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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Holy Ghost Parish

With Holy Week approaching, I wanted to talk some about the changes for this Holy Season. This Palm Sunday, we will be able to hand out palms. The greeters will be handing them out as you leave church on Palm Sunday. They will have on a mask, a face shield and gloves. You cannot take the cross palms from a basket as has been our tradition but you will be handed them. It is okay to ask for more than one.

On Holy Thursday, we will have the 7PM Mass but you will need to sign up, as always, through the website or by calling Fran. Normally we have adoration until Midnight. For the safety of all we will only be having adoration from 8PM until 9PM for those who attended the 7PM Mass. We cannot open the doors for others to come and go because we cannot sanitize in-between each person coming and going. I am sorry. I know this is a disappointment for many, including me.

For Good Friday services, please sign up to attend.

On Holy Saturday we will have basket blessings at 10AM. Please park in the NORTH lot and bring your basket under the portico. We will be socially distancing and all are required to be wearing masks even though we are outside. Weather permitting; I will be doing the basket blessings outdoors. If the weather is bad, I will give instructions to you that morning.

To attend the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, please sign up.

Please see page 2 for the full Lent/Easter schedule.

The article on page 3 regarding our Taizé prayer service invites you to experience "...a time to rest in God."

On page 5, please read all about our outdoor Stations of the Cross and other parish happenings that we are excited to share with you.

One tradition that we are unable to continue is handing out the Rice Bowls to support Catholic Relief Services. If you would like to make a Rice Bowl donation, please mark an envelope as such and we will send your donation to CRS.

Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

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May God bless you abundantly in 2021.

Please know that you continue to be in my prayers and in the prayers of our parish staff.



LENT ~ EASTER 2021

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL
MASSES AND ALL OTHER
EVENTS**
at: hollyghostparish.org
OR BY CALLING FRAN at:
630-766-4508



Rosary:

Weekdays at 9:00 AM
Thursdays at 7:00 PM
March 4, 11, 18, 25



Fridays at 7:00 PM **IN CHURCH**
March 5, 12, 19, 26

YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION TO
PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
OUTSIDE AT ANY TIME.
THE OUTDOOR STATIONS ARE
LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE
OF THE CAMPUS.
PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL
DISTANCING AND WEAR A MASK.



Taizé Prayer Service:

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM
March 2, 16, 23

Taizé & Holy Hour:

Tuesday, March 9
7:00 PM

*Please see the article on
page 3 for an explanation of
the Taizé prayer service.



6 Hours of Reconciliation:

Saturday, March 27
9:00 AM-3:00 PM at:
St Peter the Apostle Church
551 N. Rush Street in Itasca
and at:
Visitation Church
779 S. York Street in Elmhurst

Please note: Social distancing,
masks and other safety
guidelines will be observed.

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Please contact Susan Tutaj at
630-860-3691



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Mass:

March 27 4:00 PM
March 28 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday:

April 1
7:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament (For those already in
church.)

Good Friday Services:

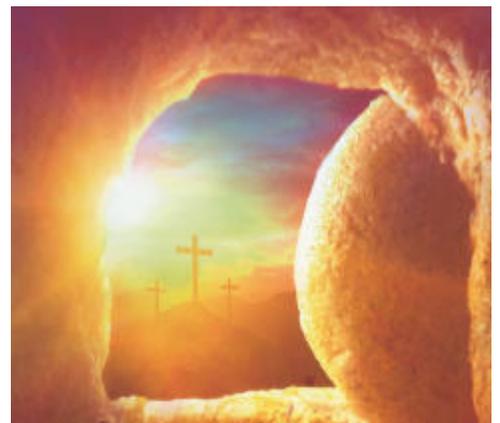
April 2
3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday:

April 3
10:00 AM Basket Blessing
7:00 PM Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday:

April 4 Masses
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM



**HOLY GHOST PARISH MISSION
FEATURING:
STEVE AGRISANO
MAY 2 & 3**

Save THE Date! →

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.



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 IN CAR SERVICE at: holychurchparish.org or by calling Fran at 630-766-4508



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEW MINISTRY AT HOLY GHOST

A developing new audio/video communication ministry has become a need. We are looking for a few people with the ability to videotape, edit, and upload the Mass on a rotating basis. A working knowledge of using an iPad Pro with basic audio and video editing apps would be ideal, but anyone with a creative aptitude for computer and video skills could easily learn the workflow with a little instruction and practice. We will have initial training and ongoing support available.

Please think about volunteering for this important new ministry. Younger or older, and everyone in between, this is a vital new ministry that helps bring God's Word to His people everywhere.

Please share your talents with our faith community. Please call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to join or to get more information about this ministry. Thank you.

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.

*Taizé at Holy Ghost Parish: The Quieting, mystical experience of Taizé prayer.

