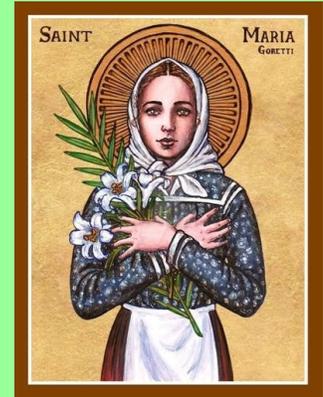




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

February 5, 2023  
The Fifth 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 I explained from the pulpit last weekend, due to a conflict with my calendar we are conducting the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) on a slightly different schedule this year. Last weekend I introduced the ACA by talking about how it works, and why it is important to our parish and to ministries around the Chicago Archdiocese. We then gave everyone an opportunity to make a pledge to the 2023 ACA using the pledge envelopes in the pews. This weekend we will listen to Cardinal Cupich's recorded talk that he asks to be played at all parishes (although keep in mind that we are listening to it one week early, so it is based on the Scripture readings for next weekend). After the Cardinal's talk, we will conduct the pledge process again to give more people a chance to donate to the ACA.

And even though you will not hear about the ACA from the pulpit next weekend, please do not think that the ACA concludes right away. Remember, the ACA lasts for an entire year (the 2023 ACA will conclude at the end of January 2024). So, if you make a pledge, you have a whole year to pay it off. Here are a few more reminders about how the ACA works:

1. The Archdiocese sets a goal for every parish. **Our ACA goal this year is \$22,431. And as always, every dollar that we collect beyond our goal comes directly back to HVM Parish.** Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we've been able to exceed our goal for many years.

2. You can always make a pledge to the ACA at [www.annualcatholicappeal.com](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.com), or click on the ACA link on our parish website at [www.hvmparish.org](http://www.hvmparish.org). 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 parish's goal.

3. There are brochures in church that discuss the ACA and how the funds are used. You can also visit the ACA website to find more information about the Appeal.

4. We will keep a basket at the back of church that has extra ACA envelopes. If you're not pledging now, but you decide to pledge later, you can always fill out one of these envelopes and drop it in the Sunday collection.

As always, thank you so much to all those who have donated and who will donate to the ACA!

There are several other things happening here at the parish that I'd like to mention this week. First, please pray for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Sacramental Prep students in our Religious Education program. Half of them celebrated their First Reconciliation this past Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, and the other half will celebrate it on Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Confession is an important sacrament in a Catholic's spiritual life, and I pray that our children will have a wonderful experience of Jesus' love and mercy when they receive Reconciliation for the first time. Again, please pray for our young Catholics. Their names are printed in this week's and next week's bulletins.

These same group of students will also be receiving a special blessing this weekend. At our 11:30am Mass this Sunday, we will present and bless our First Communicants (they will be making their First Holy Communion in May). In addition to this, at this same 11:30am Mass, two other students will actually be making their First Communion. They were scheduled to receive it last May, but they were not able to be present at the Mass, so they will be receiving it today (as their younger sister will be one of the 2023 First Communicants who will be presented today). So, I want to congratulate siblings Anthony and Judy Malkowski on making their First Holy Communion today!

Finally, at all the Masses this weekend we will have the annual blessing of throats. This blessing is associated with the feast of St. Blase (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>). There will be a general blessing of throats at the end of each Mass this weekend, and I will also offer individual blessings after each Mass.

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

Fr. Rob

## THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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### OUR FASCINATING FAITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES (FEBRUARY 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw "a small lady in white" who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France.

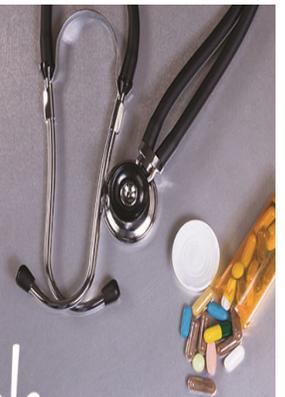
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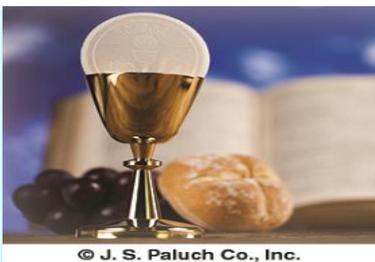


