HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

OCTOBER 11, 2026

THE 28TH 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

As we continue to observe Respect Life Month in October, I would like to thank my Brother Knights in the Knights of Columbus, who each year set up the Cemetery of the Innocents on our church's front lawn on Irving Park Rd. The crosses on the lawn represent unborn babies killed by abortion since the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. And even though *Roe* was overturned by *Dobbs v. Jackson* in 2022, the *Dobbs* decision transferred rights back to the States to set their own laws regarding abortion. Here in Illinois, then, nothing really changed, as Illinois imposes virtually no restrictions on abortion. Here are some other staggering statistics:

- There are approximately 2,548 abortions daily in the U.S. – 106 abortions per hour, 1.8 per minute, and one every 35 seconds.
- Planned Parenthood commits more abortions (40%) than any other entity in the U.S. and receives $1.8 million in taxpayer dollars every day.
- Nearly 6 million unborn children have been killed by the abortion pill in the U.S. since its FDA approval in 2000 – roughly equivalent to the population of Denmark.
- Globally, 73 million unborn children are killed by abortion every year – more than the entire population of the United Kingdom.

Again, I thank our Knights of Columbus for helping to draw attention to this sad reality. If human life can be devalued at its earliest stages, then what's to stop it from being devalued at later stages?

Turning attention to our parish activities, next Saturday evening, Oct. 17th, our Women's Club will be hosting their annual Pasta Dinner & Raffle in Hendle Hall. This is always a wonderful event, and I hope that you can join us, especially if you haven't attended this dinner before. This is the final weekend to buy tickets after Mass, so please stop by the table at the back of church.

As happens each year, I will not see you on this weekend, as this Sunday, Oct. 11th I am running in my 15th consecutive Chicago Marathon. Please pray for the safety of all the runners, as 26.2 miles can be grueling on the body! I hope to keep doing the Chicago Marathon for as long as my body will let me (although each year it does get a little more difficult!) You're welcome to track me online at www.chicagomarathon.com, but just remember that I'm pretty slow, so you'll have to wait several hours for my finish!

Finally, as I mentioned last week, last Sunday afternoon the Christifidelis (CF) Award ceremony was held at Holy Name Cathedral. The CF Award is given to Catholics who have demonstrated outstanding service at their parishes. This year's winner for HVM Parish is Mirusia Michalowski. I have included some photos from the award ceremony here. Mirusia's name will also be added to the plaque at our church's main entrance. We have three plaques there that list the names of previous CF Award winners from St. Beatrice Parish, St. Maria Goretti Parish, and HVM Parish. Congratulations again, Mirusia!

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

Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions

Saturday—October 10th
4:30—Chris Benesch
Mary Schmitz
Casey & Tony Powyszynski
Kasprzak Family
Gus Campeotto

Sunday—October 11th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Holy Souls In Purgatory
Roger Louis—Charles
Raymond & Lena Gennetti
Gus Campeotto
Frank Nosek
Irene Moskal DelGiudice
Peter Albanese, Sr.
11:30—Deceased Members of Piotrowski & Pultorak Families

Monday—October 12th
8:30—Carol Heidorn

Tuesday—October 13th
8:30—Joann Fuechtmann
Irene Moskal DelGiudice

Wednesday—October 14th
8:30—William & Elizabeth Clarke

Thursday—October 15th
8:30—Charles Wagner
Nicholas Herrera

Saturday—October 17th
4:30—Madrzycki Family
Nestor Kocelko
Chris Benesch
Bob Clarke
William & Elaine Cyplick
Helen Kalamarie
Howard Schmitz
Casey & Tony Powyszynski
Giuseppe DeCristofaro
Gus Campeotto
Irene Moskal DelGiudice
Kathleen Escobar
Kelly Cronin

Sunday—October 18th
9:30—Frank Arnone
Thomas Griffin
Lauretta Robertson
Gus Campeotto
Irene Moskal DelGiudice
Louise Schraub
Frank Nosek
11:30—Frank Nosek
George & Ruth Nelson Family

October 17th & 18th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Bob Kutella	Roseanne Kraft	Liz Lynch
Communion Ministers	I. Benesch E. Melnitzke M. Michalowski	C. Fippinger N. Figueroa R. McCampbell	N. May Z. Kirchen L. Louis—Charles
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz C. Fiore	S. LoCascio N. LoCascio	O. Kucharczyk P. Kitlas G. Kitlas

Hypod Winner

October 5, 2026

$100 Winner—Carter J. Furtak

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

FootballMania! a CharityMania!® Fundraiser

Week 3
$20 Winner
Zerlina Kirchen—Ticket # 2038

Music

Pastor Appreciation Day

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.

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.

Parish Support

Week of September 26th & 27th

Weekly	$4,986.00
Utilities	$55.00
Maintenance	$15.00
Capital Church	$100.00
Assumption	$1.00
Seminary	$938.00

MANY THANKS!