(Adapted from an article by Margery Egan published on Cruxnow.com in 2014)

Imagine the scene: Silence. Church lights dim. On the floor and stairs around the altar, candles flicker. In pews, worshippers sit in silence beholding this magical scene: small flames around the altar like a sunburst in shadowy darkness. There is no other light. There is no sound save the occasional cough. Nothing moves except the flames, which dance.

This is a Taizé prayer service.

"It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to... penetrate one's being." So says Brother John, a Taizé monk in lectures and writings explaining what the service is all about.

There is no preaching, no teaching, no talk of sin or repentance or forgiveness. There is just this elegantly simple service: Short chants, some in Latin, repeated over and over in the dark. Plus, some short Scripture readings or Psalms. And silence—at least 8 or 10 minutes. In 30 minutes, it's over.

The silence of Taizé prayer may not seem like a big hurdle, but to the average churchgoer, the idea of prolonged silence can

seem daunting. "When does the noise ever stop in our society? What pastor would dare to include eight minutes of silence at Sunday Mass?" the brother asks. Yet, when 5,000 visitors pack the church of Taizé at the monastic community in Taizé, France, you can hear a pin drop.

The Taizé prayer service is a calming, quieting, welcome respite from the craziness of our world. On a spiritual level, it is transporting, almost mystical bringing a remembrance of peace into our lives.

Pope John Paul II said: "One passes through Taizé as one passes close to a spring of water. The traveler stops, quenches his thirst, and continues on his way. The brothers of the community, you know, do not want to keep you. They want, in prayer and silence, to enable you to drink of the living water promised by Christ, to know his joy, to discern His presence, to respond to His call, then to set out again to witness to His love and to serve your brothers and sisters." Come. Quench your thirst.

Our Taizé prayer services will occur every Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00 PM. (Except March 30.) Sign-ups for each week will be available on our website.

Newly Baptized

ISABELLA BOYAJIAN
TIMOTHY PATRICK NAVIN JR.
NOAH TOMAS HERRERA



MILLIE MARIE FRAWLEY
AND
PATRICK JOSEPH MANNO

In Remembrance

DEARLY DEPARTED
MARY ANN BRABEC
PHILLIP LIBERTO

DATE OF DEATH
01/26/2021
02/01/2021

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



JOIN US TO PRAY
THE ROSARY
MONDAY
THROUGH
THURSDAY
AT 9 AM

SIGN UP AT
holyghostparish.org
OR BY CALLING
FRANNIE
AT 630-766-4508.

Shining the Light of Christ

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$57,000. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA.

If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietidoceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

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.

SCRIP

Since we continue to be unable to congregate in the narthex, we will accept drop off orders, along with payment, in a box located on the Welcome Center on Saturdays and Sundays before and after Mass, and in the entryway weekdays during office hours (Monday through Thursday 8AM – Noon).

Orders must be prepared beforehand and ready to drop in the box. Scrip forms can be found on the parish website:

<http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrip>.

Did you know you can order and pay online at

www.shopwithscrip.com?

The website recently started accepting credit cards for even easier ordering! There are many options for e-gift cards, or you can order physical cards to have delivered with the next program order.

Physical and online orders received by Sunday at noon will be available for **pickup** in the church office on the following

Thursday between the hours of **11 AM and 1 PM**.

If you are unable to make it to the scheduled pickup time, arrangements may be made by contacting Carolyn Niehoff at: carolyn@holyghostparish.org.



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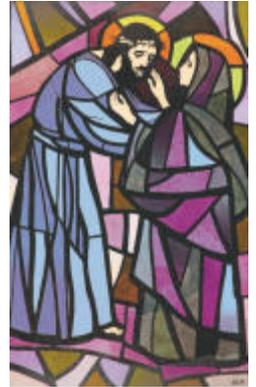
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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

COVID has offered many challenges but there have also been blessings. Our new outdoor Stations of the Cross is one of those blessings. They are set up on the North side of the school. The First Station starts between door #3 and #4 which are west of the school entrance. The last station, the 15th Station "The Resurrection of Jesus" will be a statue east of the portico (weather permitting its installation). We are so blessed by and grateful for the generosity and the skills of Nick, Kathy and Bill Starasinich who manufactured and installed our outdoor Stations of the Cross.



Feel free to walk the stations anytime it is convenient for you!

All are invited to pray these outside stations but please remember to wear a mask and remain 6 feet apart from the next person or family.

Faith Formation Families will be invited to pray on their own as a family. They will have the choice to copy a script (for younger families) or to listen to a guided Stations of the Cross (for older families) which will be posted on the Parish App and Website.

Those unable to come to Church may also pray the Stations at home selecting the St. Alphonsus Liguori recorded version of the Stations on the Parish App or Website. Many thanks to Tom Verduyze for helping us make these recordings for parishioner use!

