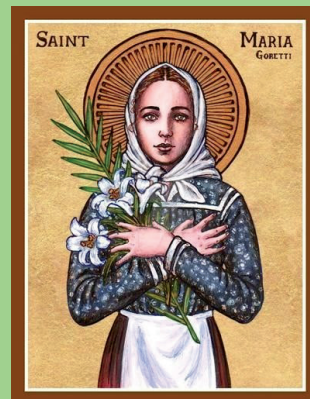




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September 24, 2023  
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time



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

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

I have a lot to cover this weekend. First, I will not see you next weekend, as I will be in Muncie, IN to compete in the first of my two big races that I'm calling "Fr. Rob's 96.5 miles on Insanity." Next Saturday, Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>, I will swim, bike, and run a total of 70.3 miles in the Muncie Ironman 70.3. I'll then spend the following week recovering as much as I can, because on Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> I will run 26.2 miles in the Chicago Marathon. As I've said, I'm doing these 96.5 miles of racing to raise money for new carpeting in our church. If you would like to donate to this fundraiser, please go to [hvmparish.org](http://hvmparish.org), click on Donate, and then be sure to write "Carpet" in the Notes section. If you prefer to donate by cash or check, you can use the envelopes that are in the pews, or use a blank envelope. For checks, please be sure to make them out to "Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish" and write "Carpet" in the memo line. You can drop your envelope in the Sunday collection basket at any time, even after the two races are over (there is no deadline). I want to thank all those who have already donated, and those who may still donate. We could not do this carpet project without you.

I also wanted to let you know (because some people have asked) that you can track my progress in each race, if you're interested. At the time I wrote this, I did not yet have my assigned bib numbers for each race. However, you can search for me by just typing in my name (and if there is more than one Robert Schultz in the race, it should also list me as being from Schiller Park). Each of the race websites should have a link that will be active on the day of the race. For the Ironman 70.3 on Sep. 30, go to [www.ironman.com/im703-muncie](http://www.ironman.com/im703-muncie), and for the Marathon on Oct. 8, go to [www.chicagomarathon.com](http://www.chicagomarathon.com).

I also want to remind everyone that there is still time to join Alpha. Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open and non-judgmental environment. Everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs. Each Alpha session includes: 1. Enjoying a meal together; 2. Watching a video that deals with questions of faith (e.g., Who is God? What is the meaning of life?); 3. Sharing your thoughts and listening to others. And please remember that you can share as much or as little as you'd like.

Alpha sessions will take place on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Hendle Hall. There are 11 sessions, but you do not need to commit to attending every session, and there is no cost to attend. We only ask that you register beforehand so that we can prepare the dinners. You can register by emailing parishioner Pam Barnes at [pam\\_barnes1516@yahoo.com](mailto:pam_barnes1516@yahoo.com). The first session took place this past Wednesday. If you missed it, you can still join, but you would need to attend this week's session or next week's, at the latest, in order to participate in this first Alpha season. And please extend the invitation to others!

This Sunday, at our 11:30am Mass, we will have our annual Blessing of Catechists. Our Rel. Ed. catechists and aides are all very generous volunteers who teach and model the Catholic faith for children in grades K-8. I am very grateful for their dedication to this important ministry. Their names are listed in this bulletin. And at this same Mass, we will also bless our R.C.I.A. catechist, Mirusia Michalowski. She also serves as a volunteer as she teaches the faith to adults who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation and become full members of the Catholic Church. I am very grateful for Mirusia's dedication, and I am happy to ask for God's blessings upon all our catechists this Sunday.

Speaking of thank-you's, I would like to extend a belated thank-you to Barb Piltaver for offering her time and creativity in changing our church decorations for the fall season. Thank you, Barb!

Finally, our HVM Women's Club will be hosting a Pasta Dinner & Raffle on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Hendle Hall. Tickets are on sale beginning this weekend at the back of church. The dinner will be catered by Cuomo Catering, and includes baked rigatoni, meatballs and sausage, and garden salad. Desserts and open bar are also included in the cost. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children 5-10 years old, and children under 4 are free. I hope you can join us!

