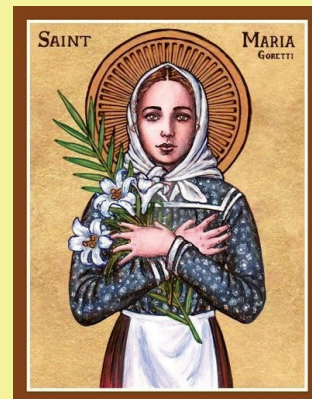




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

December 31, 2023
The Holy Family Of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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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

Our celebration of Christmas continues with today's feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast is purposefully situated within the Christmas season to remind us that our God not only chose to be born as one of us, but He also chose to grow up within the love and protection of a human family. Perhaps on this weekend, then, we can give thanks to God for the people who have been sources of love and protection in our lives. If you would like to ask for God's blessing upon your family members, here is a suggested prayer to use. It is the Blessing of Families, as found in the Church's Book of Blessings. It says:

O God, you have created us in love and saved us in mercy, and through the bond of marriage you have established the family and willed that it should become a sign of Christ's love for his Church. Shower your blessings on our families. Enable those who are joined by one love to support one another by their fervor of spirit and devotion to prayer. Make them responsive to the needs of others and witnesses to the faith in all they say and do. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The way the calendar happens to work out this year, the Christmas season is shorter than usual, just as Advent was this year. So, immediately after we celebrate the Holy Family, we then celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This feast day always takes place on Jan. 1st, and it's a beautiful way to begin a new calendar year. As each of us looks ahead to every new year with hopes, dreams, worries, or anxieties, it is good for us to focus on our Blessed Mother. She had no idea how her life would drastically change when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her one day out of nowhere. But her openness to God's plan led to her become the Mother of God and the Mother of us all. So, as we look ahead to the new year, let's remember that we can always turn to our Mother for guidance, intercession, protection, and love.

Normally the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, because it falls on a Monday (i.e., right next to a Sunday), it is not a day of obligation this year. Therefore, because there is no obligation, there will be no evening Mass this Sunday, Dec. 31st. We will have one Mass at 8:30am on Monday, Jan. 1st to celebrate this Solemnity.

Finally, our first weekly drawing for our 2024 HYPOD raffle will take place this Tuesday, Jan. 2nd (normally the drawing always takes place on Mondays, but since Monday, Jan. 1st is a holiday, we will do the first drawing on Jan. 2nd). Please remember that you can always buy HYPOD tickets at anytime throughout the year. However, now is the best time to buy them so that you can have the maximum number of chances to win with each ticket. That is because every HYPOD ticket that you buy is good for every weekly drawing of 2024 (because even if your ticket wins, it goes back into the pot for the next drawing). So, if you buy your tickets before the Jan. 2nd drawing, you will have 52 chances to win with each ticket.

The weekly prize is \$100, except on the last Monday of each month, when the prize is \$500. HYPOD tickets are \$10 each, and you can purchase them at the rectory. They are also available in the pamphlet rack at the back of church (they are green tickets). Just fill them out and return your tickets and payment in an envelope in the Sunday collection at anytime, or drop them off at the rectory.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us in the New Year. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob



MASSES For The Week

Sunday—December 31st

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
 Victor Schimanski, req. Alice Danhoffer
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Blanca Selksy, req. Steve Selsky
 Joan Handler, req. Darlene Baumann
 Roger Alva, req. Family
 Tim Sullivan, req. Louis—Charles Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Alexander Buziuk, req. Family
 Baumann & Oliver Families, req. Darlene Bauman
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Ministry of Consolation

11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family

Monday—January 1st

8:30—Parishioners
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family

Tuesday—January 2nd

8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family
 Garry Hickerson, req. Ministry of Consolation

Wednesday—January 3rd

8:30—Parishioners

Thursday—January 4th

8:30—Parishioners

Saturday—January 6th

4:30—Carol Kensek, req. Pat Agyrakis
 Bronislawa Adamczyk, req. Daughter
 Zbigniew Markiewicz, req. Family
 Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
 Joe & Dorothy Schreiner, req. Family
 John & Rosemarie Gragnani, req. Family

Sunday—January 7th

9:30—Roger Alva, req. Family
 Daniel Diorio, req. Chraca Family
 James Florio Family, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Louis—Charles Family
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Peter H. Gregory, req. Family



Music Notes

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
 Glory to the newborn King!*

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.

