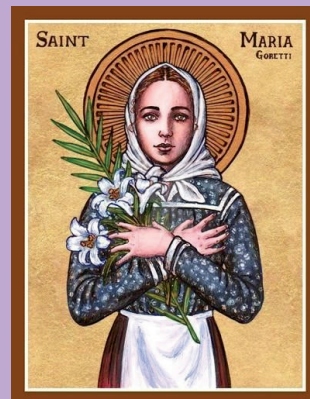




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

February 25, 2024
The Second 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

I'd like to begin by adding a belated word of gratitude. I had mentioned last week that our new reliquary (which contains the relics of our two patrons, St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti) was built and donated by an anonymous parishioner. But I failed to mention that the cost of the work was donated by our Music Director, Richard Gersten, as a token of gratitude to God for blessings he's received. So, I would like to publicly thank Rich for his generous gift to the parish.

We are already at the Second Sunday of Lent, and I hope that your Lenten journey is going well. I'd like to continue to extend the invitation to everyone to take advantage of the prayer opportunities that we offer during this season. As always, every Friday at 6:30pm during Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by Eucharistic Benediction. I hope that you can make plans to join us, even if it's for only one of these Fridays, especially if you've never experienced the Stations and/or Benediction before.

Our main Lenten event will be our parish 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. Fr. Moore is a wonderful mission/retreat speaker (he does this full-time), and he was very well-received last year. Again, I hope that you can attend, even if it is on only one of those days. And Fr. Moore will be presiding and preaching at our weekend Masses on March 9 & 10 to introduce the Mission.

Fr. Moore will also be offering his time to hear confessions during the Mission (we'll have more details about that as we get closer to it). We also have confessions every Saturday from 3:30-4:00pm in the Reconciliation Room near the church main entrance. In addition, our Lenten confessions will take place on Monday, March 18th at 7:00pm in church. Several priests will be available that night for individual confessions. Again, please mark your calendar.

I want to thank everyone for your patience over the past three weekends as we promoted the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). I'm happy to say that I am back to giving a regular homily this weekend! However, I do want to offer one more reminder: Don't forget that the ACA runs all year long, so if you have not yet made a pledge to this campaign that supports both Archdiocesan and HVM Parish ministries, you can still do so at any time. You can use the pledge envelopes located in the baskets at the back of church, and drop them in Sunday collection on any weekend. Or you can pledge online by going to our website at www.hvmparish.org, or go to 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.

Finally, I want to wish a Happy Birthday/Anniversary/etc. to anyone who has a special celebration this week on Feb. 29th. Happy Leap Year!

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

Fr. Rob



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
 Sendebach
 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
 Antonio Vitucci, req. Teresa Crocco
 Rose Rigney, req. Teresa Crocco

Monday—February 26th

8:30—Elaine (“E”) Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
 John Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
 Cathy Schreiner Thank You

Tuesday—February 27th

8:30—Garry Hickerson, req. Dorothy & Ernie Brown

Wednesday—February 28th

8:30—Grace Castellenti, req. Family
 Robert Mack, req. D. Bauman

Thursday—February 29th

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

Saturday—March 2nd

4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
 Alan Reggio, req. Family
 Richard Gersten, req. Cathy Schreiner
 Tom, Bill, & Eddie Parkinson, req. Julie Parkinson
 Don J. Jarecki, req. Family

Sunday—March 3rd

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 James Florio Family, req. Family
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Mary Ellen & Josh
 Stendebach
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Jim Klafeta, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Garry Hickerson, req. Janet Campeotto Family
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family

11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Helen Gale, req. Family
 Betty Saathoff, req. Family

March 2nd & 3rd	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Cheryl McLean	Lynn Louis—Charles	Family Mass
Communion Ministers	I. Benesch W. Berncaki P. Cychosz	D. Brown A. Caccavari C. Fippinger	M. Diaz B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen
Altar Servers	C. Widuch M. Widuch	S. Cervantes	L. Trischan E. Trischan



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

Saturday, March 16th

Special Sacraments Class

9:00-11:00am

Adult Confirmation Class

9:30—10:30am

What We're Learning

2nd Grade (Tuesday)

We spent time preparing for our First Reconciliation. We continued talking about the seven Sacraments. We spent time reviewing the 10 Commandments and learned that they can help us to think about our sins. We also spent time learning about the Holy Spirit.

4th Grade (Tuesday)

We learned about Free Will and how that is a gift of God that gives us the ability to make choices. The choices we make can have consequences so to help us God gives us a conscience and his Grace. We spent time talking about the Beatitudes and also about eternal life. We spent time talking about the parable of the Good Samaritan.

5th Grade (Tuesdays)

We learned that Jesus sent the Apostles out to baptize people of all nations. We learned that the church is apostolic because the Apostles were the first bishops and all other bishops are their successors. We learned that the pope and bishops make up the magisterium which is the teaching body of the church. We learned that they are infallible when making decisions to guide the church because they are guided by the Holy Spirit.

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 PFC Matthew Gonzales



Hypod Winner

February 19, 2024

\$100 Winner—Nick Anderson

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 10th & 11th

Weekly	\$4,709.00
Maintenance	\$65.00
Fuel & Heat	\$55.00
Ash Wednesday	\$100.00
Eastern Europe	\$40.00
Christmas	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00

MANY THANKS!

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.



Music Notes

Precious in the eyes of The Lord is his faithful ones.

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.

Parish Renewal

11th – 14th 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.





Join us for First Saturday Devotions on
 Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00am in church
 We will have Rosary & Prayer
 Followed by Fellowship in the Gathering Room
 All are welcome!

A Note From The Parish Nurse...

Greetings from the Parish Nurse...

Spring is just around the corner, according to the ground hog, and with the days getting longer, it may be an opportunity to become more active in your daily lives.

February is not only heart health month, but it is also cancer prevention month, and being physically active is recommended for overall health and well-being. There may be challenges to incorporating more activity into your daily routines. You may be overcoming medical issues, and you may have time and energy limitations. Some suggestions to keep in mind is that any movement is better than none, and it may be easier to make it a point to exercise even for 10 minute increments rather than trying to fit in one larger session.

Sleep plays a big role in the amount of energy you have for dedication to exercise. Sleep can be disrupted with the amount of caffeine you take in throughout the day, and even how late you get to bed at night. There are studies that show that physical activity during the day helps with sleep at night. To improve your sleep, you may want to put away your electronic devices and experiment with relaxing activities that interest you as you begin to wind down your day, such as reading or listening to music or drinking a warm caffeine-free beverage before bed. Better sleep at night may give you the energy to assist with your daily activities. Fueling your body with a variety of health foods should help improve energy levels. Also, starting the day off with a glass of water and keeping a water bottle with you so that you can take sips throughout the day should help you to stay hydrated, which is important for activity during the day.

You should not have to strive for perfections or have an "all or nothing mindset" which may deter you from getting in your physical activity. Take your time to begin new activities by starting off slow, and moving gently to avoid injury. Putting off physical activity can be a missed opportunity to "re-energize your body and mind." If you prioritize the time to exercise, it can become a lifelong healthy habit, a gift to yourself that keeps on giving. Always get the medical clearance from your doctor for any medical concerns with increased activity or before beginning any formal exercise program.

Blessings and health to you all,

Anne (Nancy) Ryan, RN
 Faith Community nurse

I referenced the American Institute for Cancer Research website.

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