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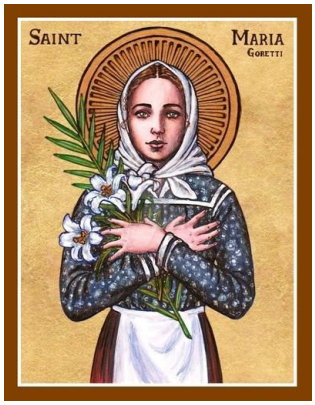
Holy Virgin Martyrs
Saints Beatrice & Maria Goretti



Fouth Sunday of Easter

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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

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday (based on the Gospel reading for this 4th Sunday of Easter). Because of that, today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. And because of that, today is also the Annual Vocations Appeal for the Chicago Archdiocese. On this weekend, Cardinal Cupich will be sharing his vocation story in his homily at Holy Name Cathedral (the HNC Masses are broadcast on Channel 7 on Sundays at 9:30am, and are also available at www.archchicago.org). Cardinal Cupich has also asked the priests of the Archdiocese to talk about their vocation stories this weekend, which I will be doing in my homily.

My hope is that Catholics around the Archdiocese will take the time to listen to the Cardinal's stories and their priests' stories, to inspire them to go out and encourage more vocations of service in the Church. And that's because – as I've said before and will say again – priests do not grow on trees. It is not uncommon for us to get calls at the rectory requesting a priest for some need, and if I am not available, some people are dumbfounded as to why a priest is not available 24/7. And others continue to believe that we have multiple priests at our parish.

My brothers and sisters, our Archdiocese needs more priests. And the thing is: The priests are out there. The vocations are out there, because God would never abandon His Church and stop calling people to serve Him. But God does not force us; He respects our free will. So, God can put the call out there to individuals, but those individuals need to respond to Him of their own free will. And if the rest of us do not support, nourish, and encourage young people to listen for God's call, then it will be that much harder for them to hear God's voice and respond. So, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us reach out to the young people in our lives who might have a calling to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, and let's tell them that!

On a more practical note, I want to offer three reminders. First, if you write checks to the parish, please do not make them out to "Holy Virgin Martyrs." We are still waiting for our new tax ID, and only then can we set up new bank accounts. The Archdiocese has told us that this might not happen until July 1st. So, because none of our accounts have the new parish name yet, please continue to make checks to either "St. Beatrice" or "St. Maria Goretti." I will let you know when we have our new accounts, but it will not be anytime soon.

Second, although we haven't changed accounts yet, we have been able to change other things, like our email. Our new parish email address is: **hvm-parish@outlook.com**. This address will be printed on our bulletin cover from now on, and it is on our website (and our website address is also always printed on our bulletin cover). Please plan to use this email address to contact the parish.

Finally, if you ordered DVDs of the St. Beatrice and/or St. Maria Goretti Legacy Mass, you can pick them up and pay for them (if you haven't paid yet) in church after Mass this weekend or next weekend. The DVDs will also be available at the rectory during business hours, Monday – Friday. You can also still order DVDs by going to our parish website. Thank you for your support!

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

Fr. Rob

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, the society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families by providing food. Thank You!

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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Readings For The Week

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25: Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

FEAST OF FAITH
The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "Among all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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Masses For The Week

Sunday—April 25th
9:30—Lena & Raymond Gennetti, req. Family
Thomas Griffin, req. Family
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
Paul Pignatelli, req. Family
Bobby Irsuto, req. MeriBeth Fiske & Sambucci Family
Kenneth Zech, req. Frank & Josephine Fazio
Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
11:30—Nick Petrera, req. Teresa Vitucci
Deceased Members of the Piotrowski & Pultorak Families, req. Robert & Christine Maszka
Parishioners

Monday—April 26th
8:30—Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family

Tuesday—April 27th
8:30—Genevieve & Roger Alva, req. Family

Wednesday—April 28th
8:30—Joseph Cunningham, req. Family

Thursday—April 29th
8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family

Saturday—May 1st
4:30—Joseph Davoli, req. Theresa Powyszynski
Stanley Bernacki, req. Bernacki Family

Sunday—May 2nd
9:30—Lena & Raymond Gennetti, req. Family
Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
Margaret Florio, req. Guenther Schuch
Thomas Griffin, req. Family
Maria Rosa Calderone, req. Family
11:30—Ray Valerio, req. Teresa Vitucci
Dorothy Hodges, req. Ministry of Consolation
Nancy Niecikowski, req. Noreen & Greg

