# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

AUGUST 9, 2026

THE 19TH 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



If you picked up this bulletin at Mass this weekend, I'd like to thank you for coming to Mass this weekend! Why do I say that? Because a lot of Catholics sadly take the entire summer off from Mass – they take off from worshipping God and receiving the love of Christ in the Eucharist. And this is indeed sad, because God wants to give us so much in the Mass.

While some might claim that the Mass is always the same, that's simply not true. For one, we listen to different Scripture readings at every Sunday Mass. And because the Scriptures are the Word of God, we believe that whenever the Word is proclaimed, God Himself is speaking to us; God has something to say to us. So, whenever we purposefully miss Mass, we purposefully miss an opportunity to listen to God's voice.

And while it's true that the Mass readings follow a 3-year cycle (i.e., they repeat every three years), that still does not mean that the Mass is always the same, because that leads to my second point: You are not the same person every time you come to Mass. Why? Because life happens to you! You are formed and molded by your various experiences, and each week you come to Mass with different joys or concerns residing in your heart.

So, even if we listen to the same readings every three years, are you really the exact same person that you were three years ago? What I mean is, if you listen to God's Word this weekend, and then you hear the same readings three years from now, won't the readings speak to you a little differently? God knows what we need to hear and when we need to hear it, but the key is that we must make the effort to listen to His voice.

All of this is a long way of saying: It's great that you chose to come to Mass in August (when many others stay away) to listen to God's Word and receive His love in the Eucharist.

There are a few parish items I'd like to mention this weekend, and the first has to do with next Saturday, Aug. 15th. That day is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when we celebrate that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Normally this is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, because it falls on a Saturday this year – because it is right next to a Sunday – **the Assumption is <u>not</u> a day of obligation <u>this year</u>**. So, we will not have additional Masses for the Assumption on Saturday, Aug. 15th. And please note that the 4:30pm Mass on Aug. 15th will be, as always, the vigil Mass for Sunday; it will be for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, not for the Assumption.

Also, this weekend we begin selling tickets for our annual Football Mania (FM) fundraiser. Each FM ticket that you buy gives you a chance to win a cash prize for each of the 18 weeks of the NFL regular season. Tickets are $20 each, and there is a guaranteed winner each week. Prizes range from $25-$400. FM tickets are now on sale at the back of church after Masses, and at the rectory during business hours.

Finally, the OCIA is for adults who seek to become full members of the Catholic Church through Baptism (if needed), Eucharist, and Confirmation. Our parish's OCIA classes will begin in September, and they lead up to Easter next year (OCIA candidates are always received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass). If you or someone you know is considering becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, please contact the rectory at 847-678-0138 or hvm-parish@outlook.com so that we can put you in touch with our OCIA coordinator. You can also fill out an inquiry form on our website at www.hvmparish.org/becoming-catholic-ocia.

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

Fr. Rob

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday—August 8th**
4:30—Chris Benesch
Patricia Rutkowski
Jimmy Hendrikson
Daniel McGovern
Michael Passialis
Private Intention

**Sunday—August 9th**
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Holy Souls In Purgatory
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
Roger Louis—Charles
Vincenta Zaragoza
Victoria Arguello
Halina Wasilewska
Darrick Samocik
11:30—Moses Diaz
Deceased Members of Gervais Family

**Monday—August 10th**
8:30—Charles Wagner

**Tuesday—August 11th**
8:30—Carol Heidorn

**Wednesday—August 12th**
8:30— Mary Ann Pearch

**Thursday—August 13th**
8:30am—Anthony Joseph Iannaco

**Saturday—August 15th**
4:30—Chris Benesch
Angeline & Marion Danhoffer
Mary Schmitz

**Sunday—August 16th**
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Joseph Ferrara
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
Ann Kusiak
Eleno Mayol, Sr. & Calexta Mayol
Mitch Hodyl
Jerry Hodyl
Darrick Samocik
60th Wedding Anniversary—Tony & Donna Rae Siekierski
11:30—Jackie Vieceli
Deceased Members of Gervais Family

| August 15th & 16th | 4:30pm | 9:30am | 11:30am |
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| Lector | Ellen Melnitzke | Roy McCampbell | Brittany Norris |
| Communion Ministers | C. Schreiner<br>S. Schreiner<br>I. Benesch | N. Kent<br>R. Klug<br>Sr. Victoria | J. Traxler<br>J. Losurdo<br>L. Alipio |
| Altar Servers | M. Widuch<br>C. Widuch | T. Cychosz | G. Porras<br>V Picasso |

