



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

APRIL 11, 2021 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



# WELCOME

April 11, 2021  
Divine Mercy Sunday



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 10**  
**4:00 PM**

**Bruno & Mary Ann Sczubleski**

**Sunday, April 11**  
**8:00 AM**

**Salvatore & Lora Sparacio**

**10:30 AM**

**Raymond Kolinski**

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

TO VIEW FATHER JOHN  
CELEBRATING SUNDAY MASS  
visit: [www.holyghostparish.org](http://www.holyghostparish.org)  
A link will also be provided by email.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, April 12**

**The Rafa & The Tusinski Families**

**Tuesday, April 13**

**Vincent Patrick & Dorothy  
Walsh and Family**

**Wednesday, April 14**

**Health & Blessings  
Thomas Mackowiak**

**Thursday, April 15**

**Frances Golembieski**

## 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.

## 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 Marge & Joseph Pangallo

In Memory of  
Marcellina Pangallo  
and  
Charlotte De Bella



## 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 Dennis & Theresa Bero  
In Honor of  
Tom & Rita Verduyts  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Please include your choice of date from the list below.

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

**May 29/30**

**June 5/6, 26/27**

**July 3/4, 24/25, July 31/August 1**

**August 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29**

**September 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26**



**DUE TO COVID-19, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY CHURCH SERVICE OR EVENT.**  
PLEASE GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE [www.holyghostparish.org](http://www.holyghostparish.org) and use the SignUpGenius or Call Frannie at: 630-766-4508

Thank You

## 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 **99.1FM** 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](http://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.



### 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  
 1st LT Joseph Piscopo  
 2nd LT Joshua Jalowiec  
 SSGT Robert W. Dones  
 SSGT Timothy Latvis

#### ARMY:

COL Jeffery K. Klotz  
 LTC Robert Bowen  
 LTC Grace Gallagher  
 CWO4 Anderson Mann  
 PVT Steven Badgley  
 PVT Ian Schauchuk

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CPO Dale Janetka

#### MARINE CORPS:

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 PVT John Rowley  
 PVT Billy Termine  
 Peter Bush

#### NAVY:

CAPT Thomas Zwolfer  
 LT Nicholas Lucania  
 ENS Matthew Starsiak  
 HN Danielle Schlarb, CST  
 Ryan James Ruizol

#### Please help:

#### Is our Military Prayer List current?

Please email: [joni@holyghostparish.org](mailto:joni@holyghostparish.org)  
 or call the parish office at 630-860-2975  
 to help us update this information.

**Thank you!**

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



**Thomas A. Bacci**

**Cara Bartucci**

**Rosemary Berg**

**Larry Bernett**

**John Condeles**

**James Cumo**

**John Cunningham**

**Rose Marie Davis**

**John De Astis**

**Philip Giancola**

**Steven Kapelanski**

**Jenny Kilmer**

**Marlene Leonardi**

**Helen Mavrakis**

**Maria Mavrakis**

**Tommy McTighe**

**Wendell Meyer**

**Laverne Peterson**

**John Rossi**

**Al Samson**

**Wanda Slupik**

**Joyce Swearingen**

**Diane Trunzo**

**Jackie Vanjoske**

**Carol Williams**

**Jim Wright**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

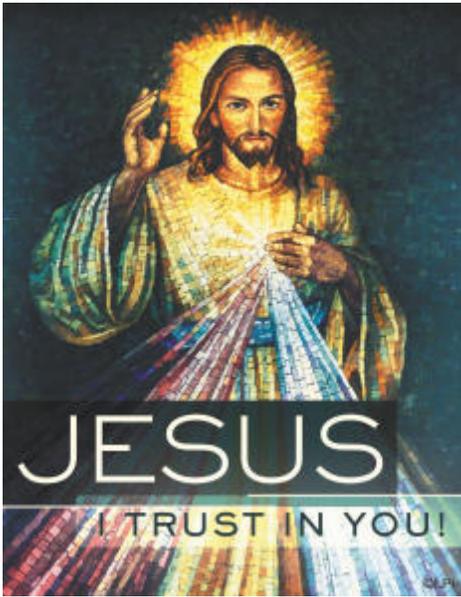
It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 11 2021 | Divine Mercy Sunday



## Observances for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy  
Tuesday: St. Martin I,  
Pope and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

## Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4,  
13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/  
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-5/  
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/  
Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9,  
17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,  
13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,  
18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/  
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/  
Lk 24:35-48

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

**Question:** Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

**Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Psalm 118) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and

everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 John 1:1a)

**Question:** John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

**Gospel:** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

**Question:** The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us.

When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on.

Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace. ©LPi



## NEWS & EVENTS

April 11, 2021 | Divine Mercy Sunday

### DISCIPLES FORMING DISCIPLES

***"The two universal callings of all the baptized are to be evangelizers (missionaries) and holy (disciples)." (ChristLife)***

**What are our Parishioners Saying About Discovering Christ?** Discovering Christ is one of the two ChristLife courses we are currently offering at the parish.....