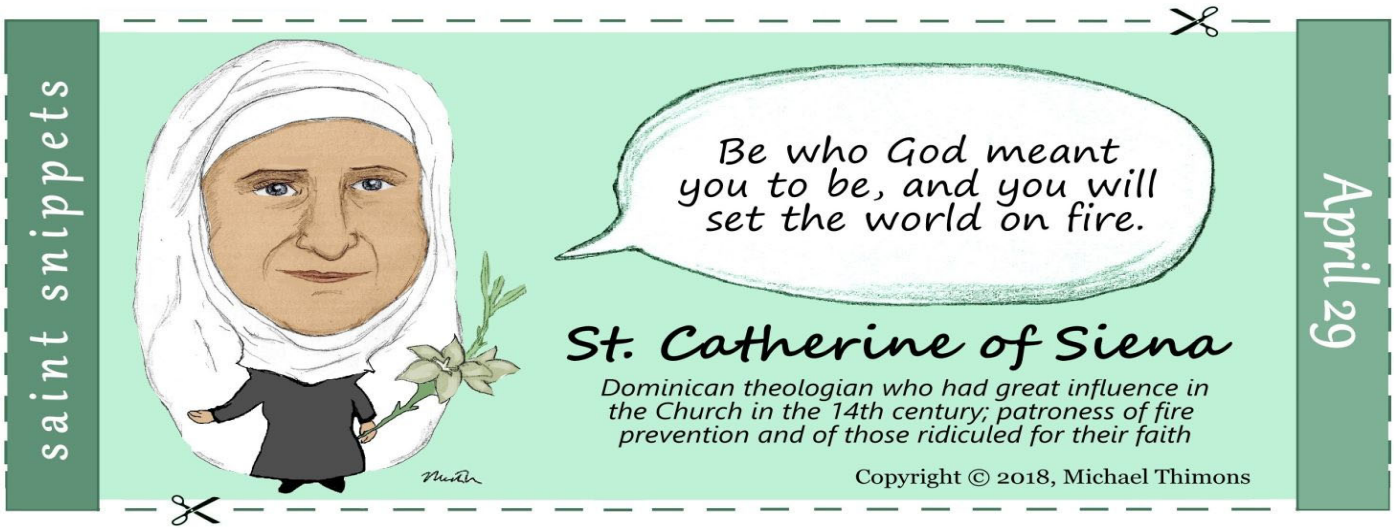
Lectors

Saturday—May 1st
4:30—Cheryl McLean
Sunday—May 2
9:30—Don Kasper
11:30—Zerlina Kirchen

Mass Presider

Saturday—May 1st
4:30—Fr. Rob
Sunday—May 2nd
9:30—Fr. Rob
11:30—Fr. Rob

Rest in Peace
It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember:
Dorothy Hodges, Jesusan Rosales, And Matthew Hendle in your prayers.



Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 29, 2021
First Communion Rehearsal—6:00 & 7:30pm

Saturday, May 1, 2021
First Communion—10am & 1pm

Thursday, May 6, 2021
First Communion Rehearsal—6:00 & 7:30pm

Saturday, May 8, 2021
First Communion—10am & 1pm

Monday, May 17, 2021
Confirmation Rehearsal—7pm

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Confirmation—7pm

Monday, May 24, 2021
Confirmation Rehearsal—7pm

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Confirmation—7pm

Monday, May 31, 2021
Confirmation Rehearsal—7pm

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Confirmation—7pm

Reminder

Don't forget to be working on your Mass and service hours.

What We're Learning

6th Grade (Saturdays)

We reviewed what we have learned this year. We also spent time discussing Confession and we reviewed how to examine our consciences. Then we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Rob.

7th Grade (Saturdays)

We learned that St. Paul tells us to help one another strive for things that are worthwhile in life. St. Paul's list is challenging and difficult. We learn that virtues help us to develop good spiritual habits. We also learned about the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love, as well as the Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance.

8th Grade (Saturday)

We discussed Holy Week. We talked about confession and examined our consciences and then we went to confession with Fr. Rob. We spent time researching the Saints and talking about choosing a Saint name.