# Hypod Winner

**August 3, 2026**
**$100 Winner—Joe Traxler**
**Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!**

# Music

*And I Will Raise You Up on Eagle's Wings*

# Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is the process by which adults prepare to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The OCIA provides the opportunity to grow in the faith, supported by the community of Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish. You begin with a period of Inquiry followed by weekly Mass attendance, study of the faith, practices and doctrines of the Catholic Church, which leads to your initiation through either Baptism or a Profession of Faith, and the reception of Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are considering joining the Church, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who is considering joining, consider extending an invitation to them! Have questions, need additional information, not sure if you should participate? Contact the rectory at (847) 678-0138 or fill out and submit the candidate form by scanning the QR Code on this page.

# Parish Support

Week of July 25th & 26th

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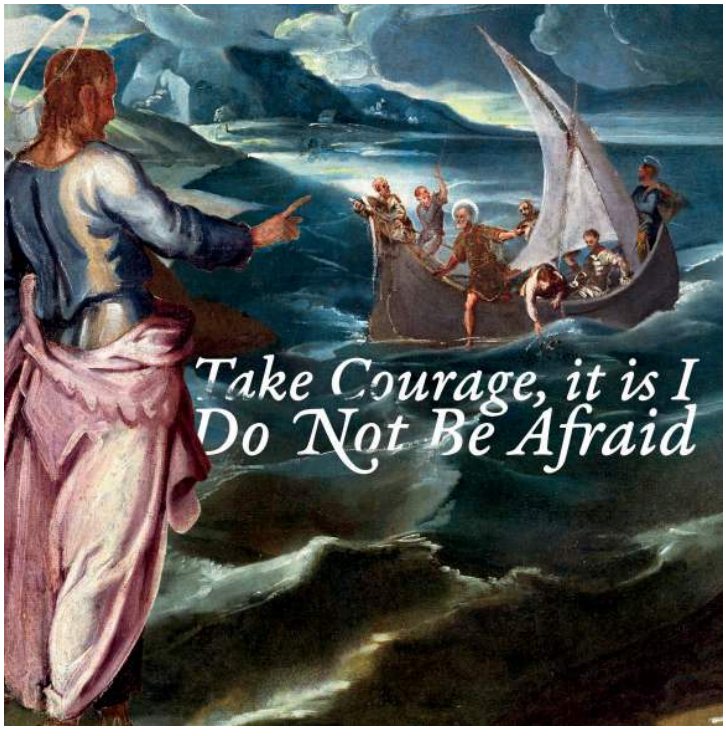
| Weekly | $8,483.80 |
| Utilities | $5.00 |
| Maintenance | $5.00 |
| Missionary Co-op | $180.00 |
| Capital Maintenance | $100.00 |

**MANY THANKS!**

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

**Second Collections:**
The second collection on August 16th is for the Assumption
Please be as generous as you can.

**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.**



# Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

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Dan Bailey
Ken Bailey
Char Banyai
Laura Biangini
Chrissy Biegos
Sonia Bonacci
Baby Girl Bosco
Frank Bosco
Gus Campeotto
Phyllis DiBenedetto
Beatrice Giannone
Rose & Pat Glasso
Judy Golab
Karla Gosinski
Ruth Gosinski
Howard Heidorn
Jose Herrera
Stacey Hinterlong-Bacha
Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz
Melanie Hohmeier
Vivian Jennings
Arlene Jurinek
Brian Kelly
Patti King
Bernice Kirchen
Joyce Knauss
Leonard Kuffer
Marguerite Kramer
Dan Latoria, Jr.
Mark Latoria
Joan Lester
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Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Geneveve Mastalerz
Carole McCreery
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Christian Mireles
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Jacqueline Reiss
Barbara Rodgers
John Saathoff
Kathy Sassolino
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Jacqueline Spejcher
Michelle Swigost
Sarah Tripoli
Fr. Tom Unz
Bernadette Watson
Joan Weichbrodt
Jean Wesolowski
Nancy Wright
Isabella Yorty