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

Fr. Rob



# MASSES For The Week

**Sunday—September 24th**

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
 Roger Alva, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Lester Fippinger, req. Connie Fippinger  
 Patricia Bomabacino, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka  
 Albert & Helen Parcerero, req. Family  
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 James V. DelGiudice, req. The Chraca Family  
 Jeffrey Adams, req. Aunt Irene DelGiudice  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Sophia Jayko, req. Family  
 Joseph Davoli, req. Nancy Davoli  
 Stanley & Bridget Landow, req. Nancy Davoli

**Monday—September 25th**

8:30—Poor Souls In Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family  
 Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family  
 Peter Pistow, req. VRA

**Tuesday—September 26th**

8:30—Fr. Jerry Bresnahan, req. The Chraca Family  
 Lindsay Gavin, req. Fr. Rob

**Wednesday—September 27th**

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

**Thursday—September 28th**

8:30am—Thanksgiving To Sacred Heart Of Jesus, req. Alice Danhoffer

**Saturday—September 30th**

4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family  
 Arlene Caragher, req. Julie Parkinson

**Sunday—October 1st**

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
 Roger Alva, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 James Florio Family, req. Family  
 Albert & Helen Parcerero, req. Family  
 Frank Kurash, req. Chris & Russ Klug  
 Jerry Hoss, req. Bacha Family  
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Antoinette Pawlowski, req. Family

Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard
<b>Lector</b>	Joan Golembiewski	Lynn Louis—Charles	Moses Diaz
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	P. Cychosz K. Weichbrodt P. Wisniewski	D. Brown N. Kent M. Morgan	Z. Kirchen A. Caccavari M. Michalowski
<b>Altar Servers</b>	P. Cychosz C. Fiore	D. Kasper	L. Louis—Charles J. Mack



## Commemorate the 106th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 14th at 12 Noon at Clocktower Park 9501 W. Irving Park Road (corner of Irving Park and Wesley Terrace) as we pray the Holy Rosary to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.



# Religious Education News

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## Thank You!

*This Sunday, September 24th, we will celebrate our First Family Mass. At this Mass we will commission our catechists and aides, I would like to thank them for generously sharing their time, talent, and treasure with our students and our religious education program!*

### Kindergarten

#### *Catechists:*

Paula Cychosz—Tuesdays & Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

Kaylie Slezewski—Saturdays

### First Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Sandra LoCascio—Tuesdays

Veronica Chaidez—Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

Ester Pullara—Tuesdays

Myrna Pascua—Saturdays

### Second Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Ilda Benesch—Tuesdays

Sandy Herrera—Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

JoAnn Losurdo—Tuesdays

Lisa Slobodzian—Saturdays

### Third Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Andrea Del Zotti—Tuesdays

Betty Hicks—Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

Stephanie Fiore—Tuesdays

### Fourth Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Lisa Piekarz—Tuesdays

Alma Montenegro—Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

Mary Jo Remian—Tuesdays

Loredana Puccio—Saturdays

### Fifth Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Brittany Norris—Tuesdays

Zerlina Kirchen—Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

Nancy Davoli—Tuesdays

### Sixth Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Agnes Czwordon—Tuesdays & Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

Sue Chrabaszcz—Tuesdays

Andy Cacavari—Saturdays

### Seventh Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Pam Barnes—Tuesdays

Bernice Kirchen—Saturdays

#### *Aides:*

Melissa Pitts—Tuesdays

### Eighth Grade

#### *Catechists:*

Vito Ippolito—Tuesdays & Saturdays

### Special Sacraments

#### *Catechist:*

Bernice Kirchen

### Office Aide:

Debra McGrath—Saturdays

## *Congratulations*

I would like to congratulate catechist, Pam Barnes, on her 5 year anniversary with the religious education program!

# Pray For:

## Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Benedetta Cortese, Bernie Cwan, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Dora Gibellina, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard & Carol Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Michael & Vivian Jennings, David Johnson, 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, Lois Neilsen, Julie Parkinson, Charlotte Penczek, Nancy Piatek, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Leroy Plier, Joseph Powyszynski, Barbara Rodgers, Sandy Rogalski, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Sue Schuyler, Susan Siekierski, Joe Stendebach, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, 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.



## Hypod Winner

September 18, 2023

\$100 Winner—Andrew Romack

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



WINNER WEEK #1

\$20 Winner

Bob Golab—Ticket #1977

## Parish Support

Week of September 9th & 10th

Weekly	\$4,641.14
Maintenance	\$45.00
Fuel & Heat	\$125.00
Assumption	\$10.00
Seminary	\$10.00
Summer Mission Appeal	\$180.00

**MANY THANKS!**

### Second Collections:

The second collection on October 1st is for Fuel & Heat

Please be as generous as you can.



