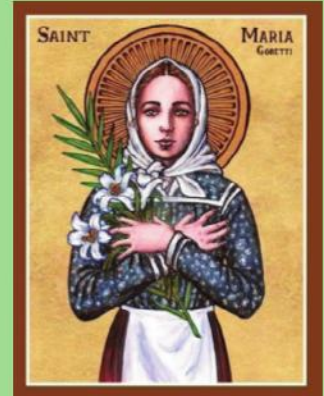




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

**JULY 6, 2025
14TH 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'd first like to say that if you picked up this bulletin when you came to Mass this weekend – in this month of July, and on a holiday weekend – kudos to you! Many Catholics tend to take a break from Mass during the summer and on holidays, so I'm very glad that you made the time to join us in encountering God in His Word and in the Eucharist. I'd also like to welcome any visitors who are with us on this holiday weekend.

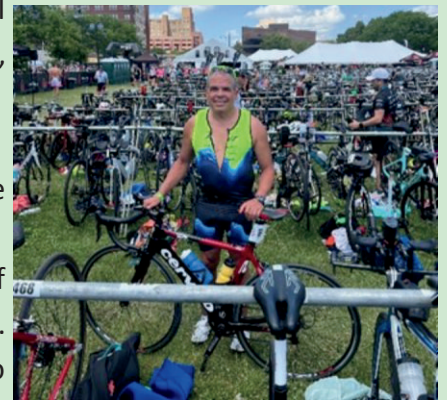
The month of July is significant to us as a parish because this is our "feast month." As you know, we have two patron saints for HVM Parish: St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti. So, not only do we have two patronal feast days instead of one, but both of their feast days happen to occur within the same month – one near the beginning of July, and one near the end. Therefore, we celebrate July as our parish's feast month.

This Sunday, July 6th we celebrate the feast of St. Maria Goretti, a virgin martyr of the early 20th century, and one of the youngest saints to ever be canonized. Near the end of the month, on July 29th, we celebrate the feast of St. Beatrice, a virgin martyr of the early 4th century, whose two brothers are also canonized saints.

Now, because St. Maria Goretti's feast day falls on a Sunday this year, we cannot use the Mass prayers for her day, as Sundays take precedence. However, because this weekend kicks off our feast month, I will incense our St. Maria Goretti statue and our St. Beatrice statue at all the Masses this weekend. Also, during the whole month of July, we will have relics of our two patron saints on display at the front of church.

I also want to remind everyone about a new fundraiser we are trying this year called Baseball Mania. Just like the other fundraiser that you're probably familiar with (Football Mania), this one also gives you several chances to win cash prizes. Baseball Mania is based on part of the Major League Baseball regular season. You can buy Baseball Mania tickets beginning this weekend at all our Masses. 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 that you buy.

Finally, whenever I experience something significant in my summer triathlons, I sometimes share it with you here in my article. Back on June 22nd I experienced a "first" in my 18 years of doing triathlons: I did not finish a race. I competed in the first-ever Rockford Ironman 70.3 (the first Ironman-brand race to ever take place in Illinois). If you remember, the weekend of June 21-22 gave us very high heat, humidity, and winds. Put those together with a 70.3-mile race, and it's not a good combination! So, while I had a fantastic 1.2-mile swim, and I did finish the brutal 56-mile bike course, I unfortunately did not finish the bike before the cutoff time, so I was not allowed to continue the race with the 13.1-mile run. I thus received my first-ever DNF (Did Not Finish). But I was certainly not alone. Because the conditions were so bad, almost 20% of the Rockford racers did not finish.



There's a reason why I share this, and why I share the photo here of me after the race – because as you can see, I'm not wearing a finisher medal. My point is: Some days we succeed, some days we don't, but all that we do is by the grace of God. And if we have His grace, that is what's most important. Even though I did not accomplish my goal, I still accomplished a lot on that brutally hot day, and it was because of God's grace. So, don't let setbacks knock you down in life. We're not always going to succeed, but what matters is that God's love is what never fails us.

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

Fr. Rob



MASSES For The Week

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

Monday—July 7th

8:30—Patti Luciano, req. Linda Schultz

Tuesday—July 8th

8:30—Ron Kraft, req. Family
 Donna Roberts, req. Roberts Family
 Jim Klafeta, req. Carol Klafeta

Wednesday—July 9th

8:30—Carol Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family

Thursday—July 10th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family
 James Cunningham, req. Family
 Kenneth Furtak, req. Joyce Burns
 Paula Parenti, req. Family

Saturday—July 12th

4:30—Chris Benesch, req. Denise L. Benesch Charity Fund
 Mae Anderson, req. Paul & Eileen Swarck
 Stanley Rozkocho, req. Irena Rozkocho Family
 Johnny Rosales, req. Family
 Paul Swarck, req. Pat & Al Splittgerber
 Tony Powyszynski, req. Judy Wisnoski
 Marion Chrusciel, req. Pam Chrusciel

