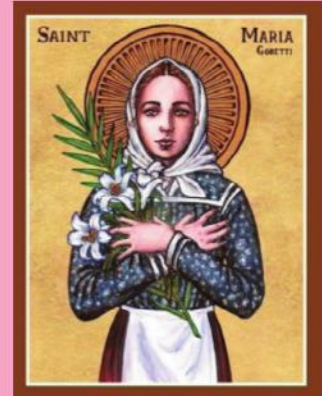




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

**JUNE 29, 2025  
SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**



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**Nancy Ryan, Parish Nurse**

**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.**

This weekend we celebrate a liturgical feast that, you could say, is an exception to the rule. Sunday (the day of the Lord's Resurrection) typically takes precedence over almost any other feast day in the Church calendar. However, the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul is one of the few exceptions. This solemnity is celebrated every year on June 29, and even though that date falls on a Sunday this year, this solemnity is still celebrated – and that shows just how important Saints Peter Paul are to our faith.

There is so much that could be said about each of these saints. Peter was the head of the Twelve Apostles, he was chosen by Jesus to be the Rock of our Church and the first Pope, and of course, he also showed his humanity and his imperfection by denying Jesus three times. Paul, while he was not one of the original Twelve Apostles, was so instrumental in building up the early Church that he was given the title of Apostle. He was a former persecutor of Christians, who then became a fearless preacher of the Gospel. In the end, both men gave their lives for Christ and His Gospel. Saints Peter & Paul are two pillars of our Church, which is why we celebrate them this weekend.

Here at our parish, this weekend will also be the final (yes, final!) weekend of the promotional phase of the Generation to Generation capital campaign. As of last week, I'm so happy to say that we have collected enough pledges to meet our goal of \$430,000! We also have some pending pledges that will be coming in, so I'm confident we will surpass our goal – and as I've mentioned, that is significant, because for every dollar that we collect beyond our goal, 80% of that will stay with our parish. As I said, this is the final weekend of promotion for the campaign; it is the second of our two pledge weekends. At each Mass this weekend, we will be asking anyone who has not yet made a pledge to consider doing so. I want to thank everyone who has pledged any amount to this campaign. Thank you for making it so successful. I'm hoping that we can start one of the campaign projects this summer, so that you can see where your money is going.

I also want to give you a heads-up about a new fundraiser we are trying this year, but it is a fundraiser that gives you several chances to win cash prizes. You're probably familiar with the Football Mania tickets that we sell in August and September. That fundraiser is based on the NFL regular season. There is another fundraiser (run by the same company of Charity Mania) that is based on part of the Major League Baseball (MLB) regular season. It's called (surprise, surprise) Baseball Mania. We will begin selling Baseball Mania tickets at our Masses next weekend, July 5-6. Just like with Football Mania, the tickets are \$20 each, the weekly prizes range from \$25-\$400, and there is a guaranteed winner each week. Baseball Mania gives you 10 chances to win with every ticket you buy.

Finally, the new issue of our seasonal missalettes arrived this weekend, and you may have noticed that we've made two slight changes – we have switched to the smaller print missalettes, and there are fewer missalettes in each pew. This was done for financial reasons. As generous as our parishioners are, the reality is that our Sunday collections in any given year do not meet our budget's needs (and summer is an especially difficult time, with smaller attendance). Therefore, we've been looking for ways to cut expenses here and there. So, we are switching to the smaller missalettes to save a little money. We have also ordered fewer copies, and aside from the cost savings, the reality is that we simply do not need the number of missalettes that we used to have in each pew.

I hope you have a great Fourth of July weekend! Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob



# MASSES For The Week

**Sunday—June 29th**

9:30—Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney, req. Kraft Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Family  
 Romeo Mayol, req. Family  
 Hipolita D. Cortes, req. The Louis—Charles Family  
 Sr. Victoria Eヌbi Utaji, req. Steve & Cathy Schreiner  
 Michael & Theresa Utaji, req. Steve & Cathy Schreiner  
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family  
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family

**Monday—June 30th**

8:30—Antonio Igartua, req. Ministry of Consolation

**Tuesday—July 1st**

8:30—Carol Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family  
 Francine Cipriano, req. Family  
 Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family  
 Michael Jennings, req. Sur Hilger

**Wednesday—July 2nd**

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

**Thursday—July 3rd**

8:30—Filippo Fiore, req. Ministry of Consolation

**Saturday—July 5th**

4:30—Bill Parenti, req. Paul & Eileen Swarck  
 Chris Benesch, req. Denise L. Benesch Charity Fund  
 Paul Swarck, req. HVM Women’s Club  
 Tony Powyszynski, req. Jean Wesolowski

**Sunday—July 6th**

9:30—James Florio Family, req. Family  
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Martha Wozny, req. McMurray Family  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney, req. Kraft Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Family  
 Hipolita D. Cortes, req. The Louis Charles Family  
 Zlonkiewicz Family, req. Family  
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family  
 Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Wilbert & Betty Saathoff, req. Family  
 Joan & Edward Sosnowski, req. Family  
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family  
 Janina Buziuk, req. Family

July 5th & 6th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
<b>Lector</b>	Zerlina Kirchen	Roy McCampbell	Liz Lynch
<b>Communion Ministers</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. Widuch C. Widuch	S. LoCascio N. LoCascio G. Davila	A. Herrera L. Gonzales

# Hypod Winner

**June 23, 2025**

**\$100 Winner—Joseph Powyszynski**

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

## 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 by email [aryan2@primehealthcare.com](mailto:aryan2@primehealthcare.com).



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Week of June 14th & 15th

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**MANY THANKS!**



**Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.**

## Second Collections:

The second collection on July 6th is for Maintenance  
Please be as generous as you can.



