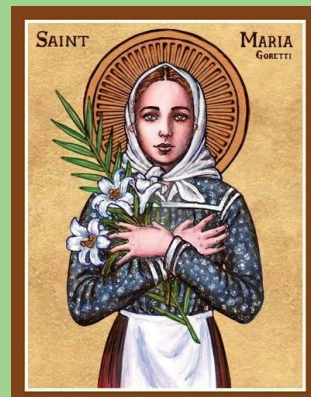




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

## October 1, 2023 The Twenty-Sixth 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*

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." This 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).

On Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Blessing of Animals, in connection with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>). The blessing will take place in the parking lot, by the Prayer Garden, at 12:00pm. All animals are welcome!

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 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!

As I spoke about at the Masses last weekend, the Archdiocese has officially closed on the sale of the St. Maria Goretti campus to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (who has been renting there for the past 2½ years). As I said last weekend, I know that this is a painful experience for all those who were parishioners at SMG, but I hope that it can be a little comforting to know that not only will the church not be torn down, but it will also continue to function as a church, especially by a congregation (Greek Orthodox) with whom the Catholic Church shares a close communion. I know that Holy Trinity Parish is extremely grateful to be there, as their congregation would have been homeless if this sale had not happened. And as a reminder, Holy Trinity is not purchasing the grass field next to the SMG parking lot, so the Archdiocese is still trying to sell that property.

Finally, I would like to announce and congratulate this year's winners of the Christifidelis Award, which is given annually by Cardinal Cupich to parishioners who have exemplified outstanding service at their parishes. This year I nominated Steve and Cathy Schreiner. I want to thank them for all that they do for HVM Parish. When I submitted their nomination, here is what I wrote about why I believe they deserve this award:

*"Steve and Cathy have been active parishioners for many years, both at St. Maria Goretti and now at Holy Virgin Martyrs. Cathy worked at SMG School, is a member of the Women's Club, organizes the Mother's Day & Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets, and serves as a Bereavement Minister. Steve serves as an usher and altar server at Masses. Together, they serve on the Evangelization and Alpha teams, serve on Parish Council, are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of Care, organize First Saturday devotions, and served as catechists and aides in Religious Ed. They are always willing to help in any way that is needed."*

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

Fr. Rob



## Masses For The Week

### 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 Parcerro, 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

### Monday—October 2nd

8:30—Poor Souls In Purgatory, req. Thomas Family

### Tuesday—October 3rd

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

### Wednesday—October 4th

8:30—Kevin P. O'Neill, req. Family

### Thursday—October 5th

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

### Saturday—October 7th

4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family  
Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family  
Mathew Chraca, req. Family

### Sunday—October 8th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
Roger Alva, req. Family  
Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
Albert & Helen Parcerro, req. Family  
Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family  
Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
Deceased Members of Piotrowski & Pultorak Families,  
req. Robert & Christine Maszka

October 7th & 8th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard
Lector	Ellen Melnitzke	Kitch Gorzyski	Zerlina Kirchen
Communion Ministers	I. Benesch W. Bernacki N. Davoli	D. Brown C. Fippnger D. Kasper	M. Diaz B. Kirchen A. Caccavari
Altar Servers	L. Trischan E. Trischn S. Hohmeier	T. Cychosz S. Cychosz	O. Kucharczyk P. Kitlas



# Religious Education News

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## Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 7th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00—11:30am

Tuesday, October 10th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00—8:00pm

Wednesday, October 11th

Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00pm

Saturday, October 14th

1st Special Sacraments Class

9:00—11:00am

Saturday, October 21st

Religious Ed. Class—9:00—11:30am

Tuesday, October 24th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00—8:00pm

## What We're Learning

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Saturdays)

Today we learned about creation. We learned that we are the most important thing that God created. We also learned about Jesus, the Son of God.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Saturdays)

We learned that Jesus is our Savior. We learned that God loved us even when we sin. We discussed the beauty of God's creation and how we are created in God's image. We also learned that we are children of God.

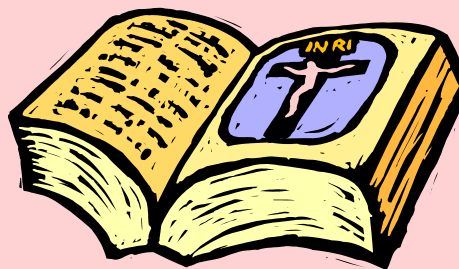
### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Saturdays)

We discussed the Bible and the different types of books that make up the Bible. We spent time talking about the historical, wisdom, and prophetic books as well as the Gospels and Epistles. We spent time talking about how October is the month of Mary and the Rosary and that on October 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the feast of Mary, Queen of the Rosary. We discussed the different prayers that are said during the Rosary as well as the different groups of mysteries and on what days they are traditionally prayed.