### Readings For The Week

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

### World Day of the Sick





# Mass Intentions

## Sunday—February 5th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Lester Fippinger, req. Sal & Angela Centineo  
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 Albert Parcero, req. Family  
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family  
 Henry Ching, req. Conchita Ching  
 Francis Lendway, req. H & K. Kilian  
 Roger Alva, req. Family  
 Mary Anne Mayol Garcia, req. Louis—Charles  
 Family  
 Roger Louis—Charles, req. Family  
 Frank Pavone, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier  
 Catherine Solare, req. Albert & Cynthia  
 Gualtier  
 Maurice Iorio, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Anne Polizotto, req. H. Kilian  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Regina Kasper, req. John & Marlene O'Brien  
 Martinez Family, req. Zech Family

11:30—Mathew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Tana Rivera, req. Olivia Diaz  
 Eluerterio Rivera, req. Olivia Diaz  
 Jim Cunningham—2nd Anniversary, req.  
 Family  
 Joe Cunningham, req. Family  
 Deceased Members Piotrowski & Pultorak  
 Families, req. Robert & Christine Maszka  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory: Helena Buch, Czeslaw  
 Wozniczka, Marian & Stanislaw Kurnyta, req.  
 Barbara Drozdowski  
 Birthday Blessing to: Joseph, Stanislaw, Aspen  
 Blazej, req. Barbara Drozdowski

## Monday—February 6th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family  
 James Cunningham, req. Family  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family  
 Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family

## Tuesday—February 7th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family  
 James Cunningham, req. Family  
 James & Sarah Ridgeway, req. Jim & Rose  
 Ridgeway

## Wednesday—February 8th

8:30—Steve & Mary Stec, req. Japczyk Family  
 Joe Cunningham, req. Family  
 Jim Cunningham—2nd Anniversary, req. Family  
 Brown Family, req. Family

## Thursday—February 9th

8:30am—William & Elizabeth Clarke, req. Jim & Rose  
 Ridgeway  
 Elaine Heidorn, req. Elaine & John Boston  
 Jim Cunningham--2nd Anniversary, req.  
 Family  
 Joe Cunningham, req. Family

## Saturday—February 11th

4:30—James Rohlicek, req. Nancy Davoli  
 Joseph Ferrara, req. Family  
 Sabrina Lyn Cernuska, req. Frances M.  
 Cernuska  
 Jim Cunningham—2nd Anniversary, req. Family  
 Joe Cunningham, req. Family  
 Ann & Margaret Gallagher, req. Family

## Sunday—February 12th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Lester Fippinger, req. Mary Ann Williams  
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family  
 Albert Parcero, req. Family  
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family  
 Roger Alva, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Anna Polizotto, req. H. Kilian  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Elaine & William Cyplick, req. Debbie Cyplick  
 Henry Ching, req. Conchita Ching  
 Regina Kasper, req. Family

11:30—Mathew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha

February 11th & 12th			
	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Melnitzke	Lynn Louis—Charles	Zerlina Kirchen
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	N. Davoli G. Rawski K. Weichbrodt	C. Fippinger N. Kent R. Klug	J. Losurdo M. Michalowski L. Youakim
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# WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS





**2023 Annual Catholic Appeal**

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# Religious Education News

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, February 7th

6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class

### Wednesday, February 8th

7:00pm—First Reconciliation

### Saturday, February 11th

9:00—11:00am—Special Sacraments Class

### Saturday, February 18th

9:00—11:30am—Religious Education Class  
*Sponsor Commitment Forms are Due!*

### Tuesday, February 21st

6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class  
*Sponsor Commitment Forms are Due!*

### Saturday, February 25th

9:00am—5:30pm—Confirmation Retreat

### Saturday, March 4th

9:00am—11:30am—Religious Education Class

### Sunday, March 5th

11:30am—Family Mass  
The 3rd Grade will be  
Reading and bringing up the gifts

### Saturday, March 11th

9:00—11:00—Special Sacraments Class

## Congratulations

*I'd like to congratulate our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
and Special Sacraments Students  
who experienced the merciful love of God  
for the First time in the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation on February 1st.*

- Jesus Bautista*
- Arabella Falco*
- Liliana Gonzalez*
- Andrea Hohmeier*
- McKenzie Klug*
- Alyssa Lugardo*
- Joseph Lugardo*
- Laila Maldonado*
- Danielle Malkowski*
- Allyza Morano*
- Giada Paasch*
- Evalynn Pelayo*
- Derek Piton*
- Santino Pretzie*
- Caleb Seick*
- Lorenzo Simioni*
- Olivia Stoffel*



## Holy Virgin Martyrs Checks

Because we have our new Tax Id number you can now make checks to **HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS PARISH** Please discontinue making checks to "St. Beatrice" or "St. Maria Goretti" As we will be closing those accounts in the future.

