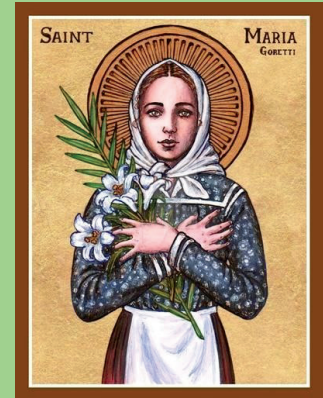




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

June 25, 2023
Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we are now officially in the summer season, there are a couple of things I'd like to mention that are related to this time of year. First, the green liturgical banners that are currently hanging behind the altar are the ones that we see throughout most of the year. They are on display in church for all of summer and almost the entire fall, as well as for a brief stretch of time in January/February (between Christmas and Lent). These banners represent our current liturgical season, Ordinary Time (OT). I wanted to draw our attention to them because, as I said, we see them more than any of the other liturgical banners that hang in church during the year.

So, what do these banners represent? Well, the first thing to point out is that the banners are green. The color of OT is green because it symbolizes God's presence in all of creation. And since God is present in all His creation, that consequently means that He is present to us at every moment and in every circumstance – whether ordinary or extraordinary – of our daily lives. So, the season of OT is an invitation for us to reflect on how and where we can experience God's presence more fully with our family, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners, strangers, and even when we are by ourselves.

Another aspect of the banners is the symbols that they display. Together, they symbolize the two halves of the Mass. The left banner has the image of a book, representing the Word of God. It also shows the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega. In Revelation 22:13, the Risen Christ said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." So, when we listen to God's Word in the first half of the Mass (the Liturgy of the Word), we are listening to the God who is timeless, who is eternal, and who thus has words of eternal wisdom.

The right banner has the image of a host and chalice, and the meaning of this should be obvious. It represents the second half of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It's no accident that, in the Mass, the Eucharist comes *after* the Word. That is because we first hear and absorb the Word of God – we hear about how God loves us – and then we see that love take on flesh and become concrete for us in the sacrament of the Eucharist. As I said, I thought I would draw our attention to the banners, since we will be seeing them through the summer and beyond.

The other summer-related item that I wanted to mention is the fact that attendance at weekend Masses drops at virtually every parish (including ours) during the summer. Many people thankfully continue to come to Mass and the Eucharist all year round, but many others tend to take the summer off (although we should never take a vacation from God because He never takes one from us!) The drop in attendance also brings with it a drop in Sunday collections, so the summer is always a financially challenging time for us.

I'd like to use this occasion, then, to encourage you to consider remembering HVM Parish in your will. You see, parishes do not only rely on Sunday collections for financial support, but also on extraordinary gifts that come in during any given year. I'm happy to say that HVM Parish has received some very helpful gifts from some parishioners who generously remembered us in their will. These gifts help to make up for the deficit between our regular income and our expenses, and some of the larger gifts also enable us to do larger projects around the parish campus (and you'll see some of these things take place later this summer). I hope, then, that you can consider HVM Parish in your will. Every gift, no matter the size, is not only very much appreciated, but will also be very helpful to the future of our parish.

Finally, you may remember the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey that the Archdiocese invited parishioners to take a few months ago. The Arch is currently working with parish staff to show them how to access and read the results, and how to distribute them to parishioners. I'll be saying more about this in the next few weeks, as we hope to share the results with you in mid-July.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob



MASSES For The Week

Sunday—June 25th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
 Angeline Danhoffer, req. Alice Danhoffer
 Roger Alva, req. Family
 Albert Gualtier, Sr., req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Albert & Hellen Lullo req. Connie Fippinger
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family
 Jozef Zbylut, req. Family
 Zdzislaw Panek, req. Family
 Mathew O'Brien, req. Family
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Henry Ching, req. Conchita Ching
 Albert & Helen Parcerero, req. Family
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Andrej Fedan, req. Walter Prystajko
 Tancito Ruiz, req. Walter Prystajko