## Registration Update

Registration is still open, you **DO NOT** need to be a member of the parish to register your child in the Religious Education Program. If you still need to register your child, you can fill out the form online on the children's faith formation page of the

parish website [hvmparish.org](http://hvmparish.org) or you can arrive early on a class day to register. The last day to enroll your child in the Religious Education Program is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.**



## Hypod Winner

September 25, 2023

**\$500 Winner—Melissa Pitts**

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



**WINNER WEEK #2**

**\$20 Winner**

**Chuck Traxler—Ticket #1777**



**Week of September 16th & 17th**

Weekly	\$3,667.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Fuel & Heat	\$10.00
Summer Mission Appeal	\$30.00
Seminary	\$944.00

**MANY THANKS!**



## Music Notes

Today at Offertory we honor St Francis with his feast day approaching on 10/04.

**If you would ever like to bring up the Gifts during Mass, please simply let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.**

## Pray For:

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### 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.



## 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...

Flu shots will be offered in the gathering room at the back of church on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 after the morning Mass from 9:15-10:15am. The standard and high dose flu vaccine will be available.

The CDC recommends the flu vaccine yearly for those 6 months of age and older ("with rare exceptions") and per the CDC, "everyone should receive a flu vaccine that is appropriate for their age and health status." Getting vaccinated helps to reduce flu-related illnesses, doctor visits, missed work and missed school as well as flu-related hospitalizations or deaths. The high dose flu vaccine is

recommended for seniors over the age of 65 and is designed to create a stronger immune response for better protection against influenza. For more information check out CDC.gov. The flu vaccine will be provided at no cost to all those on Medicare (Part B); please remember to bring your Medicare card to the flu clinic. The charge for those under age 65 will be \$25, although a waiver may be provided depending on financial need.

If interested, please call the rectory to reserve your vaccine by giving your name and which type of flu vaccine you wish to receive (standard or high dose) in order to make sure that there is enough supply for those who want to receive the vaccine.

I will also be able to bring the flu vaccine to homebound parishioners later that same day on October 17th. For anyone who is homebound and wishes to receive the flu vaccine, please call the rectory to provide your name, address, and phone number, so that I may contact you.

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

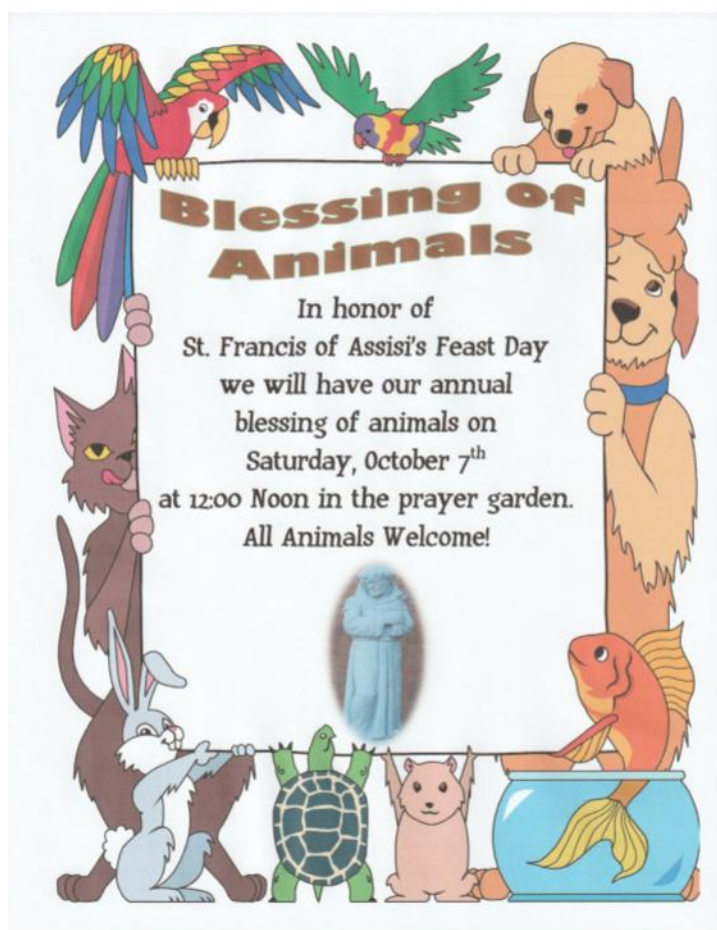
## Commemorate the 106th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

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.



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 26th. 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. **PLEASE** together we can help those that really need it.





Join us for  
**First Saturday Devotions on**  
**Saturday, October 7th**  
**at 9:00am in church**  
**We will have Rosary & Prayer**  
**Followed by Fellowship**  
**in the Gathering Room**  
**All are welcome!**



## Women's Club Pasta Dinner

The Women's Club will be hosting a PASTA DINNER & RAFFLE on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Hendle Hall. Tickets are now on sale in the back of church after the weekend Masses. 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.



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