## BASEBALL MANIA COMING SOON!

**Each \$20 Baseball Mania Ticket gives you a chance to win a weekly cash prize From July 21st-September 28th! Prizes range from \$25-400. Starting next weekend Baseball Mania tickets will be on sale in the back of church after Mass Tickets will also be available in the rectory during the week.**

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

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of June 29, 2025**

**Sunday  
The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

*Vigil:*  
Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
*Mass during the Day:*  
Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Monday  
Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome**

Gen 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 8:18-22;

**Tuesday  
Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest**

Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8: 23-27

**Wednesday  
Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8: 28-34**

**Thursday  
Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle**

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 20: 24-29

**Friday  
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9: 9-13**

**Saturday  
Memorial Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Those Who Are Sick:**

*Fr. Ambrosio Arambula, Betty Bajzek, Dan Bailey, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Cindy Indurante, Vivian Jennings, Arlene Jurinek, Brian Kelly, Patti King, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Dan Latoria, Jr., Mark Latoria, Joan Lester, Diahnne Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Genevieve Mastalerz, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, Bill McMurray, David Medo, Barbara Miller, Christian Mireles, Pat Morgan, Robert Olender, Christopher Ordo, Julie Parkinson, Michael Pesola, Nancy Piatek, Joanne Pikush, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Melissa Pitts, Mike Ponticelli, Joseph Powyszynski, Glenn & Linda Rawski, Jacqueline Reiss, Barbara Rodgers, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Jacqueline Spejcher, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Jim Waterloo, Joan & Bill Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright*



**Those in the Military**

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



# Music Notes

*One night I had a dream...  
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord,  
And across the sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord.  
When the last scene of my life flashed before us,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,  
There was only one set of footprints.  
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest  
and saddest times in my life  
This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.  
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
You would walk with me all the way;  
But I have noticed that during the  
most troublesome times in my life,  
There is only one set of footprints.  
I don’t understand why in times when I needed you the most,  
you should leave me.  
The Lord replied,  
“My precious, precious  
child. I love you, and I would never,  
never leave you during your times of trial and suffering.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you.*

# Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen

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## Help Wanted!

The Religious Education Program is looking for volunteers to be catechists and aides for the upcoming 2025-2026 year. No previous experience is necessary; all that is needed is a willingness to share your faith with the students.

The responsibilities of a catechist include: *taking attendance, preparing and teaching a lesson each class, teaching the traditional prayers of our faith to the students.* Teacher manuals and supplemental materials will be provided.

The responsibilities of a catechist aide include: *Helping to supervise children in class, bringing the attendance and other things to the office, assisting the teacher with various tasks during class, being a substitute teacher or assisting a substitute teacher, assisting the Coordinator with tasks as needed.*

Currently we need catechists in the following grades:

**Saturdays: 1st Grade**

Currently we need aides in the following grades:

**Saturdays 1st & 3rd Grades**

Being a catechist or an aide is a wonderful experience and a great way to grow in your faith, while making a difference in the lives of our students.

## Sacramental Information

The Religious Education program has a 2 year consecutive attendance requirement for the reception of the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation.

Confirmation is celebrated in 8th grade.

First Reconciliation & Communion are usually celebrated in 2nd grade; students in grades 3-7 who need to receive the Sacraments of first Reconciliation & Communion will be enrolled in the 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.

## About Our Program

Our in person 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:

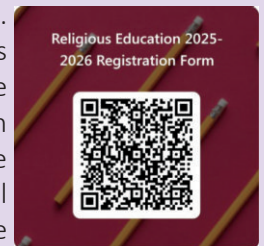
- † *Gathering for prayer every class*
- † *Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent*
- † *Encouraging faithful discipleship through the completion of Mass and service hours*
- † *Through enrichment opportunities like The*
- † *Seder Meal, Church Tours, and Teaching Masses*
- † *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.*

## Registration Information

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 program year! You **DO NOT** need to be a parishioner to enroll your child in the religious education program. You can view registration materials and enroll your child by clicking the “Enroll My Child “ button on the faith formation page of the parish website [hvmparish.org](http://hvmparish.org). You can also enroll your child by scanning the QR code on this page. If you prefer to register in person you can visit our Open House on Tuesday, September 9th from 6-8pm; or at one of our registration days: Wednesday, September 3rd from 4:00-7:30pm and Saturday, September 6th from 10am-2pm in the religious education building.

Please make sure to bring a copy of your child’s applicable sacramental certificates including Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion when you come to register or on the first day of class.

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



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Reverend Robert W. Schultz  
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Dear Father Schultz,

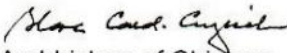
With your valued leadership and the help of your staff, the people of Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish have very generously supported this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Together, you have raised gifts and pledges exceeding your 2025 Appeal goal of \$23,557.12. Thank you so much and please communicate my gratitude to your staff and parishioners.

This year the theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal is *Together we bring hope*. As the Church opens a new chapter in her life with Pope Leo XIV, these words echo the theme for the Jubilee Year *Pilgrims of hope* and our commitment to be instruments of God's hope. The parish community of Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish has taken up the challenge to support believers in the community and beyond it and to be true instruments of hope. The generosity of your parish is a blessing for all of us. Thanks to the Lord who prompts our generosity, thanks to the people who willingly share their treasure, and thanks to you for your leadership.

As you deem appropriate, please let the people of Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish know of my personal gratitude and the gratitude of this entire local Church. Let them also know that the parish will receive the first rebate distribution in October and the final distribution in March of 2026. The support of your parish community enables all of us to bring those in need together to the table.

Finally, Father Schultz, I ask your parish to pray for me and for all our sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese of Chicago and in the Church universal. May we receive with gratitude and share with generosity all the great, good things God has given us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Business Manager

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