"My prayer life has been immensely enhanced. It (DC) definitely helped me to name (my) thoughts, feelings....helps me to better explain myself. ".P

"I loved the videos. They made me think of more ways of how Jesus is in my life. I also loved the group discussions and prayer."...K

"It (DC) brought to my consciousness things I instinctively knew about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It has brought me closer to them. The videos helped me make more connections and has deepened my faith."...K

Currently, over 40 parishioners are meeting weekly in small groups. If you are interested in growing your relationship with Christ and your parish community, please call Susan for more information: 630-860-3691.

**Discovering Christ:** Continued prayers for our four Discovering Christ groups as they delve more deeply into their relationship with Jesus and the Father. They continue with their retreat and the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**Following Christ:** A group has completed Discovering Christ and have moved forward into Following Christ. Please pray for them as they grow in becoming missionary disciples. Their upcoming topics are Forgiving One Another and The Spirit Empowered Life.

**Discipleship Prayer Team:** Many thanks for your continued prayers for our Discipleship Ministries. Please add the following petitions to your prayers:  
+For all the participants in Discovering Christ and Following Christ that they find themselves growing closer to Christ with each session.  
+That every participant in the ChristLife courses find practical ways to implement this week's teaching into their daily life.

**Parish Mission:** Save May 2 and 3 for our Parish Mission which was rescheduled from last January because of COVID.  
(Please see the flyer on the next page.)

Susan Tutaj  
Coordinator of Discipleship  
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630-860-3691



# Holy Ghost Parish Mission

**Sunday, May 2nd, 2021**  
**4pm: Encountering God**

**Monday, May 3rd, 2021**  
**7pm: Responding to God**  
**Living the Faith/Go Make Disciples!**

## Steve Angrisano



Steve Angrisano is one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music & story telling.

Steve is a committed witness to the life & love of Jesus Christ. He is comfortable to be with...even when he challenges your thinking. You will enjoy your time with him.



Grandparents, bring your grandchildren; Parents be sure to bring your teens. Bring the whole family!

We encourage you to sign up as a group with people you are comfortable sitting with.

When the church fills up, be sure to sign up for the parking lot, where you can listen to Steve on 99.1 FM.

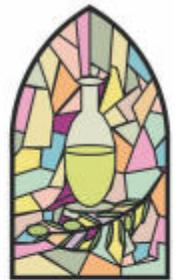
Don't miss this event! Questions? Contact Susan Tutaj @630-860-3691

**Sign up on our website began on April 5th. Go to [Holyghostparish.org](http://Holyghostparish.org) and click on the SignUpGenius icon, from there, choose Holy Ghost Parish Mission. Instructions on how to complete registration will be on the site.**  
***Registration Questions? Contact Frannie @630-766-4508***

A basket will be available for a free will offering to offset the cost of our Parish Mission.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
**Saturday, April 17, 2021**  
**Limited Seating 6 PM Anointing Mass**



The Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick is the prayer of Christ and His Church for the physical and spiritual health of the recipient.

James 5:14-16

Who may receive the Sacrament of the Sick?

- \*All persons of any age who have a serious, acute or chronic physical illness
- \*Older persons who suffer from the weakening effects of aging
- \*Persons facing serious surgery
- \*Persons who suffer from anxiety, depression or drug addiction

**Due to limited seating, we ask that only those to be anointed attend, unless you physically need assistance from one other person. To sign up for the Anointing Mass, please use the sign up genius at [hollyghostparish.org](http://hollyghostparish.org) or contact Frannie at 630-766-4508.**



The **31st Anniversary** of the Holy Ghost Knights of Columbus Council will be celebrated Sunday, April 18 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

**Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life.**

No man is too busy to be an active Knight of Columbus. Spending just 24 hours per year can make an enormous difference in your life.

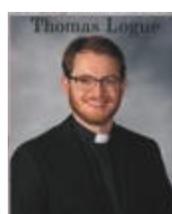
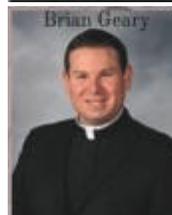
Serve the parish, give back to the community, grow in your faith, and access our optional top-rated insurance to protect your family. Regardless of their schedule or other commitments, 1200 more Illinois men became members of the Knights of Columbus this year to add something significant to their lives. The council's 70 members include Father John Deacon Dino and Deacon Robbie.

Call Deacon Robbie Lasica  
 630-422-5210

Please join us for the livestream of the **ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF TRANSITIONAL DEACON** Friday, April 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM Cathedral of St Raymond Nonnatus

There are two types of deacons in the church.

Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.



A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest. ©LPI



**ADDISON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, April 24  
 8:30 AM—1:30 PM  
 VFW HALL  
 446 W LAKE STREET  
 ADDISON

**APPOINTMENTS AND FACE COVERING REQUIRED.**

To schedule your appointment or for more information contact Judy Socha at 630-628-1959 OR call vitalant at 877-258-4825 OR visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use group code G106

**ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND CDC REGULATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED.**

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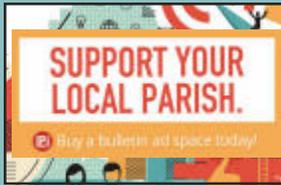
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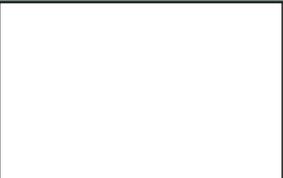
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