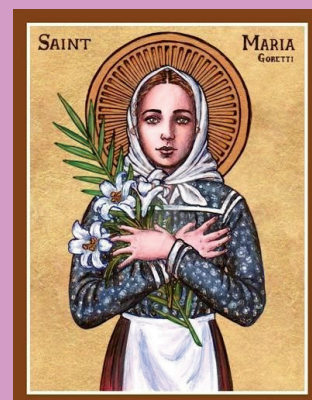




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of 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

On this Third Sunday of Advent, one question that is often asked is, “Why is one of the Advent candles pink?” Well, this Sunday is the “pink” Sunday (that’s an unofficial name, of course!) This Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means “rejoice.” The color rose (or pink) is used on this “rejoice” weekend, as opposed to the darker shade of purple (and if you’re a keen observer, you may have noticed that the lights on our trees in church have changed from purple to pink this weekend). The use of the brighter rose color symbolizes our rejoicing that we are past the halfway point of Advent and are drawing closer to the light of Christ coming into the world at Christmas.

As I’ve mentioned before, the Advent season is pretty short this year, so we have one more parish event to help focus our hearts on Jesus’ coming. Our annual Christmas Concert, called the Infancy Narrative, will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 7:00pm in church. At this free concert, our parish choir will sing beloved Christmas carols, interspersed with readings of the Gospel stories of Jesus’ birth. Take a break from the busyness of this week and come listen to the stories and music that remind us of the reason for the season.

Next weekend, we will be on the verge of Christmas, so allow me to again explain how our Mass schedule will work for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Dec. 24th this year, which means that the Christmas season will begin shortly after the Masses for the Fourth Sunday. Please remember that there will be two separate Mass obligations between Dec. 23-25: attending a Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass, and attending a Christmas Mass. This is what the Mass schedule will be for Dec. 23-25:

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we will have our normal weekend Mass schedule: 4:30pm on Dec. 23rd, and 9:30am & 11:30am on Dec. 24th.

For Christmas, we will have two Christmas Eve Masses on Dec. 24th: 4:00pm and Midnight. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, we will have two Masses: 9:30am & 11:30am.

To clarify: there will be four Masses on Sunday, Dec. 24th, but the two morning ones will be for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and the afternoon and evening Masses will be for Christmas. Again, the obligation for Catholics is to attend one Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (on either Dec. 23 or 24), and one Mass for Christmas (on either Dec. 24 or Dec. 25). So, in other words, **attending only one Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th does not fulfill both Mass obligations.**

Finally, don’t forget that our 2024 HYPOD raffle tickets are now available. HYPOD tickets are \$10 each. You can purchase them at the rectory, and they are also available in the pamphlet rack at the back of church (they are green tickets). And while HYPOD tickets can be purchased anytime throughout the year, the best time to get them is now! That is because every ticket that you buy is valid for every weekly drawing of the year (because even if your ticket wins, it goes back into the pot for the next week’s drawing). The weekly prize is either \$100 or \$500. It is possible to win more than once with one ticket. The first drawings for 2024 will begin in January, so any 2024 ticket that you buy before then will be valid for all 52 drawings of the year.

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

Fr. Rob



Sunday—December 17th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
 Roger Alva, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Ken Grove, req. Chraca Family
 Don Jackson, req. Chraca Family
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Joan Handler, req. Bonnie & Ron Anderson
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Firkus Family
 Pearl Stanke, req. Sue Hilger
 Gary Smith, req. Bryan & Sheila Ross
 11:30— Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Michael T. Corbett, req. Joe & Kristen Bacha
 Jean Golinski, req. Nancy Davoli
 Zachary Perry, req. Nancy Davoli
 Domenico Missanelli, req. Wife
 Camarda Family, req. John Traxler

Monday—December 18th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family
 James Cunningham, req. Family
 Josephine Hargus, req. Carol Klafeta

Tuesday—December 19th

8:30—Poor Souls In Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family
 Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
 Pearl Stanke, req. Ministry of Consolation
 Tom Browne, req. Sue Hilger

Wednesday—December 20th

8:30—David Johnson, req. Ministry of Consolation

Thursday—December 21st

8:30—Thomas & Margaret Ridgeway, req. Jim & Rose Ridgeway
 Donald Wisnoski, req. Judy Wisnoski

