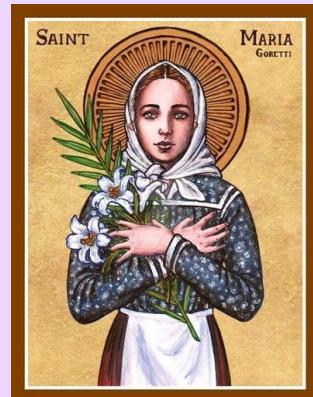




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish



February 26, 2023
First Sunday Of 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

There is a lot for me to share with you on this First Sunday of Lent (and I will be sharing some of these things in my homily this weekend as well), so let me get right to it.

First, I wanted to let you know that our bulletin company recently informed us that they will be closing their doors next month. J.S. Paluch Company has been producing bulletins for over 100 years for a majority of parishes in the Chicago Archdiocese (including St. Beatrice, St. Maria Goretti, and Holy Virgin Martyrs). Two weeks ago, they let us know that this bulletin (Feb. 25-26) will be their last one. The Archdiocese has helped Paluch's customers transfer to a new company called Diocesan, which has been in business for over 60 years. They will be producing our bulletins beginning next weekend. We were very impressed with Diocesan in our initial conversation with them. There will be more information in the future, but for now, I just wanted to make you aware of a few important items:

- As with any significant transition, there may be some bumps in the road, so please be patient if there are any glitches with the bulletin in the coming weeks.
- Because of costs and the need for more advertisers, there will be fewer pages in our bulletin starting next weekend. But on the other hand, there will be more electronic opportunities available in the future, including the possibility of having the bulletin emailed directly to you each week, and/or using a Diocesan app.
- Diocesan's deadline for us to submit our bulletin is earlier than Paluch's. **Please be aware that, if you want to include something in the bulletin, it needs to be submitted to the rectory 10 days before your desired weekend. In other words, it needs to be submitted by the Thursday prior to the weekend that is prior to your desired weekend.**

As we are now in the Lenten season, I invite you to join us in the beloved Lenten devotion of walking with Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Every Friday during Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by Eucharistic Benediction, at 6:30pm in church.

Please also mark your calendars for our **2023 Lenten Mission on March 20-23**. It is entitled, "Letting Go Of Our Own Wounds So That We Can Be Instruments Of God's Love And Acceptance In Our Troubled World." The Mission will be given by Fr. Michael Moore, who is a member of the St. Patrick Fathers. His presentations will be given in the context of the Mass, and his talk will be repeated at both 8:30am and 7:00pm each day from March 20-23 (so you will have the option of attending either in the morning or the evening). I hope you can join for any or all of the presentations at our Mission!

This weekend, at our 4:30pm Saturday Mass, we will be presenting and blessing our 8th grade Religious Ed. students who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on April 24th. They participated in a day-long Confirmation retreat this Saturday, and it caps off with their attendance at our 4:30pm Mass, where we present them to the parish and ask for God's blessing on them. Please pray for our 8th graders and their sponsors as they prepare for this important sacrament in their lives.

Finally, this Lent, **all parishioners are invited to take part in an important survey called the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). There is a full-page ad and explanation of this survey near the back of this week's bulletin.** I will also be speaking about this from the pulpit. Please take a moment to read about the DMI Survey, and to take the survey itself (it only takes about 10-15 minutes). This is an important opportunity to let your voice be heard about our parish. The survey is completely anonymous, and it is available online until March 31st at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi.

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

Fr. Rob

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH LENT

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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Readings For The Week

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| Monday: | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday: | Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday: | Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday: | Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9 |

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February 25

Bl. Mariam Vattalil

20th-century Indian religious sister who devoted herself to catechetical formation and social justice

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I have accepted this life of sacrifice because I know that Christ is in the poor.



