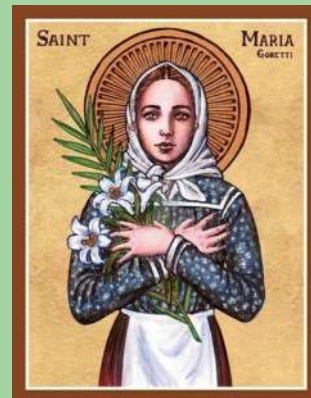




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
4TH 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.**

The season of Lent will be upon us before we know it (I'll say more about that next week). But we do not need to wait for Lent to have events like an evening of reflection. I hope you can mark your calendars, then, to join us for an event sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. It is an evening of reflection that will be given by Fr. Britto Berchmans.

Fr. Britto is a respected retired priest of the Chicago Archdiocese. He has given many mission and retreat talks (he gave a Lenten Mission for our parish a few years ago). Join us here in church on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:00pm, as Fr. Britto will present: "Men and Women in Conversation – Communication in Relationships." His latest book, "Built on the Rock: A Practical Guide to Marriage" will be available for purchase that night.

Now, it's been a little while since I've shared Catholic trivia in my bulletin article, so I thought I would offer some this week. But this time, I've chosen these trivia questions for a specific reason. All the questions below relate to homilies that I have given here in the past three months. This is why I'm not offering multiple choice answers for these. Let's see if you were paying attention, and how much you might remember! Good luck. I'll share the answers next week.

What is the name of the pope's cathedral church in Rome?

The Immaculate Conception refers to a child being conceived by a mother. Who is the child and who is the mother?

Of the three gifts that the magi brought to Jesus, which one foreshadowed Jesus' death?

Which feast day closes out the Christmas season?

St. Paul wrote two letters to Christians in a bustling Greek port city. What was the name of the city?

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

Fr. Rob



## Valentine's Day Candy Sale



The Women's Club is once again having a Valentine's Day Fannie May Candy Bar Sale. Bars will be available before and after all masses the weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

Bars will be sold for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 with a variety of flavors to choose from. Profits from the fund raiser, as always, will go to assist the parish.

Thanks for the continued support.  
The HVM Women's Club

# Mass Intentions

**Sunday—February 1st**

9:30—Matthew O’Brien  
 Thomas Griffin  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney  
 Gene Danhoffer  
 James Florio Family  
 Esther Buziuk  
 Mary Ann Mayol-Garcia  
 Norbert Nielubowski  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti

11:30—Marlene O’Brien  
 Moses Diaz

**Monday—February 2nd**

8:30—Communion Service

**Tuesday—February 3rd**

8:30—Marion Chrusciel  
 Donna Roberts

**Wednesday—February 4th**

8:30—Communion Service

**Thursday—February 5th**

8:30—Communion Service

**Saturday—February 7th**

4:30—Chris Benesch  
 Vito Ciaccia  
 Isabella Yorty  
 Chester Chrabaszcz  
 Tony Powyszynski

**Sunday—February 8th**

9:30—Matthew O’Brien  
 Frank Pavone  
 Catherine Solare  
 Maurice Iorio  
 Thomas Griffin  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney  
 Roger Louis—Charles  
 Joseph Louis—Charles  
 Helena Buch  
 Czesław Woźniczka  
 Stanislaw Pierzchała  
 Veronica & Baby  
 Wojciech (Safe Journey)  
 Birthday Blessings for Michalina K., Natalia D.,  
 Jozef B, Aspen J., Blazej P., and Stanislaw R.  
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien  
 Deceased Members Piotrowski & Pultorak  
 Families

February 7th & 8th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Char Fiore	Donna Rae Siekierski	Kailyn Mack
Communion Ministers	P. Cychosz C. Widuch M. Widuch	D. Kasper R. Klug M. Morgan	B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen L. Louis—Charles
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz S. Cychosz	J. Martinez E. Martinez L. Martinez	G. Porras V. Picasso



## Music Notes

*Rejoice And Be Glad,  
 Your Reward  
 Will Be Great In Heaven*

### 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 by email [aryan2@primehealthcare.com](mailto:aryan2@primehealthcare.com).

# Hypod Winner

January 26, 2026

\$500 Winner—Carol Herlocker

\$100 Winner—

Deacon Ron & Alyce Pilarski

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

## Parish Support

Week of January 17th & 18th

Weekly	\$3,763.00
Utilities	\$40.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Christmas	\$25.00
All Saints	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$70.00
Church in Latin America	\$10.00

**MANY THANKS!**



Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.

### Second Collections:

The second collection on February 7th is for Maintenance Please be as generous as you can.

