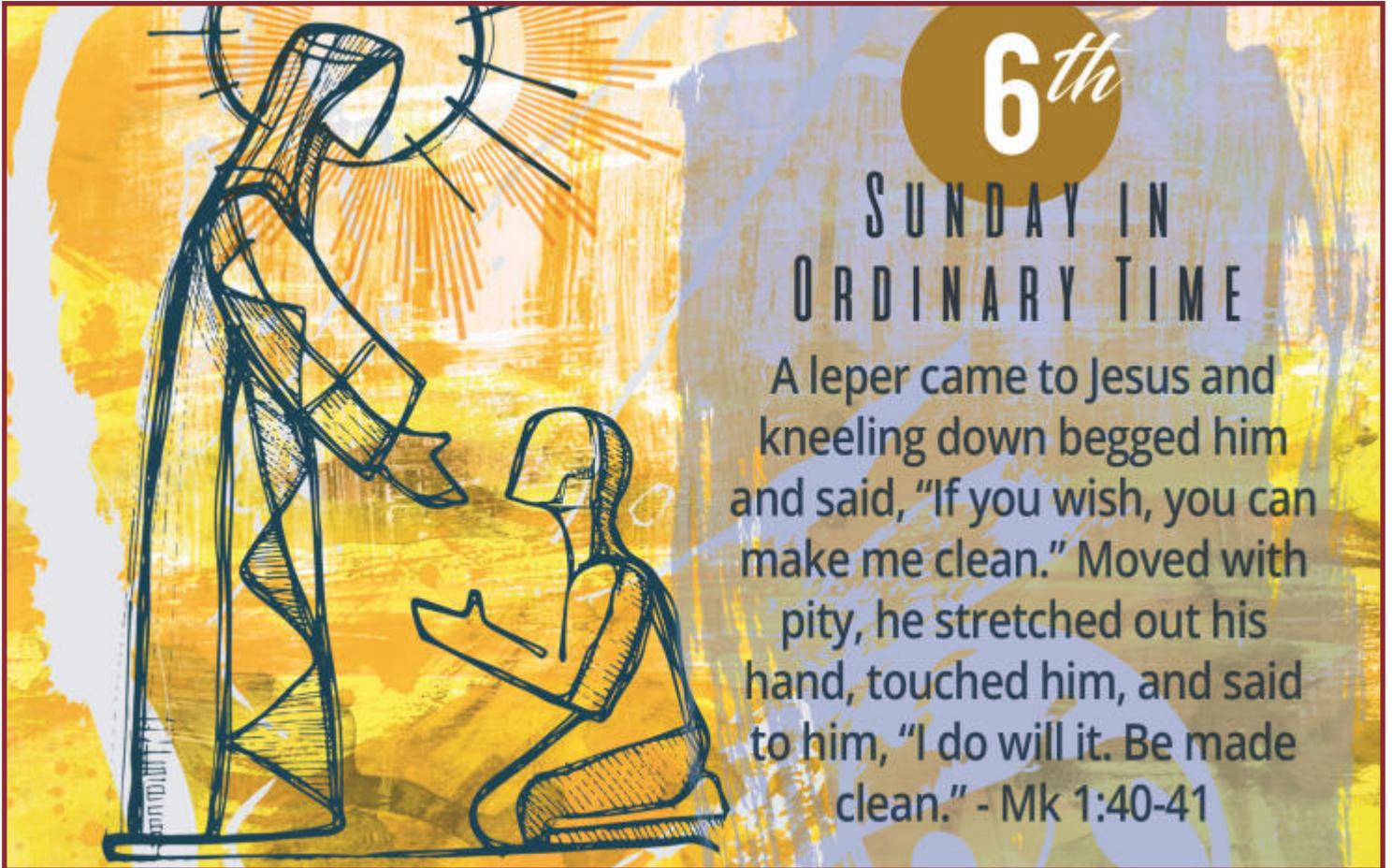




CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 | THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



8:30 AM MASS
12:15 PM ASHES SERVICE
7:00 PM MASS
PLEASE SEE THE ARTICLE ON PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

DUE TO COVID-19, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY CHURCH SERVICE OR EVENT.

PLEASE GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE www.holyghostparish.org and use the SignUpGenius or Call Frannie at: 630-766-4508

Prayer of Pope Leo XIII

To you, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg you to take us under your protection. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and strengthened by your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, die a happy death, and obtain everlasting bliss in heaven. Amen.

