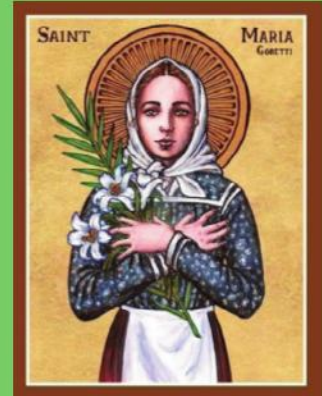




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

OCTOBER 18, 2025  
29TH 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

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This weekend we welcome back Star of Bethlehem. They sell beautiful religious items made from olive wood from the Holy Land. I know that they are here a little earlier in the year than usual, but it's not too early to stock up on Christmas gifts for people on your list! Star of Bethlehem will be selling religious items at all Masses this weekend. Proceeds from these sales go to help our Christian brothers and sisters living in the Holy Land.

This Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a training for new altar servers. Altar serving is a wonderful ministry, and we could always use new servers. The only requirement to be a server is that you need to be at least 7 years old and have made your First Communion. Altar serving is open to both children and adults. The training will take place this Monday at 7:00pm in church. If you are not able to make this date, please be aware that there will be another training offered on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am.

Finally, I am happy to say that we have a special guest speaker at all the Masses this weekend. By now I hope that you have noticed the presence of Sr. Victoria at our parish. She has been here for several months now. She is studying at Loyola University, and during this time she is living near HVM Parish. She attends Mass here and has been serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

It is a great thing, I believe, to have a religious sister in our parish community, so I asked her if she would like to introduce herself to parishioners. She graciously said yes, so she will speak briefly at all the Masses this weekend. She has also written a brief bio, which I have included here, as well as a photo of her. Welcome, Sr. Victoria!

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

Fr. Rob

*Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Victoria Eubi Utaji, and I belong to the Congregation of Our Lady of Fatima Sisters, in Nigeria. I am currently studying Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University Chicago and am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be part of the life of this vibrant community here at Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish. My calling as a religious sister is centered on serving God and His people, guided by our Charism of generous and spontaneous service. Thank you for welcoming me into your community as we continue in sharing in worship, prayer and service and growing deeper in our shared relationship with God.*



## 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.**



# MASSES For The Week

## Sunday—October 19th

9:30—Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Frank Arnone, req. Family  
 William & Elizabeth Clarke, req. James & Rose Ridgeway  
 Santos Barbajo, req. The Louis—Charles Family  
 Liberty Barbajo, req. The Louis—Charles Family  
 Aniceto Cumba, req. The Louis—Charles Family  
 Andrea Cumba, req. The Louis—Charles Family  
 Manuel Beltran, req. Elma Bayan  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney, req. The Kraft Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 Konstanty Buziuk, req. Family  
 Char Fiore, req. In Thanksgiving  
 Don Kasper, req. In Thanksgiving  
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family  
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family  
 Stanley Powrozek, Jr., req. Tom & Kara, Dave & Erin, Art & Mary

## Monday—October 20th

8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family

## Tuesday—October 21st

8:30—Jean Kantorski, req. Roberts Family  
 Paul Schwarck, req. Family

## Wednesday—October 22nd

8:30—Carol Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family

## Thursday—October 23rd

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

## Saturday—October 25th

4:30—Chris Benesch, req. Denise L. Benesch Charity Fund  
 Stanley M. Rozkocha, req. Irena Rozkocha & Family  
 Julie Parkinson, req. Brian Kelly  
 Tomasz Misiaszek, req. Family  
 Linda Rawski, req. Russell & Jannine Paoletti  
 Elizabeth Gersten, req. Rich Gersten  
 Deceased Members of Webster & Theodosakis Families, req. Judy Webster  
 Thomas L. Waguespack, req. Pam Barnes  
 Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family  
 Tony Powyszynski, req. Bob & Kitch Gorzynski  
 Mary Schmitz, req. E. Madrzycki  
 Howard Schmitz, req. E. Madrzycki

## Sunday—October 26th

9:30—Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney, req. Kraft Family  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family  
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family

October 25th & 26th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
<b>Lector</b>	Michelle Morgan	Donna Rae Siekierski	Family Mass
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	C. Widuch M. Widuch K. Weichbrodt	J. Losurdo N. Figueroa L. Louis—Charles	A. Caccavari J. Traxler K. Lima
<b>Altar Servers</b>	S. Cychosz C. Fiore	J. Martinez E. Martinez L. Martinez	L. Louis—Charles J. Mack

# Hypod Winner

**October 13, 2025**

**\$100 Winner—Lisa Slobodzian**

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



**Week 5**

**\$20 Winner**

**John Scweihns—Ticket #265**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

*Rest in Peace*

*“It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead,” please remember:  
Roland Raffaelli and  
Mary Ann Pearch  
in your prayers.*

