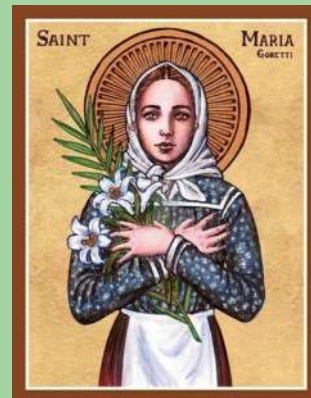




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**Nancy Ryan, Parish Nurse**

**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.**

Our 40-day Lenten journey begins this week on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th. As always, we will celebrate three Masses that day, during which ashes will be distributed. **Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:30am, 12:00pm, and 7:00pm.**

**Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is a day of both abstinence and fasting.** The Church's Lenten regulations are as follows: *"Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent [please note that there is no upper age limit for abstinence, meaning that all Catholics above the age of 13 are required to abstain from meat]. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59, inclusive. Those who are bound by fasting may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted."*

This Friday, Feb. 20th will be our first Lenten Stations of the Cross. At 6:30pm on every Friday during Lent (Feb. 20th through March 27th) we will pray the Way of the Cross, followed by Eucharistic Benediction. I invite you to join us on any Lenten Friday that you're available – and if you've never experienced the Stations of the Cross and/or Eucharistic Benediction before, that's all the more reason to come!

Beginning this weekend, we have daily reflection booklets available at the exits of church for you to take and use during the Lenten season (and these booklets are always generously and anonymously donated by some parishioners).

**Please mark your calendar now for our 2026 Lenten Mission. It will take place from March 9-12,** and our speaker will again be Fr. Michael Moore of the St. Patrick Fathers. The title of this year's Mission is: "First be reconciled to your neighbor, only then come and offer your gift." On each of the four days of the Mission, Fr. Moore will give a talk in both the morning and evening (so, you will have two opportunities each day). More information about the Mission will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Finally, this is the Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The theme of this year's ACA is "Together We Bring Light". Cardinal Cupich will speak about this in a recorded talk at the Masses this weekend. We will then ask everyone to consider making a pledge to the ACA, to benefit not only the Archdiocese's ministries, but also HVM Parish. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the back of church. Simply fill out an envelope and drop it anytime in the Sunday collection basket. You can also 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.

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

Fr. Rob

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday—February 15th

9:30—Matthew O'Brien  
 Thomas Griffin  
 Donald Wisnoski  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney  
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti

11:30—Marlene O'Brien  
 Stanley Powrozek, Jr.  
 Bernice Kirchen  
 Al Jedziniak

## Monday—February 16th

8:30—Carol Heidorn

## Tuesday—February 17th

8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxler

## Wednesday—February 18th

8:30—Parishioners

12:00—Parishioners

7:00—Jackie Vielceli

## Thursday—February 19th

8:30—Mary Ann Pearch

## Saturday—February 21st

4:30—Chris Benesch  
 Isabella Yorty  
 Beverly Kozubek  
 Tony Powyszynski  
 Helen Furtak  
 William Weichbrodt

## Sunday—February 22nd

9:30—Matthew O'Brien  
 Ray Solare  
 Thomas Griffin  
 Francine & Kraft Family  
 Martha Schimanski  
 Eleno Mayol, Jr.

11:30—Marlene O'Brien  
 Matthew & Ida Hendle  
 Josephine & Anthony Goc

|                                |  |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Ash Wednesday<br>February 18th | 8:30am                                     | 12:00pm                              | 7:00pm                                  |
| Lector                         | John Traxler                               | Dorothy Brown                        | Char Fiore                              |
| Communion<br>Ministers         | D. Kasper<br>C. Schreiner<br>K. Weichbrodt | C. Fippinger<br>C. McLean<br>G. Zech | J. Losurdo<br>N. May<br>M. Morgan       |
| Altar Servers                  |  | C. Widuch<br>M. Widuch               | L. Trischan<br>E. Trischan              |
| February 21st & 22nd           | 4:30pm                                     | 9:30am                               | 11:30am                                 |
| Lector                         | Michelle Morgan                            | Don Kasper                           | Lynn Louis—Charles                      |
| Communion<br>Ministers         | C. McLean<br>M. Michalowski<br>I. Benesch  | N. Kent<br>R. Kraft<br>R. McCampbell | B. Kirchen<br>Z Kirchen<br>J. Losurdo   |
| Altar Servers                  | M. Widuch<br>C. Widuch                     | J. Hilton<br>N. Gonzales             | O. Kucharczyk<br>P. Kitlas<br>G. Kitlas |

# Hypod Winner

**February 9, 2026**

**\$100 Winner—Mike Inendino**

**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 31st & February 1st**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Weekly                   | \$5,961.10 |
| Utilities                | \$33.00    |
| Maintenance              | \$1,458.25 |
| Latin America            | \$58.0     |
| Solemnity of Mary        | \$25.00    |
| Ash Wednesday            | \$10.00    |
| Church in Eastern Europe | \$10.00    |
| Church Building          | \$100.00   |

**MANY THANKS!**



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### **Second Collections:**

The second collection on February 22nd is for the Church in Eastern Europe. Please be as generous as you can.