## Hypod Winner

January 30, 2023

\$500 Winner—Jane Sydor

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

## Weekly Offering



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Week of January 28th & 29th

Weekly	\$3,226.30
Maintenance	\$815.75
Fuel & Heat	\$20.00
Church in Latin America	\$60.00

**MANY THANKS!**

### Catholic Prayer Corner

#### Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus,  
 I believe that having passed through  
 the gate of life in baptism,  
 I will always have your protection and comfort.  
 Yet today the pains of my illness threaten  
 to overcome me and cause me  
 to forget all the good things  
 you have given me in this life.  
 I pray in confidence that you would  
 send forth your Spirit to refresh  
 and revive me as you have always done in the past.  
 May I continue to witness to your goodness in this  
 lifeso that I may be with you at the heavenly  
 banquet table in eternity.  
 Amen. Alleluia.  
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**If you would ever like to bring up the Gifts during Mass, please simply let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.**

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After Christ's example,  
I forgive my persecutors.

### St. Paul Miki

16th-century Japanese Jesuit seminarian who was arrested and crucified because of his faith

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February 6

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:**

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Betty Bajzek              | Ted & Joan Lester       |
| Char Banyai               | Vicky Majewski          |
| Terrie Boie               | (nee Julitz)            |
| Sonia Bonacci             | Ann Macey               |
| Frank Bosco               | Carole McCreery         |
| Pat Brandolino            | Brian McIntyre          |
| Gus Campeotto             | David Medo              |
| Bernie Cwan               | Peter Meyer             |
| Angela DeFranco           | Barbara Miller          |
| Claude & Phyllis          | Mike Morello            |
| DiBenedetto               | Pat Morgan              |
| Sandi Duszynski           | Peter Morgan            |
| Joseph & Beatrice         | Lois Neilsen            |
| Giannone                  | Julie Parkinson         |
| Dora Gibellina            | Deacon Ron Pilarski     |
| Rose & Pat Glasso         | Leroy Plier             |
| Baby Glasgow              | Joseph Powyszynski      |
| Judy Golab                | Barbara Rodgers         |
| Howard & Carol Heidorn    | Kathy Sassolino         |
| Laura Gardeck &           | Cathy & Steve Schreiner |
| Jeff Hinz                 | Susan Siekierski        |
| Jerry Hoss                | Joe Stendebach          |
| Michael & Vivian Jennings | Sarah Tripoli           |
| Brian Kelly               | Rev. Michael Valenti    |
| Joyce Knauss              | Joan Weichbrodt         |
| Leonard Kuffer            | Karen Weichbrodt        |
| Marguerite Kramer         | Jean Wesolowski         |
|                           | Nancy Wright            |

Names placed on the sick list will be listed for 4 weeks, if you would like the name to be on the sick list longer than 4 weeks, you will need to contact the rectory.



**Please Pray For Those in the Military:**

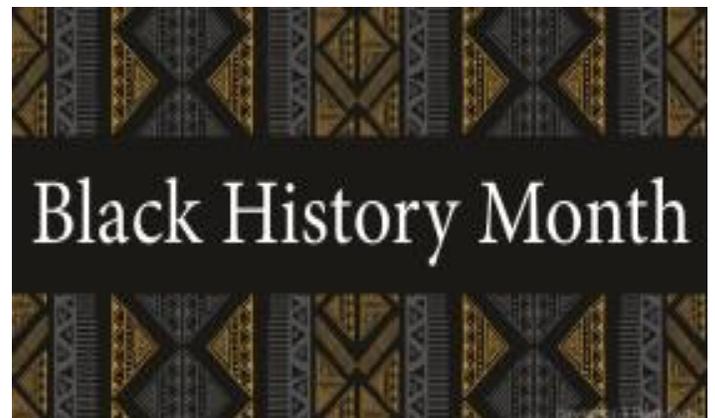
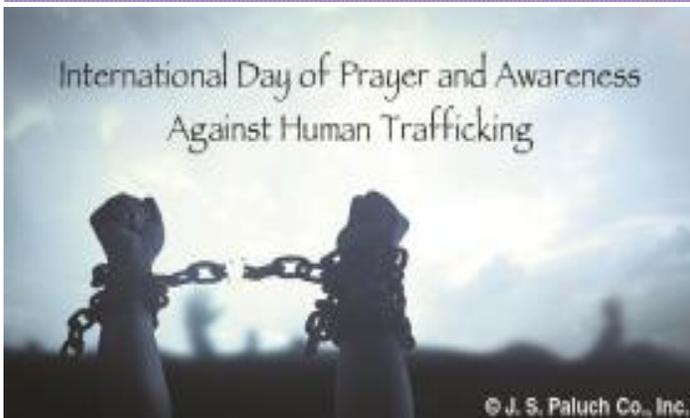
- Sergeant Michael Bavone*  
*Private Christopher Bavone*  
*US Army Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner*  
*U.S.A.F. Sargeant Michael Keaty*  
*HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy,*  
*U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant*  
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*Omar Vee, Jr.*  
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*US Army Michael Gutierrez*