Saturday—December 23rd

4:30—Bill Bonacci, req. Helene Bonacci
 Bob Sirtak, req. Donna Sirtak
 Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
 Wally Webster, req. Judy Webster
 Bronislawa Adamczyk, req. Daughter
 Zbigniew Markiewicz, req. Family
 Rich Bacha, req. Family

Sunday—December 24th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 Roger Alva, req. Family
 Roger—Louis Charles, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Rodgers & Myszka Families, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Joan Handler, req. Caitlin & Taylor Anderson
 Bernie & Joanne Fuechtmann, req. Family
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 4:00—Joseph Davoli, req. Nancy Davoli
 Anthony & Patricia Davoli, req. Nancy Davoli
 Robert & Jean Golinski, req. Nancy Davoli
 Zachary Perry, req. Nancy Davoli
 Sam & Carmela Barzano, req. Linda & Glenn Rawski
 Richard & Millie Rawski, req. Linda & Glenn Rawski
 Angeline Brauer & Caroline Paoletti, req. Linda & Glenn Rawski
 Geri Becker, req. Linda & Glenn Rawski
 Carol Luka, req. Tom Luka
 Deanna Luka, req. Tom Luka
 Jackie Viececi, req. Family
 Angelo & Janet Luciano, req. Family
 Leroy & Edith Schultz, req. Family
 Vicki Hansen, req. Family
 Midnight—Eugene & Elizabeth Gersten, req. Rich Gersten
 Bill & Elaine Cyplick, req. Debbie Cyplick
 Kevin Cyplick, req. Debbie Cyplick
 Sam, Mary, and Michael Ferrille, req. Zerlina Kirchen
 Paul Kirchen, req. Zerlina Kirchen
 Al, Stanley & Mary Jedziniak, req. Zerlina Kirchen
 Jack McGrath, req. Zerlina Kirchen
 Bronislawa Adamczyk, req. Daughter
 Zbigniew Markiewicz, req. Family
 Salvatore Segreti, req. Family
 Giuseppe & Giuseppina Segreti, req. Family
 Joseph & Theresa Lopes, req. Family
 Segreti & Lento Families, req. Family
 Lopes & Fratto Families, req. Family

December 23rd & 24th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard
Lector	Cheryl McLean	Melanie Hohmeier	Zerlina Kirchen
Communion Ministers	N. Davoli G. Rawski K. Weichbrodt	D. Brown A. Caccavari C. Fippinger	B. Kirchen M. Diaz J. Traxler
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz C. Fiore	S. Cervantes	A. Herrera E. Gutierrez

	Christmas Eve—December 24th		Christmas Day—December 25th	
	4:00pm	Midnight	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Rob
Lector	Joan Golembiewski	Zerlina Kirchen	Char Fiore	Bobby Lima
Communion Ministers	G. Rawski C. Schreiner S. Shreiner	M. Morgan B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen	N. Kent R. Klug L. Louis—Charles	K. Lima M. Diaz A. Caccavari
Altar Servers	L. Trischan E. Trischan	D. Heredia G. Heredia R. Heredia	T. Cychosz S. Cychosz P. Cychosz	A. Herrera O. Kucharczyk P. Kitlas



*Holy Virgin Martyrs’
Annual Christmas Concert
“The Infancy Narrative of the Lord”
Will take place on
Wednesday, December 20th
at 7:00pm in Church.*

*This one—hour concert will feature
the reading of the birth of our Savior and
our choir singing Christmas Carols.*

*There is no admission fee,
but a free will offering is appreciated.*



4th Sunday of Advent:
Saturday, December 23rd
4:30pm

Sunday, December 24th
9:30am and 11:30am

Christmas Schedule:
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th
4:00pm and Midnight

Christmas Day:
Monday, December 25th
9:30am and 11:30am



*Please join us for our annual
Christmas Eve carol sing-along
at 11:30pm on December 24th.*

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



Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 19th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm
Communion Date Selection Sheet Due

Sunday, January 7th

Family Mass—11:30am
The Grade will be reading
and bringing up the gifts.

