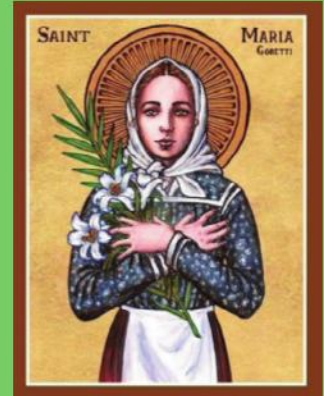




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

OCTOBER 5, 2025
27TH 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.

This past Wednesday, Oct. 1st marked the 5-year anniversary of the creation of Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish. To celebrate this, this Sunday we welcome Bishop José María García-Maldonado, our auxiliary bishop for Vicariate IV. Bishop Maldonado will celebrate our 11:30am Mass, and immediately after that, we will process outside, where the bishop will bless our St. Beatrice & St. Maria Goretti statues, and then bless and re-dedicate the whole space as the



HVM Prayer Garden. This will be followed by a light reception (coffee and desserts) in Hendle Hall. Welcome, Bishop Maldonado!

On Saturday evening, Oct. 18, our Women's Club will be hosting their 3rd annual Pasta Dinner in Hendle Hall. There is more info about the dinner in this bulletin, and you can purchase tickets at the back of church at weekend Masses. I hope you can join us!

Also on the weekend of Oct. 18-19, Star of Bethlehem will be coming back to HVM Parish. They have been here many times in the past, and they sell beautiful religious items made from olive wood from the Holy Land. They usually come to our parish in November, closer to the Advent season, but because of how our schedules worked out this year, please be aware that they will be coming earlier than usual (so, plan ahead for Christmas gifts!) Proceeds from these sales go to help Christians living in the Holy Land. Star of Bethlehem

will be selling their religious items at our weekend Masses on Oct. 18-19.

Finally, as I mentioned last week, every year pastors around the Archdiocese nominate parishioners in their parishes to receive the Christifidelis Award, which is given to those who have demonstrated outstanding service. This year's winner for HVM Parish is Catherine (Kitch) Gorzynski. Kitch has been an active parishioner in many ways (as I listed last week). Last Sunday, the award ceremony was held at Holy Name Cathedral, where Cardinal Cupich and the auxiliary bishops presented the awards to recipients around the Chicago Archdiocese. I have included photos from the ceremony of Kitch with Cardinal Cupich, and Kitch and her husband Bob with Bishop Maldonado (who is with us here this Sunday!)



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

Fr. Rob



Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land.

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam, from the "Star of Bethlehem" group came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem. Please show your generosity to our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land.

**Please take a look at those beautiful artifacts
on the weekend of October 18th & 19th.**



Sunday—October 5th

9:30—James Florio Family, req. Family
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Francine & Kraft Family, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday for Francis Rosales, req. Family
 Thanksgiving Cely Aguirre, req. Family
 James Del Giudice, req. Irene Del Giudice
 Robert McGowan, req. Family
 The Nuccio Family, req. Drozdowski
 Thanksgiving For Work Received, req. M. Drozdowski
 Birthday Blessings for Veronica, Anthony, Jacob Wojciech, & Ludwig, Drozdowski
 Karen & Elyse, req. Drozdowski
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family
 Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Stanley Jedziniak, req. Bernice & Zerlina Kirchen
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family
 John & Carol Castle, req. Castle Family
 Jack & Tom Castle, req. Castle Family
 Michal White, req. Castle Family
 Tony Powyszynski, req. Ben & Corrine Tedesco
 Anna Campbell, req. Daughter

Monday—October 6th

8:30—Carol Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
 Robert McGowan, req. Family