Please Pray For

Lucy Ramirez
Adriana Morello
Bill Cyplick
Gloria Sullivan
Paul Medo
Denise Stoll
Anthony Manna
Patrick Sullivan
Carl Schuyler
Lou Falco
Eleanor Vogel
Jerry Hoss
Barbara Rodgers
Eleanor Vogel

Blanca Selsky
Carol Heidorn
Eugene Fortin, Jr.
Kathy Sassolino
Francine Nuccio
Char Banyai
Frank Banyai
Lilian Medo
Howard Heidorn
Joan Kohut
Leroy Plier
Curly Sheridan
Deacon Ron Pilarski

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Face Coverings

Face Coverings must be worn the entire time you are in church and in all parish buildings.

Hand Sanitizer and Social Distancing

- Please use the hand sanitizer located at the entrances of church.
- Please make sure to sit 6 feet away from those not in your household.
- Please follow the lines in the center aisle when you come up for Communion.

Reception of Communion

- Please make sure to leave your mask on when you come up to Communion.
- Communion will only be given in the hand.
- After you receive Communion, please step to the marker on either side of Father and pull down your mask and consume the Consecrated Host ***before*** returning to your pew.

Hypod Winner

April 19, 2021

$100 Winner—Marlene O'Brien
Ticket #01407

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

Week of April 17th & 18th

Weekly	$3,950.00
Fuel & Heat	$103.00
Maintenance	$125.00
Easter	$475.00
Ascension	$50.00
Holy Land	$10.00

MANY THANKS!

Nature's Lessons

Believe one who has tried,
you shall find a fuller satisfaction
in the woods than in books.
The trees and the rocks will
teach you that which
you cannot hear from the masters.
—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

The Glory of God

The glory of God
is humanity fully alive.
—St. Irenaeus

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Christopher Slawecki, Regina Kasper, Elizabeth Polce, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Jennifer Kober, Evelyn Cusinato, John Rozak, Betty Ann Graham, Adam Williams, Vincent & Michelle San Filippo, Maria Giangrasso, Norma Orsi, Noella Schutt, Sarah Gragnani, Patrick Stark, Mary Ann Posinger, Marie Quinlan, Catherine & Steve Schreiner, Wally Glover, Jean Wesolowski, Charlotte Sarno, Edith Jendruczek, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Sophia Nunez, Susan Siekierski, Dolores Jozsa, Sr. Laurette Bellamy, S.P., Bernie Cwan, Bill McMurray, Bill Hjelmgren, Jim Puchner, John Oakey, Ronald C. Miller, Anna Tylewski, Louis Ramirez, Jim Hermann, Mary Lauro, Joseph Miranda, Odis L. Clark, Kathy Rothgery, Mary Zoch, Jimmy Kokonas, Matthew Ksiavek, Ann Baxter, Gregory Novak, Sr., Judy Mitrenga, Gus Campeotto, Angela DeFranco, Ted & Joan Lester, Gary Hickerson, Angela Ewart, Michael & Vivian Jennings, Betty Bajzek, Tina Baroni, Wayne Castrovillari, Thomas Gibb, Irene Zettl, Jonathan Hernandez, Viktor Heinz, Shannon Vaile, Jacob Corona, Odelia Martinez, Joan Weichbrodt, Dolores Lacorte, Rev. Mike Valente, Cathy DiGiovanni, Kathryn Radek, Valerie Simosko, Brian Kelly, Patricia Jahnke, Claudio DiBenedetto, Sarah Tripoli, Joseph D'Amico, Nancy Wright, Chester Piowarczyk, De Covelli, Lorraine Quintana, Sonia Bonacci, Angelo Passialis, Karen Weichbrodt, Norma McGowan.

Please Pray For Those in the Military:

Sergeant Michael Bavone & Private Christopher Bavone, US Army. Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner, U.S.A.F. Sargeant Michael Keaty, HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy, U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez, U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth

Sick List

Starting with the May 1st & 2nd bulletin we will have a new combined sick list.

To have your name or you loved one's name placed on this new sick list, please contact the rectory.

Names placed on the sick list will be listed for 4 weeks, if you would like the name to be on the sick list longer than 4 weeks, you will need to contact the rectory.

"Now what made you think using the fire sprinklers would be a good way to shorten the sprinkling rite?"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF Easter

APRIL 25, 2021

I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11

BELONGING

There is nothing like belonging. Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are "at home" in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God's children, precious in God's sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us. Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8–12
Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1–2
John 10:11–18

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