Monday—June 26th

8:30—Parishioners

Tuesday—June 27th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family
 James Cunningham, req. Family

Wednesday—June 28th

8:30—Poor Souls In Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family
 Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
 Regina Kasper, req. Ernie & Dorothy Brown

Thursday—June 29th

8:30am—Parishioners

Saturday—July 1st

4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
 Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family
 Jim Abatangelo, req. Daughter
 Harriet Pryztula, req. Pam Barnes
 Thomas Waguespack, req. Pam Barnes

Sunday—July 2nd

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
 Roger Alva, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Wilbert & Betty Saathoff, req. Family
 James Florio Family, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 The Bejarano Family, req. The Losacco Family
 Helen Losacco, req. Pacita Sim Ong
 Albert & Helen Parcerero, req. Family
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Janina Buziuk, req. Family
 Jose Dorantes, req. Walter Prystajko
 Leodegaria Garcia, req. Walter Prystajko

July 1st & 2nd	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Joan Golembiewski	Don Kasper	Liz Lynch
Communion Ministers	I. Benesch W. Bernacki G. Rawski	D. Brown A. Caccavari C. Fippinger	B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen M. Diaz
Altar Servers	D. Heredia G. Heredia R. Heredia	D. Kasper	K. Lima L. Louis—Charles



Religious Education News

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About Our Program

Our religious education classes meet twice a month either Tuesday evenings from 6:00—8:00pm or Saturday mornings from 9:00—11:30am at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious education building. We also have a homeschool (e-learning) option available. We are committed to giving our students in grades K—8 the tools they need to grow and mature in their faith by:

- † *Gathering for prayer every class*
- † *Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent*
- † *Encouraging faithful discipleship through the completion of Mass and service hours*
- † *Through enrichment opportunities like The Seder Meal, Church Tours, and Teaching Masses*
- † *Offering Opportunities for involvement in Mass by having our students read and bring up the gifts at our monthly Family Masses and by offering opportunities to join parish ministries like altar serving.*

Help Wanted: Catechist Aides

The Religious Education Program is looking for volunteers to be teacher's aides for the upcoming year. No previous experience is necessary.

The responsibilities of a teacher's aide include:

- ✍ *Helping to supervise children in class.*
- ✍ *Brining the attendance and other things to the office.*
- ✍ *Assisting the teacher with various tasks during class.*
- ✍ *Being a substitute teacher (if comfortable) or assisting a substitute teacher.*
- ✍ *Assisting the Coordinator with tasks as needed.*

Currently we need aides in the following grades:

Tuesdays: 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th

Saturdays: 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Being a teacher's aide is a wonderful experience and a great way to live out Jesus' call to serve others, while making a difference in the lives of our students. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Religious Education office.

Sacramental Information

The Religious Education program has a 2 year consecutive attendance requirement for the reception of the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. 1st Reconciliation & Communion are usually celebrated in 2nd grade and Confirmation is celebrated in 8th grade.

Students in grades 3-7 who need to receive the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & Communion will be enrolled in Special Sacraments Class in their second consecutive year of attendance in the religious education program. This is a separate class and meets one Saturday per month from 9-11am to prepare these students for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

Registration Information

Registration is open for the 2023—2024 school year! You **DO NOT** need to be a parishioner to enroll your child in the religious education program. Registration materials are available online and you can also enroll your child online by going to the children's faith formation page on the parish website hvmparish.org and clicking on the link to fill out and submit your form online. You can also register on one of our registration days: Tuesday, August 22nd from 4:00-7:30pm and Saturday, August 26th from 9:00am—3:00pm at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious education building.

To enroll your child in the religious education program you will need the following:

- *Completed Registration Form*
- *Tuition Payment*
- *A copy of your child's Baptism certificate*
- *A copy of your child's 1st Reconciliation & Communion certificates if applicable.*

For more information or for registration materials, please contact the religious education office.