Tuesday—October 7th

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

Wednesday—October 8th

8:30—Julie Parkinson, req. Nancy Ryan

Thursday—October 9th

8:30—Parishioners

Saturday—October 11th

4:30—Chris Benesch, req. Denise L. Benesch Charity Fund
 Julie Parkinson, req. Brian Kelly
 Pistono Family, req. Val Abatangelo
 Marion Chrusciel, req. The Ward Family
 Tony Powyszynski, req. Nancy Davis
 Grandparents Sliz, req. E. Madrzycki
 Grandparents Bak, req. E. MAdrzycki
 Linda Rawski, req. Russell & Janine Paloetti
 Giuseppe DeCristofaro, req. Family

Sunday—October 12h

9:30—Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Pamela Allhoff, req. Judy Iverson
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney, req. Kraft Family
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family
 Mae Anderson, req. Richard Anderson & Colleen Broeski and Family
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family
 Joseph T. Lopes, req. Family
 Deceased Members of Piotrowski & Pultorak Families, req. Robert & Christine Maszka

October 11th & 12th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Cheryl McLean	Dorothy Brown	Lynn Louis-Charles
Communion Ministers	M. Michalowski E. Melnitzke C. McLean	Sr. Victoria N. Kent R. Klug	K. Lima B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz C. Fiore	J. Widuch T. Cychosz	G. Porras V. Picasso

Hypod Winner

September 29, 2025

\$500 Winner—Elizabeth Piltaver

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



Week 8

\$25 Winner

Karen Lima—Ticket #3077



Week 3

\$20 Winner

Brittany Norris—Ticket #390

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.



Veterans Day Spiritual Bouquet

Beginning next weekend you can enroll the names of veterans in our Veterans Day Spiritual Bouquet. Please use one envelope for each name that you would like to add. The suggested donation is \$10 per name. The names will be listed in the bulletin and posters will be placed in the front of church the weekend of November 8th & 9th. The names will not be individually read at the Masses, but there will be an intention for the names in the Spiritual bouquet. Cards are also available in the back of church if you would like to give the bouquet as a gift.



Week of September 20th & 21st

Weekly	\$4,661.75
Utilities	\$40.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
Seminary	\$10.00
Assumption	\$5.00

MANY THANKS!



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

Second Collections:

The second collection on October 12th is for Utilities

Please be as generous as you can.

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 23rd. 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.



Scripture Readings For the Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4;
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-10

Monday

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11;
Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 3:1-10;
Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11;
Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10;
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b;
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2;
Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Jl 4:12-21;
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12,
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17;
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2
Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19

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, Beatrice Giannone, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Renee Iman, Cindy Indurante, Vivian Jennings, Arlene Jurinek, Brian Kelly, Patti King, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Dan Latoria, Jr., Mark Latoria, Joan Lester, Diahne Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Genevieve Mastalerz, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, Bill McMurray, Barbara Miller, Christian Mireles, Pat Morgan, Robert Olender, Christopher Ordo, Michael Pesola, Nancy Piatek, Joanne Pikush, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Melissa Pitts, Mike Ponticelli, Joseph Powyszynski, Betty Quartello, Glenn Rawski, Jacqueline Reiss, Barbara Rodgers, John Saathoff, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Jacqueline Spejcher, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Jim Waterloo, Joan Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright, Isabella Yorti

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, USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner, HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy, Omar Vee, Jr.



Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.
When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here,
that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together.
There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor;
those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again,
just as we remembered them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing;
they miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together,

but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance.

The bright eyes are intent; the eager body quivers.

Suddenly he begins to break away from the group,

flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

YOU have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet,

you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head,

and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet,

so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together...

-Anonymous

Commemorate the 108th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima



All are welcome to join us on
Saturday, October 11th 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
anniversary of the apparition of the
Blessed Virgin Mary to
three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.
Parking is available across the street
next to the Municipal Building.



Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 7th

Religious Ed. Class
 6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, October 11th

Religious Ed. Class
 9:00-11:30am

Saturday, October 18th

Special Sacraments Class
 9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, October 21st

Religious Ed. Class
 6:00-8:00pm
 Confirmation Parent Meeting
 8:00pm

Saturday, October 25th

Religious Ed. Class
 9:00-11:30am
 Confirmation Parent Meeting
 11:30am

Sunday, October 26th

First Family Mass—11:30am
 The 8th grade will be
 reading and bringing up the gifts
*We will have the blessing of the
 religious ed. staff at this Mass.*

What We're Learning

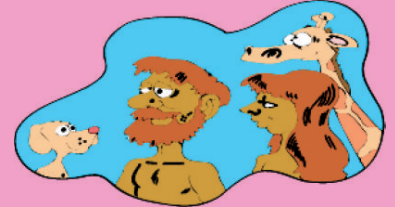
Kindergarten - Tuesdays

We learned the Sign of the Cross and practiced making the Sign of the Cross.

2nd Grade - Tuesdays

We spent time re-viewing the Sign of the Cross.

We discussed the creation story and learned about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.



4th Grade - Tuesdays

We spent time learning about people of faith like St. Zita of Luca and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. We also learned about providence and Divine Revelation



5th Grade - Tuesdays

We watched a movie about Moses and during the movie we talked about what we know about Moses and why he is such an important figure.

Registration

Registration is still open for the 2025-2026 program year. If you need to enroll your child you can do so by scanning the QR Code on this page or by arriving early on a class day in October.



Walking With Jesus

Come along for a 6 week long walking program while remembering Jesus' journey through the crucifixion and resurrection. Through walking with Jesus you will add more steps in your day while making some simple lifestyle changes and sharing our faith. Walking with Jesus will take place after the morning Masses on Wednesdays October 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Contact Nancy Ryan, Parish Nurse, at the rectory with questions.



Women's Club Pasta Dinner

The women's club will be hosting its 3rd PASTA DINNER & RAFFLE on Saturday, October 18th at Hendle Hall. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of September 27 & 28 at the back of church. The meal is once again being catered by Cuomo Catering, and includes baked rigatoni, meatballs and sausage, bread, and garden salad. Desserts and open bar are also included in the cost. The ticket price is \$20 for adults, \$15 children 5-10 years old, and under 4 free.

From The Parish Nurse...

September is Cholesterol Education Month. When we go to our medical visits, we may have gotten our blood drawn to check our cholesterol level. But what exactly is cholesterol and why does it matter? Here are the "ABC's" about Cholesterol:

- Cholesterol is a "waxy, fatlike substance" found in the blood. It is important for our health but too much of the "bad" cholesterol can put you at a higher risk for heart disease and stroke.
- The American Heart Association (AHA) recommends that "lower is better" for the "bad" cholesterol. High levels of the "good" cholesterol (HDL) can reduce risk of heart attack and stroke. High levels of Triglycerides (a type of fat in the blood which is measured at cholesterol checks) can contribute to an unhealthy cholesterol buildup in the body. Increased physical activity can raise HDL levels while lowering triglycerides.
- There are two places that cholesterol comes from: 1. Blood cholesterol comes from our liver helping to build cells and to make vitamins and some hormones in the body, and 2. Dietary cholesterol which comes from the foods we eat, especially from animal products like meat, eggs, cheese and milk. If dietary cholesterol gets too high, it can cause health problems.
- High cholesterol can also be inherited, which means it can pass from parents to children through genes.
- Most often, high cholesterol is the result of lifestyle choices like not eating a healthy diet and consuming large amounts of saturated fats, and not getting enough exercise.
- The AHA recommends that children start to get screened for high cholesterol between ages 9-11 or earlier if there is a family history.
- Knowing your cholesterol level is important so that you can aim to keep the level in a normal range. Eating a balanced diet, moving your body, and eliminating tobacco are all ways to help keep your cholesterol in check. Some people are prescribed medications to also help control their cholesterol level.
- Remember to check in with your healthcare provider regularly to learn more about your cholesterol numbers, and to develop the best treatment plan for you.

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

Cholesterol information resources: American Heart Association & Mayo Clinic

**Standard & High Dose flu shots will be given Tuesday, October 7th from 9-10:30am in the gathering room.
Contact the rectory to reserve your shot and for more information.**



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