9:30—Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Roger Louis—Charles, req. Family
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney, req. Kraft Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Family
 Hipolita D. Cortes, req. The Louis—Charles Family

11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family
 Marlene O'Brien, req. Family
 Mario Grisolia, req. Carmine & Linda
 Deceased Members of Piotrowski & Pultorak
 Families, req. Robert & Christine Maszka

**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.

July 12th & 13th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Char Fiore	Roseanne Kraft	Zerlina Kirchen
Communion Ministers			
Altar Servers	N. Cychosz P. Cychosz	S. Cervantes M. Morgan	G. Porras V. Picasso

Hypod Winner

June 30, 2025

\$500 Winner—Steve Schreiner

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



BASEBALL MANIA TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Each \$20 Baseball Mania Ticket gives you 10 chances to win a weekly cash prize !

Prizes range from \$25-400.

Starting this 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.



Baptisms

Through the living waters of Baptism the following were welcomed into the People of God:

Aleah Sophie Perez, daughter of Omar Perez and Natalie Palafox

Nayeli Stella Perez, daughter of Omar Perez and Natalie Palafox



Week of June 21st and 22nd

Weekly	\$3,440.00
Utilities	\$51.00
Maintenance	\$77.00
Priest Retirement	\$46.00
Ascension	\$16.00

MANY THANKS!



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

Second Collections:

The second collection on July 13th is for Utilities
Please be as generous as you can.

IN LOVING MEMORY

*Rest in Peace
"It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember:
Eugene Celli
in your prayers.*

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 July 6, 2025**

**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

Monday

Gn 28: 10-22a;
Ps 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab;
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33;
Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15;
Mt 9: 32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a;
Ps 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19,
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5;
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30;
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mt 10: 16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a;
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7;
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14;
Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Col 1:15-20;
Lk 10:25-37

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



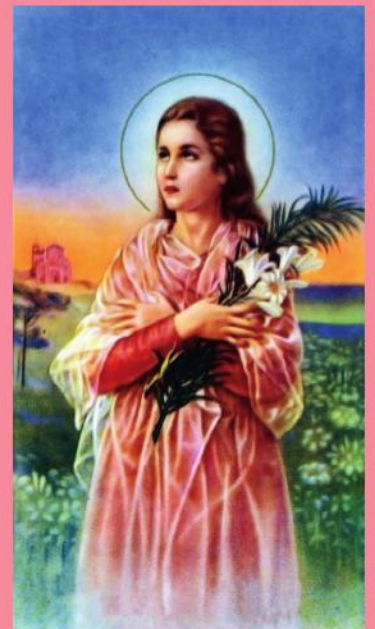
Those in the Military

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.

**St. Maria Goretti
Virgin & Martyr
July 6th**

St. Maria Goretti was born in Italy on October 16, 1890. Her parents were farmers. After her father's death in 1899, her family needed to share a house with another family, the Serenellis. One of their sons, Alessandro, attacked Maria after she refused his advances. He stabbed her 14 times as she defended her purity. She was taken to the hospital and died on July 6, 1902. Before she died she forgave her attacker, and appeared to him later in a vision, which led to his conversion. St. Maria Goretti is one of the youngest saints to be canonized. The crowd at her canonization was the largest that had ever assembled for a canonization in Rome at that time, and in attendance were Maria's mother, and her attacker, Alessandro. She is often depicted holding lilies symbolizing her purity.

*Prayer To St. Maria Goretti
Oh Saint Maria Goretti who,
Strengthened by God's grace,
Did not hesitate even at the age of twelve
to shed your blood and sacrifice
life itself to defend your virginal purity,
look graciously on the unhappy human race
which has stayed far from the path of eternal salvation.
Teach us all and especially youth,
with what courage and promptitude we should flee
for the love of Jesus
anything that could offend Him
or stain our souls with sin.
Obtain for us from our Lord
victory in temptation,
comfort in sorrows of life,
and the grace which we earnestly beg of thee,
and may we one day enjoy with thee
the imperishable glory of heaven.
Amen*



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:

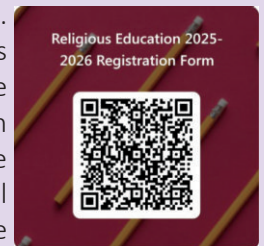
- † *Gathering for prayer every class*
- † *Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent*
- † *Encouraging faithful discipleship through the completion of Mass and service hours*
- † *Through enrichment opportunities like The*
- † *Seder Meal, Church Tours, and Teaching Masses*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



Mass Intention Request Form

THE 2025 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

**FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND
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THE MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.**

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DAILY MASS—MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM
HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM**

**IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE
REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.**

YOUR NAME

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