



HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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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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Happy New Year! Yes, you read that right. This Sunday, Nov. 30th, begins the new liturgical year (so again, Happy New Year!) We always start the year with the season of Advent, which is a time for us to watch, wait, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Today we light the first candle on our Advent wreath in anticipation of Jesus, the Light of the World. The liturgical color for this season is violet. This darker color reflects that Advent is a time of prayer, penance, and anticipation.

Even though it is still over a week away, I would like to draw your attention to one of the holy days that falls within the Advent season. Next Monday, Dec. 8th is the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Now, when other Holy Days fall on a Saturday or Monday (i.e., when they fall right next to a Sunday), there is no Mass obligation for them in that year. However, that is not the case with the Immaculate Conception. Because the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast day of the United States – because the U.S. has been consecrated to Mary under her title of Immaculate Conception – that means that this Solemnity is still a day of obligation even when it falls on a Saturday or Monday.

So, to clarify, Monday, Dec. 8th is a day of obligation. We will have three Masses on that day for the Immaculate Conception: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm.

Don't forget that tickets are now on sale for our parish Christmas Party, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Allegra Banquets in Schiller Park. Doors will open at 2:00pm, and dinner will be served at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$35, and there will be a cash bar. In addition to the dinner tickets, we will also be selling tickets for our Christmas Cash (CC) raffle. CC tickets are \$5 each, or 6 for \$25. Please note that the CC tickets are separate from the dinner tickets, and you do not need to be present at the dinner in order to win the CC prizes. The prizes are: \$500, \$200, three \$100 prizes, and several gift baskets, including 4 tickets to a Chicago Wolves game.

Finally, I would like to offer a belated thank you to everyone who helped make our third Family, Faith, and Fun Night on Nov. 15th another successful event. I am very grateful to Zerlina Kirchen, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Lisa Slobodzian, Sue Chrabaszcz, Lisa Piekarcz, Bernice Kirchen, Paula Cychosz, Sean Cychosz, Patty Cychosz, Demi Picasso, Betty Hicks, Loredana Puccio, Debbie McGrath, and to everyone who took the time to attend the event. Thank you!

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you, and Happy New Church Year!

Fr. Rob

Personal Items Drive

Good Day Holy Virgin Martyrs Parishioners! I will be holding a Personal Items Drive at HVM Parish the weekend of December 13 and 14 for the Resurrection Medical Center micro-pantry. The micro-pantry is located outside of entrance 4 at the hospital and contains various personal care items along with non-perishable food for those in need. The personal items requested are as follows: Deodorant, Small Hand Sanitizer, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Bar Soap.

If anyone is able to contribute an item or two, rest assured it will be put to good use!

I will have a labeled bin at each of the church entrances off the parking lot.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Anne (Nancy) Ryan, RN

Faith Community Nurse



Sunday—November 30th

9:30—Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Martha Schimanski, req. Alice Danhoffer
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney,
 req. Kraft Family
 Marion Chrusciel, req. Anne & Dave Green
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family
 Joseph & Theresa Lopes, req. Family
 Jerry & Steven Gardeck, req. Family

Monday—December 1st

8:30—Carol Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
 Mary Ann Pearch, req. Family

Tuesday—December 2nd

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

Wednesday—December 3rd

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

Thursday—December 4th

8:30—Communion Service

Saturday—December 6th

4:30—Grzegorz & Anna Bialek, req. Family
 Kazimierz, Jadwiga, & Stanley Kalinowski,
 req. Family
 Frank, Anne, Patricia, & Brett Sydor, req. Family
 Tony Powyszynski, req. Ben & Corrine Tedesco
 Chris Benesch, req. Denise L. Bensch Charity
 Fund
 Vito Ciaccia, req. Family
 Thomas L. Waguespack, req. Pam Barnes
 Linda Rawski, req. Russell & Janine Paoletti
 Tomasz Misiaszek, req. Family
 Julia Parkinson, req. Anna & James Wysocki
 Isabella Yorty, req. Family
 Helen Evans, req. Nancy Davoli
 Danny O’Donnell, req. Gallagher Family

Sunday—December 7th

9:30—James Florio Family, req. Family
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Gene Danhoffer, req. Family
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney,
 req. The Kraft Family
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Alexander Buziak, req. Family
 Lewis Arnone, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family
 Matthew & Ida Hendle



Music Notes

*O Come,
O Come,
Emmanuel.*



December 6th & 7th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector			
Communion Ministers	C. Widuch M. Widuch E. Melnitzke	Sr. Victoria N. Figueroa R. McCampbell	Z. Kirchen B. Kirchen J. Losurdo
Altar Servers	E. Trischan L. Trischan D. Tajstryk	S. Cervantes J. Hilton	O. Kucharczyk P. Kitlas G. Kitlas



CHRISTMAS WAFERS
 Christmas Wafers are available in the Bridal/Reconciliation Room in the back of church. Christmas Wafers are \$2.00 per package.

Advent Confessions

We will have Advent Confessions on Monday, December 15th from 7:00-8:00pm. There will be no prayer service, but we will have individual confessions and we will have several priests available to hear your confessions.

Gift Cards For The Women's Center

Every year about this time, we collect gift cards for the Women's Center. *This year, the Women's Center is in need of \$25 VISA (ONLY) gift cards that are not affiliated with VANILLA.* The Visa Cards will be used for their annual Christmas Party for their clients. Please put the purchased gift cards in an envelop and mark it "Women's Center" and drop it in the collection basket at Mass by Sunday, December 7th. God bless you and thank you for your generosity over the years.

