



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

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## AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Holy Ghost Parish-

On August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please see page 2 regarding the dedication of our statues and our food and music event.

### Assumption

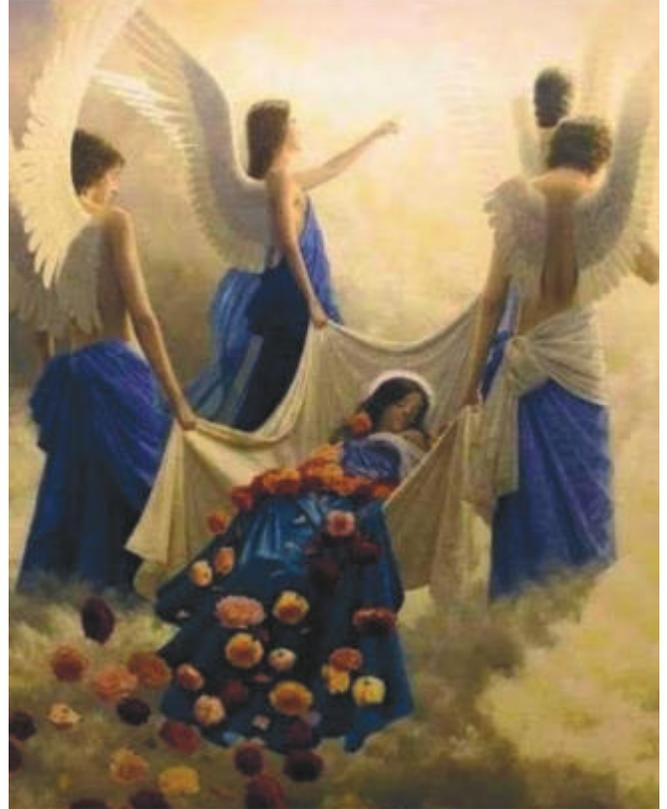
#### Question:

The Assumption isn't in the Bible. What proof do we have that it really happened?

#### Answer:

Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have venerated the relics of the saints. We can see this in the catacombs of Rome, in the crypts of churches, and in the reliquaries that contain tiny fragments of bone. Throughout Church history, there have been no relics of Mary nor any legitimate claims to her bones. Even the tomb of Mary, visited as a site of pilgrimage, stood empty. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Roman emperor asked the bishop of Jerusalem to bring Mary's relics to the council. The bishop reported that there were no relics of Mary. Upon finding her empty tomb, the Apostles had concluded that her body was taken up into heaven. Soon afterward, the Church began celebrating this miraculous event.

The Assumption is an article of faith. Within the context of salvation, its meaning and logic is clear. Being born without original sin, Mary did not suffer its consequences. She is already participating in what we, too, will experience one day — the resurrection and glorification of our bodies as they reunite with our souls. ©LPi



### The Assumption

#### Question:

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

#### Answer:

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches. ©LPi

### The Assumption: A Sign of Hope

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recited in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom. ©LPi

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

# Blessing of our Outdoor Mary and Risen Christ Statues FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN FEST

On Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>,

after the 10:30 am Mass, Fr. John will bless our new **Mary Statue** outside the north entrance of our church.

He will also bless our 15<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross:

**The Risen Christ.**

Please join us! After the blessing,  
11:30am to 1:30pm we will be featuring

**Tacos Mario's Food Truck, Sweet Baby Ray's & Asti Deli**

selling their amazing food as well as  
other treats for you to enjoy.



There will be tables but you're welcome to bring a comfy chair or a blanket to picnic on! There will be children's games and music.

Come and enjoy yummy food, music, & one another's company.

## Let's Party!



# DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

## Wisdom Women

Our summer Wisdom Woman's group came to an end at the end of July. We shared faith, prayer, and life, as well as encouraged one another. It was a gift to be together.