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

Second Collections

Our second collection for October 18th is for World Mission Sunday
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:
Richard C. Latuszek,
Frank Nosek,
and Dick Anderson
in your prayers.

Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Alarcon
Fr. Ambrosio Arambula
Betty Bajzek
Dan Bailey
Char Banyai
Laura Biangini
Chrissy Biegos
Sonia Bonacci
Frank Bosco
Chey Cesario
Phyllis DiBenedetto
Rose & Pat Glasso
Judy Golab
Karla Gosinski
Ruth Gosinski
Kathy Graziano
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
Diahnne Lopez
Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Geneveve Mastalerz
Carole McCreery
Bryan McIntyre
Bill McMurray
Barbara Miller
Christian Mireles
Pat Morgan
Robert Olender
Christopher Ordo
Nancy Piatek
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Gene Piltaver
Melissa Pitts
Joseph Powyszynski
Betty Quartello
Glenn Rawski
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
Reginald Wnek
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 October 11, 2026

Sunday	**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

How Can You Help Your Parish?

1. Use electronic giving for your Sunday donation, so you don't have to worry about using checks or envelopes. Go to www.hvmparish.org and click on "Donate" to sign up!

2. Remember Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish in your will!

Religious Education News

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

Saturday, October 17th
Special Sacraments Class
9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, October 20th
Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm
Confirmation Parent Meeting
8:00pm

Sunday, November 1st
Family Mass—11:30am
The 4th Grade will be reading
And bringing up the gifts

Tuesday, November 3rd
Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday. November 4th
First Communion Parent Meeting
7:00pm

Saturday, November 7th
Religious Ed. Class
9:00-11:30am

Saturday, November 14th
Special Sacraments Class
9:00-11:00am

What We're Learning

1st Grade (Saturday)
We learned that God created everything in the beginning. We learned that God created us and made us all different. We learned that we should be grateful to God for all the gifts that he gives us.

2nd Grade (Saturday)
We learned that we are created in God's image. God teaches us to love and make good choices. We learned that Jesus is the son of God. We learned that we are born with original sin because Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the forbidden tree.

5th Grade (Saturday)
We reviewed the 10 Commandments. We explored examples of abundance in the life that God provides us. We also discussed the fruits of the Spirit.

You can still register your child in the Religious Education Program by scanning the QR Code on this page or by arriving early on any class day in October. You ***DO NOT*** need to be a parishioner to register your child in the Religious Education Program.

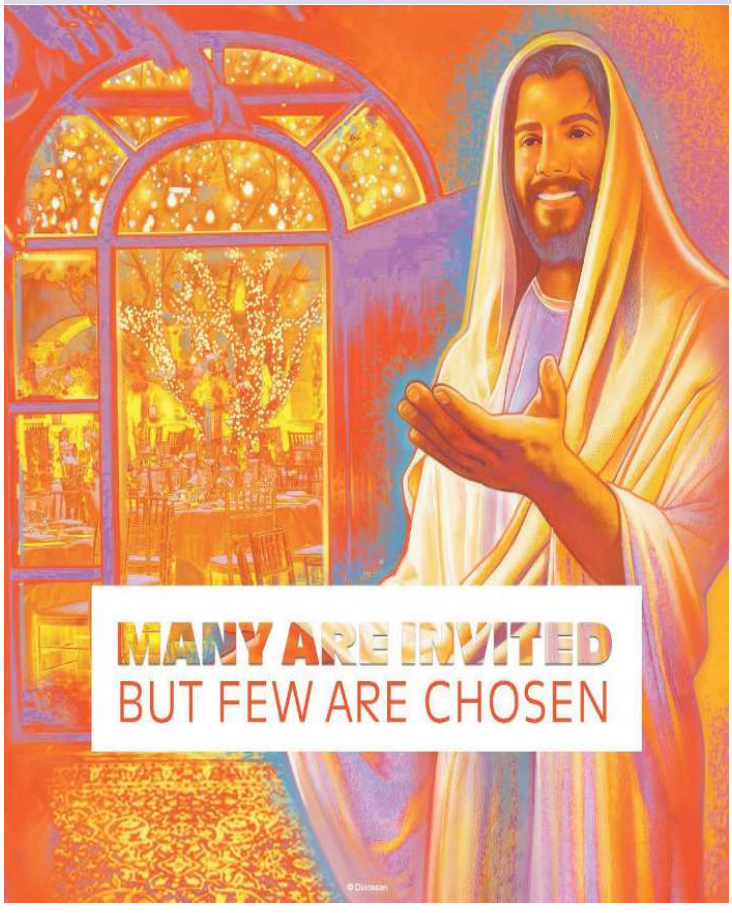
If you have any questions or need more information, please call or email the Religious Education office.

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 7th & 8th. 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.

Women's Club Pasta Dinner

The women's club will be hosting its annual PASTA DINNER & RAFFLE on Saturday, October 17th at Hendle Hall. Tickets are on sale in 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.



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