# Pray For Those In The Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales
US Army Michael Gutierrez
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
USMC Major Michael Keaty
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
USMC Kyle Ruth
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner
USMC Second Lieutenant Thomas Wesolowski
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

# Readings For The Week

**Scripture Readings**
**For the Week of August 9, 2026**

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| **Sunday** | **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**<br>1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33 |
| **Monday** | **Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**<br>2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26 |
| **Tuesday** | **Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin**<br>Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 |
| **Wednesday** | Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20 |
| **Thursday** | Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1 |
| **Friday** | **Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**<br>Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12 |
| **Saturday** | **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**<br>Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28<br>Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 |
| **Sunday** | **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**<br>Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28 |

## 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
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or would like to know more about
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then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse)
either by leaving a message at the rectory
or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

# Religious Education News

**Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen**
**Phone: 847-671-6429 Email: religiousedcoordinator@outlook.com**

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# Mark Your Calendars!

## Open House

Join us on Tuesday, August 25th from 6:00-7:30pm and Saturday, August 29th from 9:00-10:30am in the religious education building for our annual open house. Come and meet our staff, tour our building, and review our religious education materials. There will even be an opportunity to register your child at the open house.

## Registration Information

Our in person religious education classes meet twice a month either Saturday mornings from 9:00—11:30am or Tuesday evenings from 6:00—8:00pm at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious Education building. We will once again be offering our homeschool (elearning) option as well. Our first days of class are:
Tuesday, September 22nd and Saturday, September 26th. Homeschool Lessons begin on Tuesday, October 6th.

There is a 2-year consecutive attendance requirement for a child to be eligible to receive a sacrament in the religious education program. Sacramental Fees must be paid for each child receiving a sacrament this year.
The Sacramental Fees are: **Communion—$50 and Confirmation—$100**

The Tuition for the upcoming year is: **1 Child—$275, 2 Children—$325, 3+ Children—$350**

**You DO NOT need to be a parishioner to enroll your child in the religious education program.**
Please note the tuition amounts DO NOT include sacramental fees. Tuition and Sacramental fees are to be paid at the time of registration. Families who pay in full at the time of registration will receive a $15 discount. If a family is unable to pay the entire amount at the time of registration, payment plans are available. A $15 Payment Plan fee will be added to your tuition. A $75 **NON-REFUNDABLE** payment along with any sacramental fees are due at the time of registration for those participating in a payment plan.

You can register your child in the religious education program by scanning the QR Code on this page or by coming to one of our registration days at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious education building on either Tuesday, September 8th from 4:30-7:30pm or Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am-2:00pm. For more information about our program or registering your child, please contact the religious education office.

# Women's Club Update

2025-26 was a busy year for our club. Women's Club Aside from monthly meetings and attending mass as a group, the club worked on multiple service projects including making tie-blankets for Gottlieb Hospital, donating wrapping paper for the Knights of Columbus Christmas hat & scarf drive, collecting non-perishable items for the Christ the King food pantry, and the Leyden Community Food Pantry. Additionally, we also collected items for the Franklin Park American Legion Post January Stand Down event. Nancy Ryan our parish nurse and Cindy Brennan gave a presentation on women heart health, and included a demonstration of CPR and the use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Also, Laura Williams, Assistant Director of the Schiller Park Library, gave a presentation on services available at the library.

We also sponsored 4 fund raising events. The events included a pasta dinner & raffle, fall & spring bake sales, as well a Valentine's Day Fannie May candy bar sale. As always, proceeds from these events went directly to support our parish. Most recently, at the Women's Club end of the year luncheon, we presented Fr. Rob with a check for the parish in the amount of $2,500, representing profits from the Valentine's Day candy sale and spring bake sale. **Since the formation of the Holy Virgin Martyrs Women's Club in the fall of 2022, the organization has donated over $25,000 to the parish.** These fundraiser are successful because on the continued support of the parish, for which we are deeply grateful.

Officers for 2026-27 are Karen Lima, president, Marianne D'Amico first vice president, Michelle Morgan, second vice president, Karen Weichbrodt, secretary, and Donna Rae Siekierski, treasurer.

2026-27 Membership drive will take place in August. Please watch the bulletin for dates and information.

Wishing all a relaxing summer.

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