Mass Intentions

Sunday—February 26th

- 9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
Albert Parcero, req. Family
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
Martha Schimanski, req. Alice Danhoffer
Roger Alva, req. Family
Thomas Griffin, req. Family
Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
Les Fippinger, req. Women's Club
George Hoss, req. Women's Club
Henry Ching, req. Conchita Ching
Regina Kasper, req. Family
Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family
Mary Olander Alt, req. Evelyn Olander
Len Olander, req. Evelyn Olander
11:30—Mathew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha
Anthony Goc, req. Family
Josephine Goc, req. Family
William Saathoff, req. Family

Monday—February 27th

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

Tuesday—February 28th

- 8:30—Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family
Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
Jim Puchner, req. Women's Club
Grace Castellenti, req. Family
Renee Lavere, req. Genevieve Lavere
John J. Jarecki, req. Family

Wednesday—March 1st

- 8:30—William Blair, req. DM Bauman
Elaine Del Greco, req. Ministry of Consolation

Thursday—March 2nd

- 8:30am—Carol Kensek, req. Pat Argyrakis

Saturday—March 4th

- 4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
John Piltaver, req. Piltaver Family
Michael Pesola, req. Piltaver Family
Joseph D'Amico, req. Women's Club
Cologero Martorana, req. Family

Sunday—March 5th

- 9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
Roger Alva, req. Family
Mary Anne Mayol Garcia, req. Louis—Charles Family
Virgilio Mayol, req. Family
Thomas Griffin, req. Family
Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
Bobby Irsuto, req. Women's Club
Regina Kasper, req. Family
Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family
Mary Olander Alt, req. Irene Moska Del Giudice
11:30—Mathew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha
Helen Galey, req. Family
Betty Saathoff, req. Family
Deceased Members Piotrowski & Pultorak Families,
req. Robert & Christine Maszka

February March 4th & 5th			
	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Cheryl McLean	Don Kasper	Family Mass
Communion Ministers	I. Benesch W. Bernacki P. Cychosz	D. Brown A. Caccavari C. Fipfinger	B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen M. Diaz
Altar Servers	M. Widuch C. Widuch C. Fiore	D. Kasper	L. Trischan E. Trischan S. Hohmeier



Join us for
First Saturday Devotions on
Saturday, February 7th
at 9:00am in church
We will have Rosary & Prayer
Followed by Fellowship
in the Gathering Room
All are welcome!

FEBRUARY 26
2023

First Sunday
of
Lent

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES
FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

— MATTHEW 4:4

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Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, March 14th

6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class

Confirmation Update

Our 8th graders have been working hard in preparation for their Confirmation.

This Saturday they took part in their Confirmation Retreat and will attend the 4:30pm Mass where they will be presented to the parish. Please keep our students and their sponsors and families in your prayers as they continue their preparation for Confirmation.



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 March 4th & 14th to help them prepare to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection at Easter.

Seder Meal

All grades will gather in the religious ed. Hall on March 18th & 28th to explore the Jewish roots of Passover and their connection to the last supper.

Stations of the Cross

All grades will gather in Church on April 1st to pray the Stations of the Cross together.



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.

Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer during Lent

Holy God,
now is the acceptable time to return to you.
As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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Love & Deeds

God doesn't want our deeds;
God wants the love
that prompts them.
—St. Teresa of Ávila

Good Timing

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

—Anonymous

Hypod Winner February 20, 2023

\$100 Winner—Michele Murphy

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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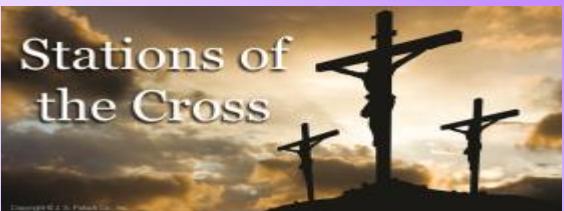
Week of February 18th & 19th

Weekly	\$3,955.37
Maintenance	\$38.00
Fuel & Heat	\$1,107.41
Ash Wednesday	\$21.00

MANY THANKS!

Second Collections:

The second collection on March 5th is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
Please be as generous as you can.



