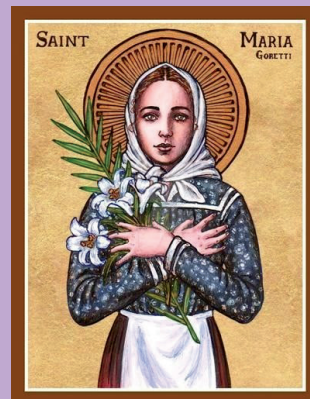




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

February 18, 2024  
The First Sunday in Lent



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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

Here we are on the First Sunday of Lent. This 40-day journey towards Easter is an important time in the liturgical calendar. For instance, did you make any New Year's resolutions? Well, if those have perhaps fallen by the wayside, use this Lenten season to try again! Or if you didn't make any resolutions, why don't you set a goal for Lent? You can either choose to give something up, or perhaps try to add something to your daily or weekly routine. Either way, the goal for us during Lent is to let go of some of the things in this world that take up too much of our attention, and instead focus that attention on God and His will for us.

As part of your Lenten journey, I hope you can join us for some prayer opportunities here at the parish. Every Friday at 6:30pm during Lent (through March 22<sup>nd</sup>) we pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by Eucharistic Benediction. I invite you to join us on any of these Fridays, especially if you've never experienced the Stations and/or Benediction before. And yes, this would mean giving up a little time on a Friday night (only about 45 minutes), but isn't Lent about making sacrifices?

One of our main opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent will be our parish Mission. **Please mark your calendar for our Lenten Mission, which will take place on Mon.-Thurs., March 11-14.** Our speaker will again be Fr. Michael Moore of the St. Patrick Fathers. The title of his mission is "Compassion On Our Spiritual Journey." Fr. Moore will celebrate Mass at 8:30am & 7:00pm on each of those four days, and his talk will be part of the Mass. It will be the same talk in the morning and the evening, so you have two opportunities to attend on each day.

I do need to mention a few non-Lenten things this week. First, this is the Follow-Up (and final!) Weekend of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). I thank all of you who have already made a pledge to this year's ACA to help us surpass our assigned goal of \$23,122. For those who may not have pledged yet, we offer this Follow-Up Weekend as an opportunity to do so. Please consider making a pledge by either using the ACA envelopes in church and dropping them in Sunday collection on any weekend, or you can pledge anytime online by going to our website at [www.hvmparish.org](http://www.hvmparish.org), or go to [www.annualcatholicappeal.com](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.com). Whichever way you choose to pledge, please remember to designate Holy Virgin Martyrs as the parish where you want to credit your gift so that your donation will count towards our goal.

I also want to remind everyone that this week we are offering a second training for new altar servers. This very important ministry is open to both children and adults (the one requirement is that you need to have made your First Communion). The next training will take place this Monday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in church. Also, **all current altar servers are required to attend this training if you missed the one on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. We want to make sure that our current servers will be on the same page with our new servers.**

Finally, if you happened to attend our Holy Thursday Mass last year, you saw us bless and dedicate our new ambry, which contains the three oils used in Catholic sacraments. Our new ambry is located on the front wall of church, near the left side altar. The ambry was generously made and donated by a parishioner. Well, that same parishioner has now also made and donated a new reliquary for our parish. A reliquary contains the relics of saints (relics are typically saints' bone fragments, but can also be things like pieces of their clothing). Our new reliquary is located right where the ambry is, but near the right side altar (so, same location, but opposite side). We blessed and dedicated our new reliquary at our recent Ash Wednesday Masses. And our reliquary, of course, contains the relics of our two patron saints, St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyrs of the Church. Thank you again to our generous parishioner!

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

Fr. Rob



# MASSES For The Week

## Sunday—February 18th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 Eleno Mayol, Jr. & Virgilio Mayol, req. Family  
 Frank Cipriano, req. Family  
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Mary Ellen & Josh Stendebach  
 Ray Solare, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 Ted Lester, req. Bert & Lyn Martin  
 Jim DelGiudice, req. Wife

11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Bernice Kirchen, req. Zerlina Kirchen  
 Al Jedziniak, req. Zerlina Kirchen  
 Deceased Members Piotrowski & Pultorak Families, req. Robert & Christine Mazka