January 6th & 7th	4:00pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Cheryl McLean	Kitch Gorzynski	Family Mass
Communion Ministers			
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz C. Fiore	S. Cervantes	A. Herrera E. Gutierrez



Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

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

What We're Learning

Christmas

We spent time talking about the Season of Christmas. We learned that the liturgical color for the Season of Christmas is white. We learned that the season of Christmas begins on Christmas Eve and lasts until the Baptism of the Lord on January 8th. We learned about the different feasts we celebrate during the Christmas Season like the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, and the Epiphany. We also spent time reviewing the Christmas story from the Bible.

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God January 1st.



Don't Forget to Practice the
Prayer of the Month for January:
The Hail Mary

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Pray For:

Hypod Winner
December 25, 2023
\$500 Winner—Ray Figueroa
Tickets are still available in the
pamphlet rack in the back of church or
from the Rectory during the week!



Week 15
\$20 Winner
Linda & Judy Caracci—Ticket #1838



Parish Support

Week of December 16th & 17th

Weekly	\$4,683.00
Maintenance	\$60.00
Fuel & Heat	\$1,208.55
Christmas	\$130.00
Christmas Flowers	\$105.00
Religious Retirement	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
All Saints	\$5.00
All Souls	\$5.00

MANY THANKS!

Second Collections:
 The second collection on December 31st is for Solemnity of Mary.
 Please be as generous as you can.

Those Who Are Sick:
Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, 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, 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, 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.



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.



Join us for First Saturday Devotions on
Saturday, January 6th at 9:00am in church
We will have Rosary & Prayer
Followed by Fellowship in the Gathering Room
All are welcome!

Save The Date



Wed. Jan. 17, 2024, 7:00 pm
Holy Virgin Martyrs: St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope...” 1Peter 3:15.

Featuring Guest Speaker Fr. Dominic Clemente

A presentation on Catholic Apologetics: the art of explaining and defending the beauty of our faith.

Free Event – Refreshments will be served - Invite your Friends!

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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.

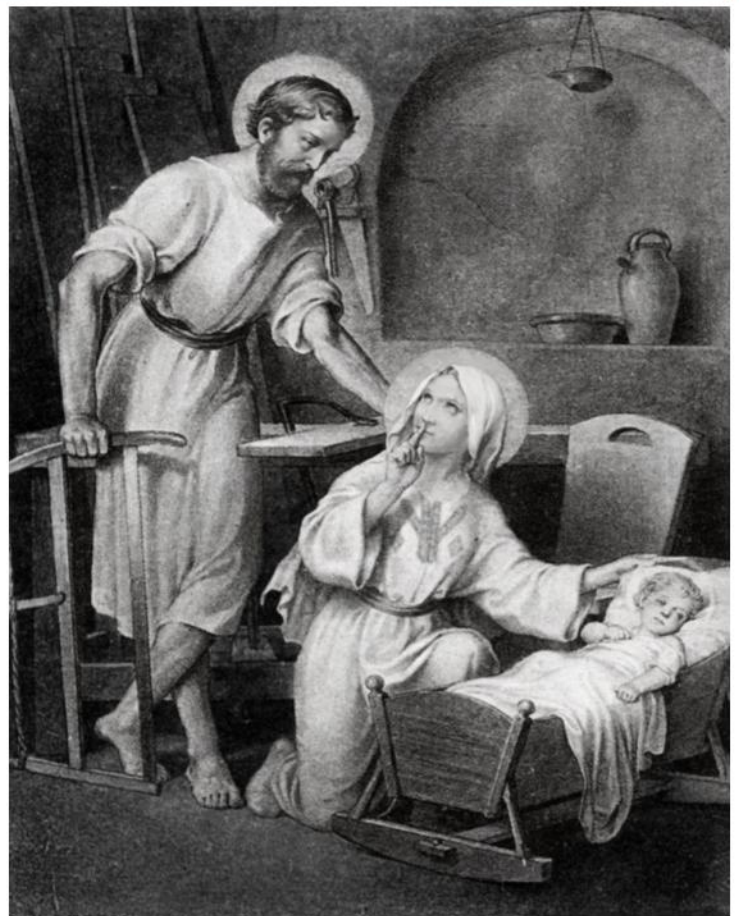


Please register below:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-mental-health-first-aid-training-ascension-resurrection-tickets-2557834072827?aff=oddlitecreator>

For questions, please email:
leah.elster.ascension@gmail.com



Mass Intention Request Form

THE 2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

**FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND
EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.
THE MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.**

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM
HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM**

**IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE
REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.**

YOUR NAME

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

INTENTIONS

DATE AND TIME PREFERRED

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