

Contemplation in Nature:

Spending time in nature can lead to an encounter with God's majesty and creativity. Many saints, such as St. Francis of Assisi, found God's presence deeply in the beauty of creation.

6. PILGRIMAGE AND HOLY SITES

Throughout history, Catholics have made pilgrimages to sacred sites to encounter God in a special way.

These journeys to shrines, cathedrals, and holy places are expressions of faith and devotion.

Marian Shrines:

Sites like Lourdes, Fatima, and Guadalupe are places where Catholics believe the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, offering special graces and miracles.

Pilgrims often report profound spiritual encounters in these places.

Rome and the Holy Land:

Visiting the sites of early Christian history, including the Vatican and Jerusalem, offers Catholics a tangible connection to the roots of their faith and a deeper encounter with God.

7. THE POOR AND SUFFERING

Catholics believe that Christ is present in a unique way in the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized.

Serving those in need is not just an act of charity but an encounter with Christ Himself.

Social Justice:

In advocating for justice and caring for the oppressed, Catholics follow the example of Christ, who identified Himself with the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40).

This encounter with Christ in the suffering leads to a deeper understanding of God's love and compassion.

CONCLUSION

Encountering God as a Catholic is a multifaceted experience that can happen in numerous places and situations.

Whether through the sacraments, Scripture, prayer, community, creation, pilgrimage, or service, Catholics are invited to see God's presence in every aspect of their lives.

Each encounter deepens their relationship with God, strengthens their faith, and transforms their lives according to His divine will.



OPERATION ANDREW DINNER



Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

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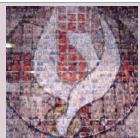
CCW & MORE

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**Please join Pope Leo in praying his September 2026 intention:
For the care of water.** Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION



Sign up today on our website: holyghostparish.org, click on the "Sign up for Classes" at the top, choose the class or classes you want to register. If you prefer, Susan can help you register.

THE WILD GOOSE: Sunday 7pm (virtual) begins 10/4 or Monday 10am Room 9 (begins 10/5)

The term "wild goose" is not found in the Bible but it is a traditional metaphor used by ancient Celtic Christians to describe the unpredictable and untamable nature of the Holy Spirit. Journey with Fr. Dave Pivonka on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a 14 part series so we will cover 7 parts in the Fall and 7 during Lent.

DISCOVERING CHRIST: Monday 7pm Room 9 (begins 10/5)

Discovering Christ is for anyone that is curious, enjoys thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. Each evening will have an engaging video presentation followed by small group discussion. Allow the process of Discovering Christ to help you discover how you are being called to continue building His kingdom here and now.

WHEN YOU PRAY: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God Monday 7pm Koinonia Room (starts 10/5)

When You Pray is based in Scripture and meets 7 weeks. The format is familiar for those who have been in courses facilitated by Edward Sri previously. Included in this study are session summaries, engaging discussion questions, Talk Notes for the videos and short home reading assignments. The 30 minute videos are recorded in Italy by Dr. Sri. They provide comprehensive teaching and commentary on Catholic Prayer and invite you to engage more fully in your prayer life.

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH MASS: Tuesday, Noon

This course is a scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns and rituals of the Mass. Almost every part of the Mass finds its inspiration in Scripture. The more we understand the biblical background, the more we will be able to enter into all we do and say at Mass. No matter your age, I guarantee you will learn something new

WHAT WE BELIEVE/THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Wednesday 7pm Room 9

Maybe you have been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you are just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you are in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. We will dig deep into the Church Christ founded using Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Susan Tutaj

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A ROSARY RALLY
IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 10, 2026

9AM

HOLY GHOST CHURCH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA HAS ASKED US
TO PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

LATER LIFE DECISIONS: A TOWN HALL

Panel includes a geriatric physician, a faith community nurse, a funeral director and an estate lawyer.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 FROM 7-9 PM
HOLY GHOST GYM

Please RSVP by: Call or text Gina @ 630-536-7425 or
ginareckard@gmail.com

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.

NEWS & EVENTS
 SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
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DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL

A Retreat of Healing, Trust and Renewal

Come experience a day of prayer, healing, and spiritual renewal. Deepen your trust in God's infinite mercy and discover the peace only Christ can give.

OCTOBER 10, 2026
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Optional 4:00pm Vigil Mass

REGISTER TODAY!

\$30 per person
 Deadline: September 28

https://www.osvhub.com/saintmaryplano/forms/divine_mercy



Light Breakfast and lunch Included

Jesus. I trust in You



Dr. Bryan Thatcher



Fr. Kaz Chwalek, MIC

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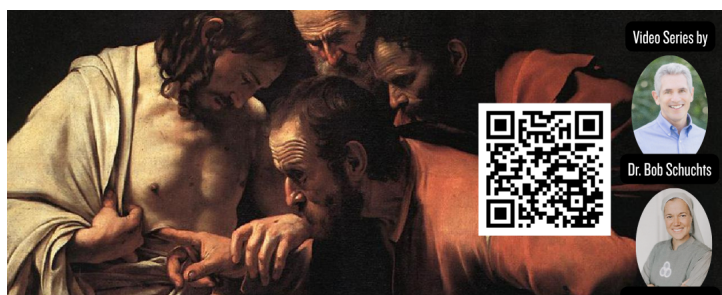
Donut Sunday

Starting Sept. 27 Holy Ghost will be having Donut Sunday every Sunday from 9am - 10:30am in the gym

Fresh donuts will be available to purchase for \$1.50 each (cash only)



Please enjoy the free coffee.



Video Series by

Dr. Bob Schuchts

Sr. Miriam James

Healing the *Whole* Person

Encounter Christ's love through the transformative teachings of Dr. Bob Schuchts. Journey through 5 videos and discover the healing God deeply desires for you.

THURSDAYS
OCT 22, 29; NOV 5, 12, 19
6:30-8:00PM
 5-Week commitment

BEGIN HEALING HERE

This teaching is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator.

If you're looking for a deeper understanding of God's love and the healing of your own story, you'll fit right in.

More information at
www.saintmaryplano.com/healing
 or email Joanne Janota at joannejanota@gmail.com

Blessing OF THE Animals



Deacon Robbie will be blessing pets at 1:00pm on Sunday, Oct 4 in the South Lot of the church.