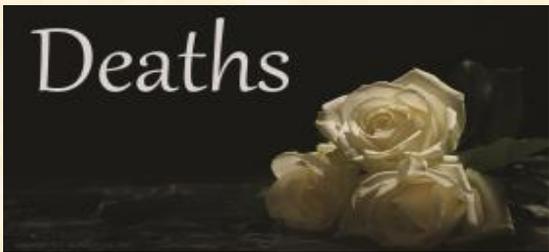
**Giving**

*When you give,  
see that you give that  
which multiplies in giving.*  
—Raymond Lull

**Popularity**

*Avoid popularity if  
you would have peace.*  
—Abraham Lincoln





*Rest in Peace*

*“It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead,” please remember: Elizabeth Magnone and Elaine DeGreco in your prayers.*



**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).

**VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY BAR SALE**

**February 11 & 12**

The Holy Virgin Martyrs Women's Club is having a Fannie May Candy Bar Sale the weekend of February 11 & 12 after all masses.

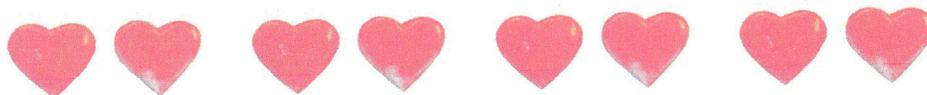
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What a perfect time to pick up something sweet for someone special in your life or to satisfy a sweet tooth before Lent starts.

As always, proceeds from this sale will go to support the needs of the Parish.  
Thank you in advance for your support

The Holy Virgin Martyrs Women's Club





# FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

**“Your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father.”**

Matthew 5:16

## COMMUNITY OF LIGHT

Today’s readings from Isaiah and Matthew evoke the powerful metaphor of light as an image of the community gathered by God. Jesus speaks of his followers as “light of the world”: they are not the source of light, but a mirror reflecting the brightness of God. This light does not call attention to itself, but enables beauty to be revealed and celebrated, and sinfulness to be exposed and healed. The light of this community is not primarily for itself, but fulfills its purpose when it shines upon the world. The light that we the Church bring to our world can be hidden by “bushels” sometimes imposed by others and sometimes of our own making. Our lights may flicker and die under stress. What might sustain the brightness of our own small light? Our ongoing practices of community prayer, discernment, and action allow God to illumine our Church, day by day.

## LEARNING HOW TO BE CHURCH

Following last week’s passage from Matthew with the Beatitudes, today we continue Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount with his images of salt, light, and a city. Jesus moves from describing the core identity of the community he has gathered to considering its impact on the world. He wanted his community not just to claim its identity, but to live it out. He wanted his community to journey with him, to fully learn what this might mean.

For us, being salt for others may mean engaging and enriching the lives of our neighbors. Being light may mean illuminating and addressing the world’s systems that sustain social sins of violence, racism, and vast inequalities of wealth and opportunity. Being a city set high may mean holding to high standards of transparency, respect, and care for each other. Like Jesus’ first followers, we are invited to travel the difficult and joy-filled road of learning and re-learning how to be the Church.

## CROSS-SHAPED MINISTRY

Saint Paul, in today’s passage from First Corinthians, admits he is not a salesman. He did not come to Corinth with a sales pitch, with skilled rhetoric and worldly wisdom. Paul says that he simply came to speak of Christ crucified. For Paul, the cross is God’s primary self-revelation, and the whole life of following Christ is marked by it. Paul describes this cross-shaped ministry by how he first preached it: with humility and fear. He was a messenger who looked weak by the standards of society, in order that the Spirit might break through to his listeners.

We may know or have read of those who spoke or lived with a cross-shaped presence. Perhaps a missionary who humbly served a community while preaching Christ. Or a group of protesters against injustice, who faced violent resistance with dignity and persistence. They open a space for the Spirit to transform hearts. Paul suggests that making ourselves vulnerable makes love possible.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 58:7–10  
Psalm 112:4–5, 6–7, 8–9  
1 Corinthians 2:1–5  
Matthew 5:13–16

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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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## WHY ADVERTISE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN?

**GREAT COVERAGE - 97%** of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

**GREAT VALUE - 70%** of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

**GREAT LOYALTY - 41%** of households do business with a company specifically because they are advertising in the church bulletin.

**GREAT PRODUCT - 62%** of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.

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