### 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).

Week of October 4th & 5th

Weekly	\$5,652.00
Utilities	\$95.00
Maintenance	\$1,527.24
Seminary	\$100.00
World Mission Sunday	\$10.00

**MANY THANKS!**



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



## Music Notes

*This weekend we welcome at our 9:30am Mass guest vocalist Alexandria Vernasco, Soprano Alexandria is a Chicago-based singer who specializes in ensemble singing, and is employed at various churches in Chicago as a professional cantor. She has enjoyed performing with Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus where she also performed at Ravinia Festival, The Marion Consort, and Vox Venti.*

WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES,  
**WILL HE FIND**  
FAITH ON THE EARTH?



## Scripture Readings For the Week of October 19, 2025

### Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13;  
Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;  
2 Tm 3:14-4:2;  
Lk 18:1-8

### Monday

Rom 4:20-25;  
Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;  
Lk 12:13-21

### Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;  
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;  
Lk 12:35-38

### Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18;  
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;  
Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday

Rom 6:19-23;  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;  
Lk 12:49-53

### Friday

Rom 7:18-25a;  
Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;  
Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday

Rom 8:1-11;  
Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 13:1-9

### Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 35:12-14; 16-18;  
Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23;  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18;  
Lk 18:9-14

## 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, Diahnne 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 Speicher, 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.*



## Veterans Day Spiritual Bouquet



*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.*

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!



We are holding training for new altar servers. Children and adults who are interested in becoming an altar server, and meet the requirements, are welcome to attend. The requirements to be an Altar Server are that you must be at least 7 years old AND have already received your First Communion. The training dates will be on:  
**Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in church**  
**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am in church**

You only need to attend one session, but it is highly recommended that you attend both. For more information contact Zerlina Kirchen at 847-671-6429.



# Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen  
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## Upcoming Events

### 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.*

### Tuesday, November 4th

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

### Wednesday, November 5th

First Communion Parent Meeting  
 7:00pm

### Saturday, November 8th

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

## What We're Learning

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Saturdays

We learned that God made each one of us and everything in the world. We discussed how every person is made special because they are made in the image of God. We discussed the different things that make us unique. We thanked God for creating us.

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

We learned about God's creation. We learned how God created us in his own image and how we are special because we can think, love, and make choices. We learned that Jesus is human and divine. We talked about Adam and Eve and how eating the forbidden fruit original sin entered the world.

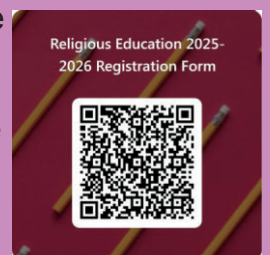


### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Saturdays

We learned that humankind is a part of God's creation. We learned that God loves us very much and gave us the gift of free will, meaning that we can choose to return God's love or not.

## 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 22nd & 29th. Contact Nancy Ryan, Parish Nurse, at the rectory with questions.

## From The Parish Nurse...

Every October, individuals, communities, and organizations across the globe come together for World Mental Health Day, October 10, a moment not just to talk about mental health issues, but to envision a world where mental health is a universal human right. It's a day for reflection, for advocacy, and for making space for voices often silenced by stigma. It's a day that shines light for turning awareness into real-world change that supports mental well-being for everyone, everywhere. It brings mental health out of the shadows.

As the Catholic Bishops stated in Part One # 3, of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Health Care Services, "In particular, the person with mental or physical disabilities, regardless of the cause or severity, must be treated as a unique person of incomparable worth."

The theme for 2025 is "It is time to prioritize mental health in the workplace" - a call to action that speaks to millions of people who spend most of their day at work. Work-related stress, burnout, discrimination, and lack of support can erode confidence, productivity, and overall quality of life. And for marginalized groups, the risk is even greater due to systemic inequalities. The World Health Organization estimates that nearly \$1 trillion is lost every year in productivity due to depression and anxiety.

How to get involved in World Mental Health Day:

- Start a conversation and talk openly about mental health
- Wear green to show solidarity and spark dialogue
- Educate your self and others about mental health conditions
- Support a colleague and create a more compassionate workplace
- Use social media thoughtfully and post with a purpose
- Refer someone in need to a peer support network which has become one of the most effective grassroots movements in mental health advocacy

Let us pray: "Help us to break the stigma of mental health issues through awareness and compassion. Comfort those feeling alone or isolated, surround them in your loving presence."

Mariana Wrzosek, MPH, BSN, BS, RN, CPN, CHES  
 Prime Healthcare IL Region VII  
 Regional Director, Community Benefits and Grants  
 Email: mwrzosek@primehealthcare.com

Mental Health Resources: Mental Health America (MHA) and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI IL)



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.



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