Tuesday, January 9th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, January 13th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am

Saturday, January 20th

Special Sacraments Class—9-11am

Tuesday, January 23rd

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm
Confirmation Biography Sheet Due

Saturday, January 27th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am
Confirmation Biography Sheet Due

Wednesday, January 31st

First Reconciliation—7:00pm

Saturday, February 3rd

Adult Confirmation Class
9:30-11:00am

What We're Learning

3rd Grade (Tuesday)

We learned about All Souls Day which is celebrated on November 2nd. We looked at the celebration of Dia De Los Muertos or Day of the Dead and how that connects to All Souls Day. We learned about how an ofrenda is used to help celebrate Day of the Dead.

4th Grade (Tuesday)

We learned about Joseph and how he forgave his brothers for selling him into slavery and lying about what happened to him to their Dad. We also learned about Moses and how he freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and how God gave him the 10 Commandments,



5th Grade (Tuesday)

We learned that prayer and worship are ways to show reverence for God. We discussed how worship is a natural response to God's loving goodness. We learned that formal practices of communal worship are known as liturgy. We learned about the Cardinal Virtues and discussed how we can use them in our daily lives.

Pray For:

Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Benedetta Cortese, Bernie Cwan, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Dora Gibellina, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard & Carol Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Michael & Vivian Jennings, David Johnson, Brian Kelly, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Joan Lester, Reina Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Ann Macey, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, David Medo, Peter Meyer, Barbara Miller, Pat Morgan, Lois Neilsen, Julie Parkinson, Charlotte Penczek, Nancy Piatek, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Leroy Plier, Joseph Powyszynski, Barbara Rodgers, Sandy Rogalski, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Sue Schuyler, Susan Siekierski, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Joan & Bill Weichbrodt, Karen Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright

Those in the Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone,
Private Christopher Bavone,
US Army Staff Sergeant
John J. Schreiner,
U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty,
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy,
U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez,
U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth,
Omar Vee, Jr.,
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
US Army Michael Gutierrez.



Hypod Winner

December 11, 2023

\$100 Winner—Carol Herlocker

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



Week 13

\$20 Winner

Liz Chrabaszcz—Ticket #1898

Parish Support

Week of December 2nd & 3rd

Weekly	\$5,982.62
Maintenance	\$1,481.00
Fuel & Heat	\$90.00
Christmas Flowers	\$607.00
Christmas	\$350.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Human Development	\$35.00

MANY THANKS!



Music Notes

Gaudete, Gaudete!
Rejoice, Rejoice!
The King Shall Come!

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 email at: anne.ryan@ascension.org.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Rest in Peace

“It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead,” please remember:

*Pearl Stanke,
Joseph Stendebach,
David R. Johnson, Sr.,
Leroy Plier, and
Garry Hickerson
in your prayers.*



Thank You

A big thank you to all who supported our Christmas Dinner and Cash Raffle. We were able to raise \$600. The list of prizes can be found below:

Christmas Cash

- \$500—The Schreiners
- \$200—Mary Ann Rosso
- \$100—Margie Saathoff
- \$100—Jean Wesolowski
- \$100—Nancy Wright

Baskets

- Hot Chocolate—Marlene Bacha
- Wolves Tickets—Sue Chrabaszcz
- Wine—Carol Klafeta
- Deck The Table—Michelle Morgan
- Christmas Floral Centerpiece—Linda Rawski
- Sweet Treat Sleigh—Terri Schrautemyer
- Tea Basket—Fr. Rob
- Chocolate Basket—Jackie Vendegna
- Ghiradelli & Lindor Chocolate Basket—Karen Weichbrodt
- Pasta Basket—Nancy Wright
- Money Tree—Heather Cowieson
- Spa Basket—Mike Devyor
- A Cozy Night—Pat Godziszewski
- AMC Movie Night—Ana Urbina



Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

Ascension Resurrection

When: Saturday, January 13th
9 AM-3:30 PM CST
Where: Online Via Zoom

An estimated 40 million Americans are coping with some form of anxiety and 70 percent of Americans say the coronavirus outbreak is a new source of stress in their lives.

Mental Health First Aid is an internationally recognized course that will teach participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training teaches how to help another person who may be experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge.

Participants are expected to invest two hours of self-paced study in addition to six hours of live training via Zoom. CEU are available. Registration for each class is limited to 25 people to allow for more personalized instruction and interactive discussion.

This training is being offered free of charge as part of Ascension Illinois Community Benefit.



Please register below:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-mental-health-first-aid-training-ascension-resurrection-tickets-755783462282aff-0dd1d1eac0a0>

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