## Reunite in Christ

See the invitation in this newsletter for our big event on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. After the 10:30am Mass, Fr. John will bless our new Mary statue and the Risen Christ located outside the north Church doors. Then we will party in the parking lot with food vendors, music, children's activities, etc. Join Us!!

## Discovering Christ

SignUpGenius will open on August 15<sup>th</sup> for all the parishioners wanting to be part of the 9 week opportunity to delve deeper into their faith and connect with other parishioners. This course is for anyone curious to explore the meaning and purpose of their life (and who isn't after our year of COVID!) and the desire to develop or grow their personal relationship with Jesus. Each session will include prayer, a teaching video, time to reflect or journal on a question or two, and a small group discussion where you can share as much or as little as you are comfortable.

Both sessions will be held on campus at Holy Ghost:

Wednesdays beginning September 8 at 10am

Mondays beginning September 13 at 7pm

SignUpGenius can be found on the parish website or call Fran: 630-766-4508.

Here are some quotes from past participants:

"I have grown a deeper relationship with Jesus."

"My relationship with God is like a painting...During DC, I've learned new techniques, added more detail and color which has brought a depth and richness to my painting."

After attending DC..."I asked my husband to attend so we could share the process and blessing of the program."

"It was uplifting and supported daily faith."

Don't miss this opportunity! Bring your friends and relatives!!

ask.

seek.

knock.

## Following Christ

For everyone who completed Discovering Christ, stay on the journey you began last year and register on SignUpGenius beginning August 15<sup>th</sup> for Following Christ.

Sign up for the session that is most convenient for you:

Sundays beginning September 19<sup>th</sup> VIRTUALLY at 7pm

Or ON CAMPUS: Tuesdays beginning September 7 at 1pm

Wednesdays beginning September 8 at 7pm

Following Christ inspires those who have completed Discovering Christ to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ by learning more fully and growing more deeply in the basic disciplines and truths practiced by Catholic Christians since the early Church. After encountering the personal love of Jesus, people are hungry to dive into their new or renewed relationship with Him in the context of the parish community. Following Christ provides the tools to help Catholic Christians mature in their path of discipleship, including daily personal prayer, hearing God in Scripture, the power of the holy sacraments, forgiving one another and achieving spiritual victories.

Some reflections from past participants:

"These sessions (FC) gave me spiritual encouragement to grow deeper in my relationship with God. I learned more about facts and truth."

"My daily focus now is on Jesus and how I can better follow him and fulfill his plan for me."

"In my daily prayer, I now offer thanks for the blessings and prayers answered."

I can't wait to continue the journey with all of you!

Sue

Susan Tutaj

Coordinator of Discipleship

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# FAITH FORMATION

Dear Parish Family,

I am Nancy Siemers and I would like to introduce myself as your new Director of Religious Education. Some of you may already know me. I am a long-time parishioner and I was a catechist here at Holy Ghost for many years, am currently a Eucharistic Minister and Reader, as well as an active member of our Council of Catholic Women and blood drive coordinator. For the past almost 14 years I have been the Director of Human Resources for the Diocese of Joliet. Currently the Holy Spirit is calling me to missionary discipleship. I believe that our community of Holy Ghost will enthusiastically witness and model our faith to our children and their families as we strive to further the kingdom of God!

As the new Director of Religious Education, I am happy and excited that I will be able to accompany you on your family's faith journey this year. We have many faith-filled experiences planned for the year for both parents, grandparents and children. No matter where we already are on our faith journey, our Catholic faith requires an eagerness to learn more throughout our lives as we grow in our love for God and others.

Perhaps you would like to volunteer to be a catechist, helper or prayer partner in a classroom from 9am to 10:15am approximately 3 times per month. Do you love sharing and living your faith each day? Great materials, all supplies, training and support is provided. I will enjoy hearing from you and please contact me if you feel a calling to share your faith as a catechist.