WELCOME

February 14, 2021
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13
4:00 PM

Kenneth Kotecki

**The Parishioners of Holy Ghost,
living and deceased**

Sunday, February 14
8:00 AM

Daniel Shawke

10:30 AM

**Stefano, Maria,
Michael & Angela Caputo**

TO VIEW FATHER JOHN
CELEBRATING SUNDAY MASS
visit: www.holyghostparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15

Anna DiPietro

Tuesday, February 16

Andrea Liegi

Ash Wednesday, February 17

8:30 AM

Anthony Manzella

(12:15 PM Ashes Only Service)

7:00 PM

**The Parishioners of Holy Ghost,
living and deceased**

Thursday, February 18

John Gniech Sr.

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, and Holy Days of Obligation.
No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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 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.

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

From Therese Kotecki
In Memory of Kenneth Kotecki



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.

From Tom & Mildred Frawley
In Memory of Mary & Tom Frawley and Emily & Frank Wojkowski



Please include your choice of date from the list below.
The following dates are open for donations:
March 20/21
April 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25

IN CAR SERVICE OPTION

We are so blessed that our Masses have been full to capacity in recent weeks. In response to this, we have instituted an In-Car Service option. This is how it works...

Parishioners may listen to Mass in their car, in the south parking lot, on 99.1 FM radio. When Mass is dismissed, continue listening and Father will invite you to safely come in to receive Communion. Upon entering the church, give your name to check-in, temperatures will be taken, hand sanitation is required and masks must be worn at all times except when taking Communion. You will be directed to proceed into church, receive Communion and then exit the church directly after receiving.

If you are simply more comfortable with attending Mass in your car, please use this option. Please register for the IN CAR SERVICE at: holyghostparish.org or by calling Fran at 630-766-4508



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



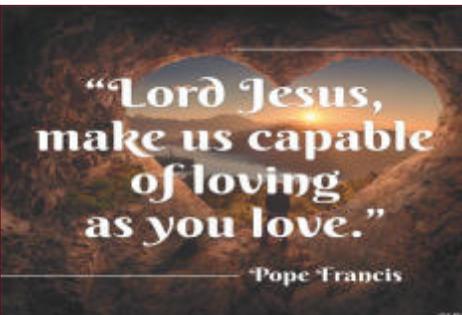
Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church. Look with kindness on them, filling them with the strength to love their spouses as Christ loves us, so that each day their relationships will grow and deepen through kindness and forgiveness.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

May the grace they receive in the Sacrament of Marriage be for them the shining light to strengthen our world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Thomas A. Bacci

Cara Bartucci

Rosemary Berg

Cecile Cigler

John Condeles

James Cumo

John Cunningham

John De Astis

Philip Giancola

Jenny Kilmer

Clara Landini

Marlene Leonardi

Helen Mavrakis

Maria Mavrakis

Tommy McTighe

Wendell Meyer

Laverne Peterson

John Rossi

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Wanda Slupik

Sandy Sobieski

Joyce Swearingen

Jackie Vanjoske

Carol Williams

Jim Wright

Joe Yello

THOUGHTS ON ASHES BEING PLACED ON THE HEAD From the Desk of the Vicar General

Ashes, as a Jewish sign of penitence, were accepted by Christians. They are derived from burning palms from the previous year.

This outward symbol of private or public sorrow, sadness, or penance, is a proof of humility, a remembrance of our mortality that we are made of dust and will return to dust. The custom of imposing ashes is a symbolic act signifying human mortality and total human dependence on the graciousness and mercy of God.

In the early Christian era ashes were imposed on public penitents, sprinkled on their penitential clothes.

The distribution of ashes gained popularity as many of the penitential practices once reserved for serious public sinners became standard for all the faithful. It was not until 1091, when Pope Urban II ordered the imposition of ashes on the heads of all the faithful that the reception of ashes became mandatory and the Wednesday preceding the First Sunday of Lent became known as Ash Wednesday.

In order to maintain unity in practice with the Universal Church, we will be following the practices set forth by the Roman Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.