**2025**

## **Contribution Statements**

You can get your 2025 contribution statement by contacting the rectory at 847-678-0138.

### *Those who are ill*

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Luz Alarcon               | Diahnne Lopez               |
| Fr. Ambrosio Arambula     | Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz) |
| Betty Bajzek              | Geneveve Mastalerz          |
| Dan Bailey                | Carole McCreery             |
| Char Banyai               | Bryan McIntyre              |
| Laura Biangini            | Bill McMurray               |
| Chrissy Biegos            | Barbara Miller              |
| Sonia Bonacci             | Christian Mireles           |
| Frank Bosco               | Pat Morgan                  |
| Pat Brandolino            | Robert Olender              |
| Gus Campeotto             | Christopher Ordo            |
| Phyllis DiBenedetto       | Michael Pesola              |
| Beatrice Giannone         | Nancy Piatek                |
| Rose & Pat Glasso         | Deacon Ron Pilarski         |
| Judy Golab                | Melissa Pitts               |
| Karla Gosinski            | Mike Ponticelli             |
| Ruth Gosinski             | Joseph Powyszynski          |
| Howard Heidorn            | Betty Quartello             |
| Jose Herrera              | Glenn Rawski                |
| Mary Hinterlong           | Jacqueline Reiss            |
| Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz | Barbara Rodgers             |
| Renee Iman                | John Saathoff               |
| Vivian Jennings           | Kathy Sassolino             |
| Arlene Jurinek            | Cathy & Steve Schreiner     |
| Brian Kelly               | Jacqueline Speicher         |
| Patti King                | Pat Sullivan                |
| Bernice Kirchen           | 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              |

### *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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 Follow us on Facebook!

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 17th  
 Religious Education Class  
 6:00—8:00pm

Saturday, February 21st  
 Religious Education Class  
 9:00—11:30am

Wednesday, February 25th  
 First Reconciliation—7:00pm

Saturday, February 28th  
 Special Sacraments Class  
 9:00—11:00am  
 Adult Confirmation Class  
 10:00am—2:00pm

Sunday, March 1st  
 Family Mass—11:30am  
 The 3rd Grade will be reading and bringing up the gifts.  
 We will have the presentation of First Communicants at this Mass.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
 Religious Education Class  
 6:00-8:00pm  
**ALL CONFIRMATION  
 REQUIREMENTS DUE**

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Ileanna Bueno  
 Estella Cordero  
 Michael DeGiuseppe  
 Leo Fiore  
 Michalina Novak  
 Dylan Papish  
 Mia Pelayo  
 Oliver Piotrowski  
 Tristan Piotrowski  
 Julian Quinones  
 Jayden Roxas  
 Emily Schreiner  
 Justin Schreiner  
 Erasmo Schultz  
 Anthony Walker  
 Lorenzo Walker*



## Readings For The Week

Scripture Readings  
For the Week of February 15, 2026

### Sunday

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20;

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;

1 Cor 2:6-10;

Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

### Monday

Jas 1:1-11;

Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;

Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18;

Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;

Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday

#### Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18;

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2

Cor 5:20-6:2;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

Dt 30:15-20;

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Lk 9:22-25

### Friday

Is 58:1-9a;

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;

Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday

Is 58:9b-14;

Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Lk 5:27-32

### Sunday

#### First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7;

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;

Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;

Mt 4:1-11

# Lenten Schedule & Regulations



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8:30am, 12:00 Noon, and 7:00pm



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Beginning Friday, February 20th we will have Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Benediction every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in church.

The ashes mean I'm a sinner.  
The shape of the cross means  
I have a Savior.

Fr. Mike Schmitz



# Thank You

A big thank you to all who supported our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Cash Raffle. We were able to make a profit of \$596.00. The list of prizes can be found below:

## CHRISTMAS CASH—CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| \$500 | Marlene Falco    |
| \$200 | Pat Godziszewski |
| \$100 | Ray Gervais      |
| \$100 | John Traxler     |
| \$100 | Sue Chrabaszcz   |

## CHRISTMAS CASH—GIFT BASKET WINNERS

|   |                  |  |                       |
|---|------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Hot Chocolate                                 | Schreiner Family | Hot Chocolate Basket & \$25 Visa Gift Card           | John Traxler          |
| Hot Chocolate                                 | Bernice Kirchen  | \$50 Shell Gift Card                                 | Hilde Killian         |
| Hot Chocolate                                 | Julie Remian     | \$50 Visa Gift Card                                  | Nancy Davoli          |
| Hot Chocolate                                 | Kirch Gorzynski  | 4 Wolves Tickets                                     | Marie<br>Louis—Charle |
| Hot Chocolate                                 | Steve Schreiner  | Fannie May Candy & \$25 Al & Andys Gift Certificate  | Lynn<br>Louis—Charles |
| Olive Oil Basket and \$10 Starbucks Gift Card | Melanie Hohmeier | Fannie May Candy & \$25 Al & Andy's Gift Certificate | Sue Chrabaszcz        |
| Charlie Brown Basket                          | Karen Weichbrodt | Blanket  | Lynn<br>Louis—Charles |
| Games Basket                                  | Armando Mendoza  | Ghiradelli Basket                                    | Schreiner Family      |

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

*Alleluia! Sing To Jesus*

## 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).



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