## Music Notes

Today's Psalm tells us that the Lord is gracious and merciful, just in all his ways; There's A Wideness In God's Mercy.

## 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](mailto:anne.ryan@ascension.org).

# Notes From The Parish Nurse...

I want to provide you some information about the influenza virus and why getting the flu vaccine is the best way to prepare for the upcoming influenza season.

It is recommended that persons aged 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine yearly to reduce the risk of influenza related illness, hospitalization, and death. Influenza is spread to others through the air from the infected person's respiratory droplets when talking, coughing or sneezing, or by touching a surface infected with these droplets and then touching the nose, mouth, and possibly eyes.

Anyone can get complications from influenza. Groups especially vulnerable to influenza complications are older adults, those with health issues, pregnant women and their babies, and children under age 5.

Protection from the vaccine can vary depending on how well the vaccine matches the circulating flu virus, but it is still important to reduce your risk of flu and flu complications by getting vaccinated. The best timing for most people to receive the vaccine is in the months of September and October.

There are different types of flu vaccine available. Please talk to your health care provider if you have questions about what type of influenza vaccine to receive or if you have concerns about getting the vaccine, including having a past severe allergic reaction or having a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome. I have referenced [www.imunize.org](http://www.imunize.org) and the CDC sites for this article. For more information check out [www.vaccineinformation.org](http://www.vaccineinformation.org).

There will be an opportunity to receive the injectable influenza vaccine (Standard or High Dose) on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 in the gathering room in the back of church after the 8:30am Mass. More information to come.

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

## HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

### WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

Our women's club had its first meeting on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Twenty nine members attended and after the Rosary was completed, the meeting started promptly at 7:00pm. All were happy to be meeting in Hendle Hall, and events for the upcoming year were discussed. Frank Nosek stopped by to tell us about a program that he is involved with at Gottlieb Hospital, where tie-blankets are distributed to patients, and asked if the women's club would like to assist with preparing the blankets. We all felt this was a worthwhile project, and agreed to help. Frank gave us a quick demonstration of how the blankets are tied, and several members began working on blankets during the meeting. At the October meeting, Frank will be bringing in pre-cut blankets for the membership to complete. At the end of the meeting, there were 2 raffles: Helen Duess won here 2023-24 membership dues back, and JoAnne Michonski won the door prize. Refreshments were provided by the officers.

.....**AND SPEAKING OF 2023-24 EVENTS.....**  
The women's club will be hosting a **PASTA DINNER & RAFFLE** on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Hendle Hall. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of September 23 & 24 at the back of church. The meal is being catered by Cuomo Catering, and includes baked rigatoni, meatballs and sausage and garden salad. Desserts and open bar are also included in the cost. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 children 5-10 years old, and under 4 free.



The Knights of Columbus are helping the Christmas Cheer Foundation. We are asking for brand new knit or crocheted hats, gloves, and scarves for men, women, and children. There will be bins in the back of church until November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to the Knights of Columbus and send it to the rectory. If you have any questions, please contact Troy Cychosz at . **PLEASE** together we can help those that really need it.



# FR. ROB'S 96.5 MILES OF INSANITY



1.2-MILE SWIM

At the age of 50, Fr. Rob is attempting his most insane racing feat yet! He will attempt two long-distance races within one week's time.

On Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>, he will swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, and run 13.1 miles in the Ironman 70.3 triathlon in Muncie, IN. Then on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, he will run 26.2 miles in the Chicago Marathon – for a total of 96.5 miles in one week!



56-MILE BIKE



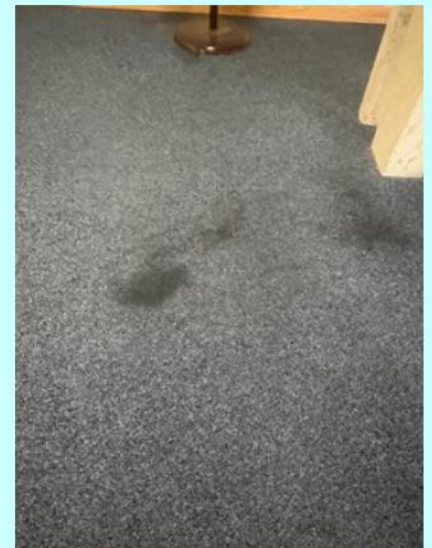
He is doing this as a fundraiser for Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish, to buy and install new carpeting for the church.

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26.2-MILE RUN

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