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.

Week of November 15th & 16th

Weekly	\$4,783.58
Utilities	\$96.00
Maintenance	\$133.00
Human Development	\$693.00
Thanksgiving	\$31.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
All Saints	\$26.00
All Souls	\$26.00

MANY THANKS!



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



Week 11
\$20 Winner
Marty Ryan—Ticket # 61

Hypod Winner

November 24, 2025
\$500 Winner—Lori Hansen
 Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from 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.

Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 2nd

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

Saturday, December 6th

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

Sunday, December 7th

First Family Mass—11:30am
The 6th grade will be
reading and bringing up the gifts

Saturday, December 13th

Special Sacraments Class
9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, December 16th

Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm
Confirmation & Communion
Biography Sheets Due

Saturday, December 20th

Religious Ed. Class
9:00-11:30am
Confirmation & Communion
Biography Sheets Due

What We're Learning

Advent

We learned about the liturgical season of Advent. We learned that it is the period of time before Christmas that we use to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

We learned that Advent helps us to focus on the three comings of Jesus - in history by his birth in Bethlehem, in mystery by the ways we encounter Jesus in our daily lives especially in the sacraments, and in majesty when Jesus will return at the end of time to reign over God's kingdom. We learned that the liturgical color for Advent is purple. During Advent in church, we have a large Advent wreath, the wreath has four candles. Each week we light a candle. Three candles are purple - which represent the sacrifices we are making. One candle is pink, which is lit on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. It represents our joy that we are half way to Christmas. To help us prepare for Jesus' coming our 3-5 grade students will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Rob during our classes in December.



Readings For The Week

Pray For:

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of November 30, 2025**

**Sunday
First Sunday of Advent**

Is 2:1-5;
Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Rm 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6;
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10;
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

**Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier,
Priest**

Is 25:6-10a;
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6;
Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24;
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10;
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rm 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

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, 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, Jacqueline Spejcher, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Jim Waterloo, Joan Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright, Isabella Yorty

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.



Holy Virgin Martyrs Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th

Doors open at 2:00pm and

Dinner starts at 3:00pm

At Allegra Banquets

5035 River Road, Schiller Park

Tickets are \$35 each and are available
in the back of church after Mass
or at the rectory during the week.

Christmas Cash Raffle

Five Cash Prizes:

1st Prize – \$500

2nd Prize - \$200

3rd Prize - \$100

4th Prize - \$100

5th Prize - \$100

And Gift Baskets!



Drawing will take place on Sunday, December 14th

at the Parish Christmas Party

Winner need not be present

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and can be purchased

in the back of church after Mass

Or at the rectory during the week





Join us for First Saturday Devotions
on Saturday, December 6th
at 8:30am in church
We will have Rosary & Prayer
followed by fellowship in the Gathering Room
All are welcome!

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From The Parish Nurse...

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and I want to raise awareness about diabetes by providing some useful information. Diabetes is a chronic health disorder that occurs when the body does not make enough insulin or does not utilize it well, therefore permitting too much glucose in the bloodstream. Glucose is our body's main source of energy. Our bodies make glucose, but it also comes from what we eat. Insulin is a hormone made by the pancreas to help glucose enter our cells for energy. As a result of elevated blood glucose (blood sugar) over time, diabetic health related issues can potentially develop including issues affecting vision, kidneys, nerves, or heart. Diabetes is even linked to some types of cancer. Therefore, taking steps to prevent or manage diabetes may lower the risk of developing diabetes related health problems. There are three common types of diabetes:

Type 1 Diabetes is where your body makes little or no insulin and people with this type of diabetes need to take insulin every day. In this type of diabetes, the immune system attacks and destroys the cells in the pancreas that makes insulin. It can occur at any age, but usually in children and young adults.

Type 2 Diabetes is when the cells in your body doesn't use insulin properly to keep the blood glucose level in your body at a normal range. It is the most common type of diabetes. Some risk factors associated with type 2 diabetes is being overweight or having a family history of diabetes. Individuals with type 2 diabetes may need medication or insulin to manage it.

Gestational Diabetes is diagnosed in pregnancy and affects up to 9% of pregnancies in the United States each year, which can cause health concerns for mother and baby if left untreated. Managing gestational diabetes helps protect mom and baby and may include special meal plans, regular activity, daily blood glucose checks, and insulin.

Prediabetes is when blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough for the diagnosis of diabetes. A person may not realize they have prediabetes because there are no clear symptoms but if you are diagnosed with prediabetes, you may be able to change the course to diabetes type 2 with healthy lifestyle changes.

Per the American Diabetes Association, 1.4 million people will be diagnosed with diabetes this year. Common symptoms of diabetes include: frequent urination, excessive hunger or thirst, extreme fatigue, blurry vision, cuts and bruises that are slow to heal, unexplained weight loss (type 1), and tingling or pain/numbness in hands/feet.

Getting regular medical checkups helps you stay in control of your health. If you have any health concerns or are diagnosed with prediabetes or diabetes, it is important to collaborate with your healthcare provider to formulate a specific wellness plan for you including keeping your blood glucose in check and following a healthy lifestyle.

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

Resources: American Diabetes Association and National Institutes of Health.



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