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Heart to Heart



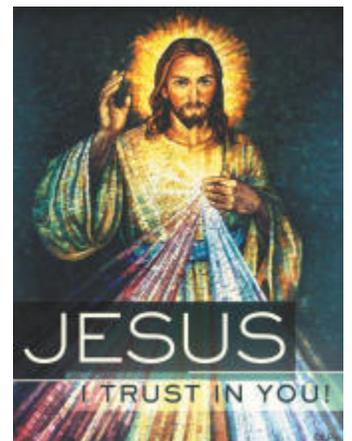
Another blessing of COVID is our ministry called "Heart To Heart." If you are stuck in the house and need to feel connected to Holy Ghost, please sign up! Or do you know of someone that would appreciate an occasional phone call to hear about the happenings at Holy Ghost, to have someone pray with them or just to have someone listen to them about something they need to share? We are blessed that Nancy, Patty and Mary are ministering to our parishioners!

Parish Mission



We have put off our Parish Mission until the beginning of May with the hope that we will be able to accommodate more people in the Church. Save the Dates!! May 2 and 3, Steve Angrisano will be here at the parish. Steve is available to us now to help us pray the Divine Mercy Novena Monday – Friday at 2pm. You can access it through our Parish App.

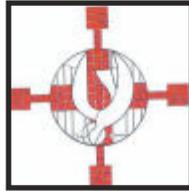
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MyParish App has new feature buttons!



**HAPPY
THIRD
ANNIVERSARY
TO MYPARISH APP!!!**



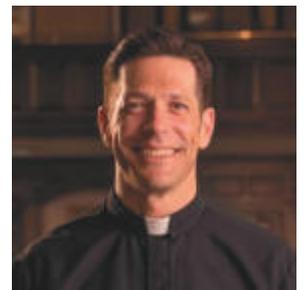
Holy Ghost's My Parish App has two new feature buttons! As you can see in the graphic at the left, the two new buttons are outlined in white.

The first is titled "**Divine Mercy**".

It features Steve Angrisano who preaches and sings the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Monday through Friday at 2 PM. This button accesses his Facebook page. You must scroll down to see the most recent video. Unfortunately, if you do not have Facebook, you will not be able to access it through the feature button. You could always go to: <http://www.steveangrisano.com> to get a taste of his presentations. Steve will be with Holy Ghost in May to present for our Parish Mission. He has wonderful thoughts to share on our faith.

The second button is "**Bible in A Year**".

Fr. Mike Schmitz is well known for his popular YouTube videos, released through Ascension Press. On this feature button you will be able to access Fr. Mike's podcast, "The Bible in a Year". It is a free audio recording of the Bible following a reading plan inspired by The Great Adventure Bible Timeline developed by Jeff Cavins.



It identifies the 14 narrative books that tell the "big Picture" story of salvation history. Fr. Mike follows this Bible Timeline progression through the podcast, so you'll get to see how all 73 books of the Bible fit into the narrative about Jesus as our Savior.

You may go to Ascensionpress.com and sign up for the podcasts, but we have done it for you right in the Bible in a Year feature button. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: 2-3 scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike, and guided prayer. The episodes started on January 1, 2021, but you can access any of the podcasts at any time and do them on your time frame. If you ever wanted to read the Bible cover to cover, this podcast will help you. Please try out the two new buttons as soon as you can.



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.**
- Future bulletins will have "App Feature -of-the-Week". Check them out to get the most out of MyParish App.**

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:

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!

<https://forms.gle/2FGizFqFCKnTveRg6>

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

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



The Eastern DuPage Deanery Lenten Mission

March 7, 8, & 9 at 7:00pm

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception

Livestreamed at www.icelmhurst.org

The Hound of Heaven

The search for meaning and happiness is as old as the human race itself.

The great surprise during that search is discovering that while we were seeking, we were already being sought!

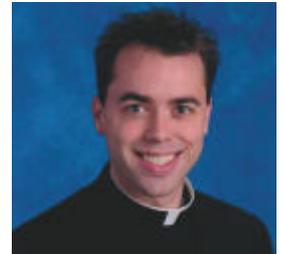
Join Fr. David Mowry for three nights of discovering the joy of being sought, found, and brought home.

All Parishioners of the Eastern DuPage Deanery Parishes are invited to join us via livestream.

Following the events, the videos will remain on the IC Elmhurst YouTube channel for future viewing.

Sunday: The Great Chase
Monday: The Knock at the Door
Tuesday: The Way Home

Fr. David Mowry is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet. Growing up in Glen Ellyn, he first heard the call to priesthood while he was a junior in high school. Ordained in 2013, he served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst and then at St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield. He has spoken at confirmation retreats, days of renewal for liturgical ministers, Theology on Tap, and young adult events. He currently serves as instructor of homiletics at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.



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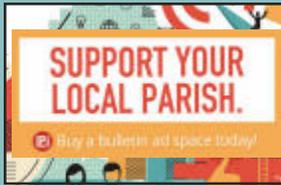
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