From the Congregation of Divine Worship (1988):

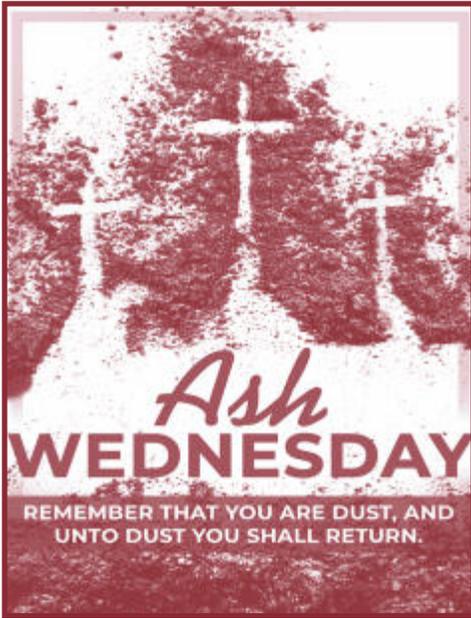
"On the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent, the faithful receive the ashes, thus entering into the time established for the purification of their souls. This sign of penance, a traditionally biblical one, has been preserved among the Church's customs until the present day. It signifies the human condition of the sinner, who seeks to express his guilt before the Lord in an exterior manner, and by so doing express his interior conversion, led on by the confident hope that the Lord will be merciful. This same sign marks the beginning of the way of conversion, which is developed through the celebration of the sacraments of penance during the days before Easter."

In many English-speaking countries, the custom has been to place ashes on the forehead and not the crown of the head. In Italy and other European countries, the ashes are placed on the crown of the head.

Due to the restrictions of Covid19, we are not imposing ashes on the forehead this year. For any person-to-person contact must be avoided. Rather, for the time being we are returning to the more ancient custom of sprinkling ashes on the crown of head.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 14, 2021 | The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Observances for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
Monday: Presidents' Day
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Leviticus 13:46)

Question: Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Psalm 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Question: Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

Gospel:

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mark 1:42)

Question: The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so?



GOSPEL MEDITATION

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them.

How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

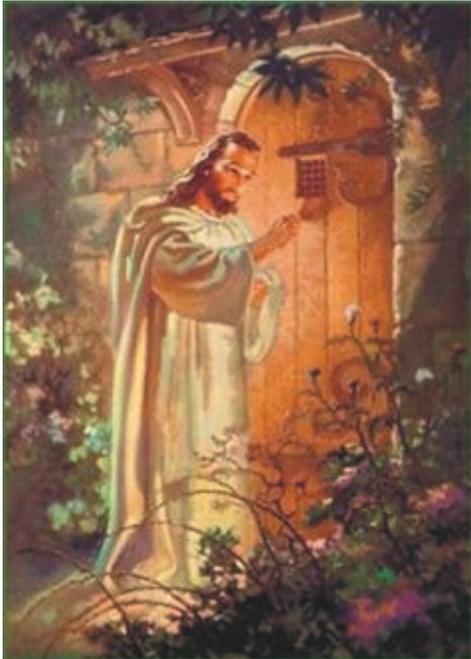
Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

ChristLife: Discovering Christ is beginning the week of February 21st. Don't miss this opportunity to grow your relationship with Jesus Christ! Sign up this week as we are forming our groups. Also, please view Susan Tutaj's personal invitation to you on our website: www.holyghostparish.org

ChristLife: Discovering Christ is coming to Holy Ghost Parish!



**Mark your calendars...save the dates...
don't miss this Lenten Opportunity**

Where do you currently find your meaning?

Where do you want to find meaning?

Is it possible to be fulfilled?



ChristLife: Discovering Christ offers all of us the opportunity to meet in small groups during Lent to reignite our relationship with Jesus or have the opportunity to personally encounter Jesus for the first time.

During our time together, we will pray and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk, you can share your thoughts in a small group (talk as much or as little as you wish) and then we will end with prayer.

Lent is definitely a great time to hear the Good News and decide how to incorporate it into your life.

All adults are welcome whether they are baptized, unbaptized, parishioner or non-parishioner.

Discovering Christ will begin the week of February 21st. Will you make time to spend 90 minutes a week for 9 weeks exploring your faith and journeying with other members of your parish?

Is this the time for you to explore God's love for you and be renewed by the Holy Spirit?

Because of COVID, we have adapted the sessions for everyone's safety.

Masks and social distancing will be expected.

Please go to the parish website: www.holyghostparish.org and click SignUpGenius or call Fran: 630-766-4508 to register for your preferred time:

On Campus: Tuesdays: 1pm Wednesdays: 10am or 7pm or Virtually: Sundays: 7pm

ask.
seek.
knock.

You will be notified where the sessions will take place depending on sign-up.



HOLY GHOST COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Call for Nominations for Woman of the Year

The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women will be electing their Woman of the Year for 2021 at a future General Membership Meeting.