## Those who are ill

Luz Alarcon	Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Fr. Ambrosio Arambula	Geneveve Mastalerz
Betty Bajzek	Carole McCreery
Dan Bailey	Bryan McIntyre
Char Banyai	Bill McMurray
Laura Biangini	Barbara Miller
Chrissy Biegos	Christian Mireles
Sonia Bonacci	Pat Morgan
Frank Bosco	Robert Olender
Pat Brandolino	Christopher Ordo
Gus Campeotto	Michael Pesola
Phyllis DiBenedetto	Nancy Piatek
Beatrice Giannone	Deacon Ron Pilarski
Rose & Pat Glasso	Melissa Pitts
Judy Golab	Mike Ponticelli
Karla Gosinski	Joseph Powyszynski
Ruth Gosinski	Betty Quartello
Howard Heidorn	Glenn Rawski
Jose Herrera	Jacqueline Reiss
Mary Hinterlong	Barbara Rodgers
Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz	John Saathoff
Renee Iman	Kathy Sassolino
Vivian Jennings	Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Arlene Jurinek	Jacqueline Spejcher
Brian Kelly	Pat Sullivan
Patti King	Michelle Swigost
Joyce Knauss	Sarah Tripoli
Leonard Kuffer	Jim Waterloo
Marguerite Kramer	Joan Weichbrodt
Dan Latoria, Jr.	Jean Wesolowski
Mark Latoria	Nancy Wright
Joan Lester	Isabella Yorty
Diahnne Lopez	

## Those in the Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone  
Private Christopher Bavone  
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales  
US Army Michael Gutierrez  
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,  
USAF Sergeant Michael Keaty  
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez  
USMC Kyle Ruth  
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner  
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy  
Omar Vee, Jr.



# Religious Education News

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 3rd

Religious Education Class  
6:00—8:00pm

Saturday, February 7th

Religious Education Class  
9:00—11:30am

Wednesday, February 11th

First Reconciliation—7:00pm

Saturday, February 14th

Special Sacraments Class  
9:00-11:30am

Tuesday, February 17th

Religious Education Class  
6:00—8:00pm

## What We're Learning

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

We learned that God gave his law to the Israelites and to all people to straighten our relationship with him and show us how to be faithful to him. God promises everlasting life and happiness with him for those who are faithful to him. Living the 10 Commandments can help us reach eternal life with God.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Saturdays)

We learned about Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. We learned that Jesus taught everywhere he went including people's homes, boats, and the synagogue. We learned that Jesus traveled with his disciples and that crowds often followed where they went. We discussed how Jesus wanted his followers to learn the meaning of forgiveness and the way to live by God the Father's will. Jesus used parables or short stories to teach people.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Saturdays & Tuesdays)

The students created their own "Coat of Arms" and spent time reflecting on the symbols they used including the symbols for the sacrament of Confirmation.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

*Rest in Peace*

*"It is a holy  
and wholesome thought  
that we pray for the dead,"  
please remember:*

*Gaspere Martorana  
Norma M. McGowan  
Marilyn M. Golden  
in your prayers.*



# Save the Date!

**Tuesday,  
February 10, 2026**

**7:00 pm.**

**Holy Virgin Martyrs:  
St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish**



A special event with

**Fr. Britto Berchmans** presenting:  
“Men and Women in Conversation –  
Communication in Relationships.”

Father Britto is a respected,  
retired priest of the Archdiocese of  
Chicago, known for his engaging  
and humorous presentations on  
Catholic spirituality, personal  
growth, and relationships.

\*His latest book, **BUILT ON THE ROCK: A Practical Guide  
to Marriage** will be available for purchase.

**All are welcome, admission is FREE!**

Please join us for a special evening.



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**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of February 1, 2026**

**Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13;  
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;  
1 Cor 1:26-31;  
Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4;  
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10;  
Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday**

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3;  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday**

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17;  
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;  
Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday**

**Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin  
and Martyr**

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12;  
1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd;  
Mk 6:7-13

**Friday**

**Memorial of St. Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs**

Sir 47:2-11;  
Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51;  
Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday**

1 Kings 3:4-13;  
Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;  
Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 58:7-10;  
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16





Join us for First Saturday Devotions  
on Saturday, February 7th at 8:30am in church  
We will have Rosary & Prayer  
followed by fellowship in the Gathering Room  
All are welcome!

## From The Parish Nurse...

January is Thyroid Awareness Month which helps to raise awareness about thyroid diseases.

According to the American Thyroid Association, an estimated 20 million Americans have some form of thyroid disease and up to 60% are unaware. Women are 5-8 times more likely than men to have thyroid disease and 1 in 8 women will develop a thyroid disorder during their lifetime.

The thyroid gland is a small gland in the front of the neck and is shaped like a butterfly. It may be small but it has a big responsibility for your health. It helps to control your metabolism and helps to regulate your energy, your body temperature, your mood, and helps your body grow and function effectively by producing and releasing thyroid hormones.

There are symptoms that may be related to hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid) including: fatigue, weight gain, cold intolerance, constipation, dry skin, hair loss, depression, and slow heart rate. There are also symptoms that may be related to hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid) including: weight loss, rapid heart rate, anxiety, heat intolerance, difficulty sleeping, and irritability.

Many thyroid conditions are treatable when caught early. Pay attention to changes in your health, including subtle changes. A basic blood test can be performed to check your thyroid. There are different treatments for thyroid disease, including medications.

Anyone can develop thyroid disorders, but some groups are at higher risk and should talk to their doctor about screening. Those groups include women over age 35, people with a family history of thyroid disease, pregnant women or those planning pregnancy (thyroid health is important for fetal development), people with autoimmune disorders, anyone having symptoms of thyroid dysfunction, and people who have received radiation to the neck and upper chest. If you fall into any of these categories, or have any concerns regarding your thyroid, discuss with your doctor about getting a thyroid screening if you have not had one recently.

If you have been diagnosed with a thyroid condition, remember that you are not alone. Millions of people live successfully with thyroid conditions.

Blessings and Health to you,  
Anne (Nancy) Ryan, RN  
Faith Community Nurse



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