Hypod Winner**June 19, 2023****\$100 Winner—Herlinda Trevino**

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!


Parish Support
Week of June 10th & 11th

Weekly	\$4,137.00
Maintenance	\$135.00
Fuel & Heat	\$135.00
Ascension	\$20.00
Priest's Retirement	\$1,060.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00
Catholic Charities	\$10.00

MANY THANKS!**Second Collections:**

The second collection on July 1st
is for
Please be as generous as you can.

**Pray For:****Those Who Are Sick:**

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Bernie Cwan, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Dora Gibellina, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Howard & Carol Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Jerry Hoss, Michael & Vivian Jennings, Brian Kelly, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Ted & Joan Lester, Reina Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Ann Macey, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, David Medo, Peter Meyer, Barbara Miller, Pat Morgan, Peter Morgan, Lois Neilsen, Julie Parkinson, Nancy Piatek, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Leroy Plier, Joseph Powyszynski, Barbara Rodgers, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Susan Siekierski, Joe Stendebach, Sarah Tripoli, Rev. Michael Valenti, Joan & Bill Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright

Those in the Military

*Sergeant Michael Bavone,
Private Christopher Bavone,
US Army Staff Sergeant
John J. Schreiner,
U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty,
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy,
U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant
Osvaldo Rodriguez,
U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth,
Omar Vee, Jr.,
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
US Army Michael Gutierrez.*

**Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion**

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or email at: anne.ryan@ascension.org.

Women's Club Update

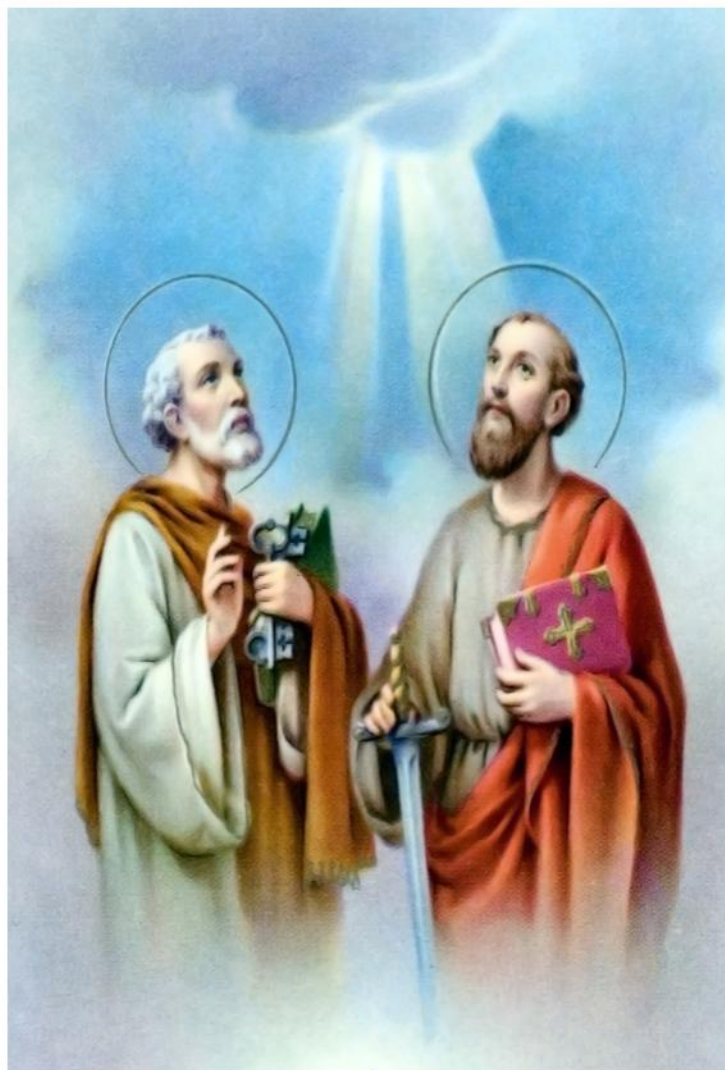
On Saturday, June 3rd, the Holy Virgin Martyrs Women's Club has their year-end celebration with a brunch at the Great Escape Restaurant in Schiller Park,. Members (and guests) enjoyed a delicious meal and great conversation. A framed certificate and flowers were presented to Jean Wesolowski, our first Woman of the Year. Six members were also given crosses for perfect attendance at meetings. JoAnn Michonski brought table favors for all, and Jean Wesolowski presented prayers cards of Mary, undoer of Knots. Thank you both for your generosity.