Please write a short nomination note about your candidate and the reasons why she should be elected Woman of the Year. This woman should have shown outstanding service to Holy Ghost Parish.

Seal it in an envelope marked CCW nomination and turn it in to the parish office.

We look forward to your participation in this event.

Nominations will be accepted up to February 14th.

Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Opportunity Sponsored by JDCCW

Applications for the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2021-2022 school year. The Scholarship is based on need. Applicants can obtain a BBSF APPLICATION form from their Parish CCW President. Please call the Holy Ghost Church office and ask for Kelly Scardina to obtain an application.

Applications are due back to the Holy Ghost CCW by April 1st.

In addition, **FACTS** must be applied for online at:

<https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/4FV06>

Request to be added to the **Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women—BBSF FACTS ID#32463**. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCWBBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site.

If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-412-4637. DO NOT SEND the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35.00 fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2020 Income Tax report.

Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$57,000 goal.

Because not all of us have returned to worshipping in person, our pastor is mailing a packet to parishioners this week. Included will be the envelope many of us use to make a gift at Mass, as well as more information on how the CMAA *shines the light of Christ* not only in our parish, but across the diocese.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. To make a gift, complete and return your pledge envelope in the mail, visit:
jolietdioceseappeal.org
or text DONATE to
(815) 205-1949.

The Eastern DuPage Deanery presents Alpha: The Marriage Course!

The 7 weeks of The Marriage Course are designed to help strengthen relationships, keep the spark alive, and keep couples connected. Over the 7 sessions, the course covers: Strengthening the Connection, The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict, The Power of Forgiveness, The Impact of Family, Good Sex, and Love in Action.

The Marriage Ministry Team for the Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Diocese of Joliet is offering 4 online sessions, each 7 weeks long presented via Zoom.

Choose from:

Fridays at 8:30pm starting February 19, 2021

Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting February 24, 2021

Thursdays at 7:30pm starting March 4, 2021

Saturdays at 10am starting March 6, 2021

Use this link to register online! There is no cost for this program!

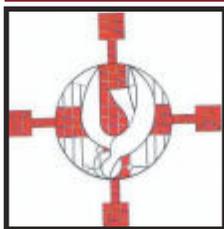
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You must register 24 hours before your first session to receive the Zoom link.

Questions?! Reach the Team at: easterndupagemem@gmail.com



Happy 3rd Anniversary to myParish App!



Lent this year begins on February 17th with Ash Wednesday, and the First Sunday of Lent is February 21st. On the First Sunday of Lent three years ago, in 2018, we launched my Parish App. Happy 3rd Anniversary to all of us who have had the App for three years! We hope you have found it to be a great spiritual and communication tool which brings us closer to our Lord.



Now that Lent is upon us once more, we hope the features of Daily Readings, Prayers, and inspirational buttons, Divine Mercy with Steve Angrisano, and Bible in a Year help you to make this a spiritually fulfilling Lent. It's never too late to download the App. Please see the instructions below.



Holy Ghost Church has partnered with Diocesan Catholic Life Everyday to bring something exciting to our parish. This App will help us communicate better with our parishioners and inspire us to be better Christians during this holy season of Lent and beyond.

Some of the features include:

- ✚ Messages from the Parish
- ✚ A calendar of Parish Events
- ✚ Messages for specific groups in the parish
- ✚ The daily readings read at Mass
- ✚ The latest Catholic news from around the world
- ✚ An easy-to-reference list of Catholic prayers with prayer requests and prayer reminders
- ✚ A helpful examination of conscience and next confession reminder
- ✚ A button for online giving
- ✚ Parish information and directory
- ✚ Bulletins
- ✚ Homilies
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ And much more...

As you can see, this app offers a lot of capabilities for improving parish communication and serving as a faith building resource. It is well thought out and should become a real asset to complement our daily faith lives.

Here are the directions to download the App:

1. Open your text messages icon on your phone
2. Type 88202 in the number field
3. Type App in the text field - Send
4. A link is sent. Tap it. It sends you to the correct app store for your phone.
5. Open it in the store (you may have to put in your password for Apple or Android). Tap download. Install. Tap open.
6. Allow the push notifications.
7. Tap "Find my parish" button. Tap Holy Ghost. Allow location services. You're done! Explore the buttons. Check them out to get the most out of MyParish App.



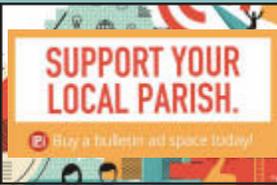
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