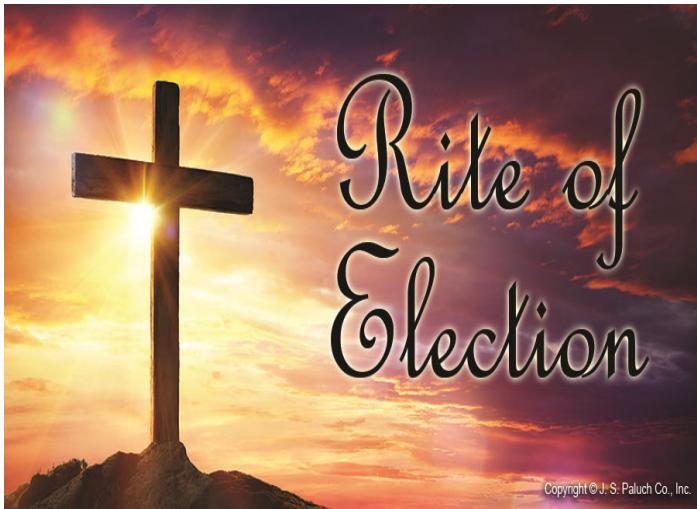
We will have Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Benediction every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in church.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek
Char Banyai
Terrie Boie
Sonia Bonacci
Frank Bosco
Pat Brandolini
Gus Campeotto
Bernie Cwan
Angela DeFranco
Claude & Phyllis DiBenedetto
Sandi Duszynski
Joseph & Beatrice Giannone
Dora Gibellina
Rose & Pat Glasso
Baby Glasgow
Judy Golab
Howard & Carol Heidorn
Laura Gardeck &
Jeff Hinz
Jerry Hoss
Michael & Vivian Jennings
Brian Kelly
Joyce Knauss
Leonard Kuffer
Marguerite Kramer
Ted & Joan Lester

Vicky Majewski
(nee Julitz)
Ann Macey
Carole McCreery
Brian McIntyre
David Medo
Peter Meyer
Barbara Miller
Mike Morello
Pat Morgan
Peter Morgan
Lois Nielsen
Julie Parkinson
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Leroy Plier
Joseph Powyszynski
Barbara Rodgers
Kathy Sassolino
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Susan Siekierski
Joe Stendebach
Sarah Tripoli
Rev. Michael Valenti
Joan Weichbrodt
Karen Weichbrodt
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.



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Please Pray For 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.



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Deaths



*Rest in Peace
“It is a holy and wholesome
thought that we pray
for the dead,”
please remember:
Maryellen Monahan
in your prayers.*



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The next Women's Club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at Church beginning with the Rosary at 6:30pm and general meeting to follow at 7:00pm.

FANNIE MAE CANDY SALE UPDATE

Thanks to all who participated in the first Holy Virgin Martyr's Women's Club Fannie Mae Candy Bar Sale. We sold out before 11:30am Mass was over! We raised over \$600 for the parish between pre-sales and purchases at church. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

The Officers and Members of the Holy Virgin Martyr's Women's Club



FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was let by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

JESUS' MODEL OF FAITHFULNESS

Ashes and gardens, failings and faithfulness, death and life. As we enter into Lent, we are invited to turn our thoughts, hearts, and lives toward God and God's ways, to turn away from the death of sin, which separates us from God, and to embrace the gift of life offered in Christ, now and into eternity. Eve and Adam listened to the serpent rather than God who had given them a garden filled with beauty and abundance. On the contrary, Jesus stood firm in the face of temptation. This Lent, we ponder the choices we make in our daily lives, trust in God's mercy as we repent from sinfulness, and strengthen our commitment to discipleship, following Jesus' model of faithfulness.

TURN AWAY FROM SIN

Lent is a season in which we resolve to turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus. Turning away from sin requires us to admit that we miss the mark and fail to live as God desires. The first Sunday of Lent always includes a gospel account of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Notice that it is not generic temptation Jesus meets, nor do we. Our temptations are personal, areas of particular weakness, situations in which, like Eve and Adam, we may rationalize and give in to sin rather than holding firm to what we know is right and just. Jesus gives us a model for meeting temptation: draw on the wisdom and truth found in sacred scripture and the teaching tradition of the Church to know what we must do or not do. Be strong and know that the Lord is with you as you resolve to be faithful.

TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our conviction that God is good and reminds us that we can trust in God's mercy as we face our sin, seek forgiveness, and resolve to avoid sin in the future. The more deeply we grow in relationship with Christ, the more sure of God's love we become. Rooted in this love, we can admit our failings and trust that God always desires to be close to us, drawing us into abundant life. Lent is a good time to seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. We can take heart in the assurance that forgiveness awaits our repentant heart.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 2:7–9, 3:1–7
Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 17
Romans 5:12–19 [12, 17–19]
Matthew 4:1–11

Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute anonymous survey as soon as possible.

Go to catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi

Or scan the QR code below to complete the survey electronically.

Paper copies will be available in the church the weekend of March 4th & 5th.

The survey will only be **available from February 22nd to March 31st** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Fr. Rob Schultz** and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