The newly elected officers were installed and given a blessing by Fr. Rob. The officers for 2023-2024 are president: Karen Lima, 1st vice president: Jeannie Hortillano, 2nd vice president: Michelle Morgan, secretary: Joan Campeotto, treasurer: Donna Rae Siekierski. After the blessing a check for \$2,500 was presented to Fr. Rob to be used for parish needs.

Please watch the church bulletin for membership drive dates, meeting information, and upcoming events.

Have a relaxing and blessed summer.

Join us for
**First Saturday Devotions on
 Saturday, July 1st
 at 9:00am in church**
 We will have Rosary & Prayer
 Followed by Fellowship
 in the Gathering Room
 All are welcome!



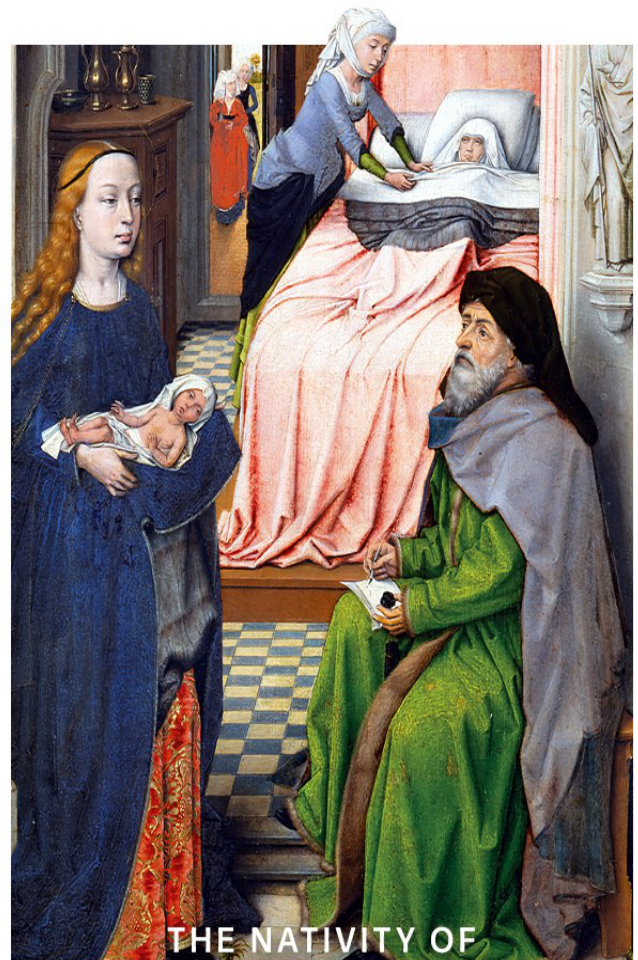
From The Parish Nurse...

My sincere thank you to all who were able to contribute to the "peanut butter drive" that ran during the month of May for the Ascension Resurrection Micro-pantry. Each food donation received was made available to those persons in need who utilize the Micro-pantry regularly. I collected 26 jars of peanut butter along with other items. I am truly humbled and grateful for your generosity.

Blessings to you,
Anne (Nancy) Ryan
Faith Community Nurse

Thank You!

With the generosity of many of our parishioners and friends, our Spring Dinner and Raffle which was held on May 20, 2023 made a profit of \$6,653.75. Thank you everyone!



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