If you are a parent of a child in a private or public school in grades 1-8, please register for Religious Education as soon as possible as we would like to have enough student materials for the first day of class. A registration form can be found on-line on the Holy Ghost website: [holyghostparish.org](http://holyghostparish.org). The first class will begin on September 12, 2021, at 9am and we will have a parent meeting in the gym. You will be able to attend either 8am or 10:30am Mass each week as classes will be from 9am to 10:15am.

Also, if you have a child needing sacraments or perhaps they have not attended classes regularly, please feel free to contact me so we can meet and set up an individual plan for your child.

I leave you with a couple of short quotes from St. John Vianney, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy" and "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist, if God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

I look forward to being part of the parish staff and together as a parish, building up the kingdom of God.

May God's love brighten your day,  
Nancy Siemers  
Director of Religious Education  
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[nsiemers@holyghostparish.org](mailto:nsiemers@holyghostparish.org)



## Faith Formation 2021-2022

The mission of Holy Ghost Parish is to give all people the opportunity to worship, learn and transmit our traditions, beliefs, and teachings.

Informal sessions, family oriented faith sharing experiences, and sacramental preparation are provided for the children of our parish.

*With restrictions being lifted, we are looking forward to being in the classrooms this year.*

REGISTRATION MATERIALS can be found on the Holy Ghost Parish website.

Classes are scheduled to begin on September 12, 2021 with parents meeting in the gym while their children attend their first session.

For more information, please contact Nancy at 630-766-4509 or at [nsiemers@holyghostparish.org](mailto:nsiemers@holyghostparish.org)





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of the sales!**



**Please bring the  
flyer that will be  
enclosed with the  
September  
Newsletter.**

**We look forward to  
seeing you there!**

Knights of Columbus District Deputy, Ron Metty, presented the Holy Ghost council with the Star Council Award plaque for outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, programming, and overall operations. Star Council is the highest award a council can earn.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please visit:  
<http://www.kofc.org>



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JOHN RUDY	06/18/2021
ROBERT STEPHENSON	06/18/2021
ANTONIA DE LA CRUZ COX	06/26/2021

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.



Confessions:  
**By appointment:**  
**630-860-2975**

**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.

**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.



**Join the choir!**



Although we can't yet sing at Sunday Masses, practice began in July. In August we will move back to our usual practice time on Wednesday evenings at 7PM.

All are welcome. No musical training required, just a love for singing and making a joyful noise to the Lord!



**Please join us  
for  
Adoration  
from 7AM to 8AM  
before  
the 8:30AM  
weekday  
morning Mass.**

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



**Classes for all adults needing Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation**

Classes will begin in the fall on Sundays.  
NOW is the time to sign up.

For more information, please contact Nancy at 630-766-4509 or at: [nsiemers@holyghostparish.org](mailto:nsiemers@holyghostparish.org)  
Please complete this form and return to the Faith Formation Office or drop it in the collection basket:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle the sacraments needed:**      Baptism      Communion      Confirmation

The 43rd Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 2PM at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years and more than 50 years are welcome to attend the event. Couples will receive a special blessing during the Mass and will also receive an anniversary certificate. Our celebrant will be Bishop Ronald Hicks.

Because of space limitations, there is not room for additional guests.

However, if necessary, a caregiver/helper is very welcome to attend with the couple.

Pre-registration is required by August 9th.

You may register online at: <https://bit.ly/3pT8TwW>

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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.

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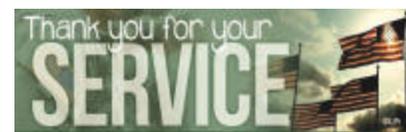
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**Please help:  
Is our Military Prayer List current?**

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to help us update this information.  
**Thank you!**



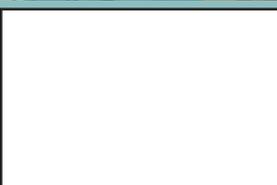
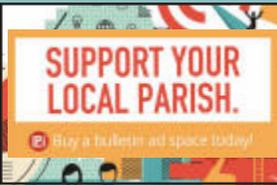
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