## Monday—February 19th

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

## Tuesday—February 20th

8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family  
 Garry Hickerson, req. Dorothy & Ernie Brown  
 Leroy Plier, req. Nancy Ryan

## Wednesday—February 21st

8:30—Elaine (“E”) Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family  
 John Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family  
 Helen Furtak, req. Joyce Burns

## Thursday—February 22nd

8:30—Alan Reggio, req. Family  
 Thomas Waguespack, req. Family

## Saturday—February 24th

4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family  
 Jo-Ann Willmes, req. Mary Ellen Stendebach  
 Beverly Kozubek, req. Family  
 Raymond Majca, req. Family  
 Anniversary of Bill & Joan Weichbrodt, req. Cathy Schreiner  
 John Kalamarie, req. J. Kohut  
 Zdzislaw Misiaszek, req. Family

## Sunday—February 25th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family  
 Carlo Mele, req. Mother  
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Mary Ellen & Josh Stendebach  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 Wilbert Saathoff, req. Family  
 Clarine Slezewski, req. The Religious Ed. Program

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

February 24th & 25th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Melnitzke	Lynn Louis—Charles	Zerlina Kirchen
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	C. Schreiner S. Schreiner P. Wisniewski	J. Traxler G. Zech J. Losurdo	K. Lima B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C. Fiore	T. Cychosz S. Cychosz	L. Louis—Charles K. Lima



# Religious Education News

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, February 20th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm

*Saint Report Worksheet Due*

### Saturday, February 24th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am

### Saturday, March 2nd

Confirmation Retreat

9:00-5:30pm

Presentation of Confirmation

Candidates at 4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, March 3rd

Family Mass—11:30am

The 5th Grade will be reading  
and bringing up the gifts

### Tuesday, March 5th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm

*All Sponsor Forms Due*

### Saturday, March 9th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00—11:30am

*All Sponsor Forms Due*

## What We're Learning

Our students are learning about Lent.

We've learned that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and that it lasts until Holy Thursday evening. We learned that the liturgical color for Lent is Purple because Lent is a penitential season. Over the next few classes our Religious Education Students will be taking part in some special activities to help them learn more about Lent.

### **Reconciliation**

Our 6-8 graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Rob on February 20th & 24th to help them prepare themselves to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection at Easter.

### **Stations of the Cross**

All grades will gather in Church on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> to pray the Stations of the Cross together.

### **Seder Meal**

All Students will participate in a Seder Meal on March 19th & 23rd to explore the connection between the Jewish Passover and the Eucharist.



## **NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!**



Our next server training will take place on **Monday, February 19th at 7pm**. Children and adults who have made their First Communion and are interested in becoming an altar server can attend this training. If you are current server and have not attended a retraining yet, then you **MUST** attend this one to be on the next schedule.

# Pray For:

## 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 Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Michael & Vivian Jennings, Brian Kelly, Patti King, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Joan Lester, Reina Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Ann Macey, Genevieve Mastalerz, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, David Medo, 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, Jacqueline Spejcher, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Joan & Bill 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  
US Army Specialist Matthew Gonzales



## Hypod Winner

February 12, 2024

\$100 Winner—Barbara Ferrara

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



## Parish Support

### Week of February 3rd & 4th

Weekly	\$5,650.35
Maintenance	\$84.00
Fuel & Heat	\$90.00
Ash Wednesday	\$3.00
Eastern Europe	\$3.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1.00
Church in Latin America	\$15.00
January PayPal	\$1,969.54

**MANY THANKS!**

### Second Collections:

The second collection on February 25th is for Parish Maintenance.

Please be as generous as you can.



# Music Notes

*Take up your Cross as Jesus did and follow Christ.*

## 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](mailto:anne.ryan@ascension.org).

# *Parish Renewal*

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Monday through Thursday:**

8:30 am & 7:00 pm (repeat of morning)

## **MISSION**

**Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers  
Compassion On Our Spiritual Journey  
Mass and Four Reflections**

**Monday:** Moved to Action and Flexibility

**Tuesday:** Jesus' Life of the Line

**Wednesday:** Our God of Second Chances

**Thursday:** The Commandments Made Simple

**Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish, Schiller Park**



We will have Stations of the Cross followed  
by Eucharistic Benediction  
every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in church.



# 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.**

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**YOUR NAME**

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**PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL**

**INTENTIONS**

**DATE AND TIME PREFERRED**

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