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Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences.

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Sacraments
Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE
Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Individual: Any time by appointment
Communal: Seasonal as announced

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Contact the parish office to set up an appointment

5th Sunday of Lent

Anointing of the Sick (Communal): Monthly and also by appointment.
Ministry to the Sick
When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office to have someone bring them Communion or visit.
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St. 414-464-3817—Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am
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Mission Statement
Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.
When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

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Please use the “Easter Flower Offering” envelope from your weekly packet for your Easter flower memorials or pick one up from the table in the back of church. If you are participating in Faith Direct and wish to have a name in memory or honor of, please fill out an envelope or sheet of paper and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office @ 414-464-5033 with their names and they will be recorded. Remember to print clearly, indicating the name of those whom the memorial or honor is intended for.

Palm Sunday: April 9th
This week
SVDP Pantry would like:
Knorr Rice,
Noodle Side Dishes,
Canned Ravioli, Canned Spaghetti O’s, Jelly or Jam,
Hand Soap

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous if you can.

Blessed Savior School News

We at Blessed Savior are continuing to work on our 2017-2018 enrollment for next school year. Each month we enroll students for the next school year. For the month of April, enrollment began on April 1st, and will extend until April 20th. Parents, who enroll during this time period, will receive a voucher for a free uniform shirt for each child that has been enrolled. Open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year began in February. Currently, as a school we have over 200 students enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year. We have four more months of open enrollment before the school year begins and we are hopeful and on pace to have over 650 students.

We have recently launched our Facebook page. The page is informational and has a sole purpose to showcase the wonderful things that happen at each of our schools regularly throughout the school year. We invite you to like and share our page. You can access the page using the link below. https://www.facebook.com/blessedsaviorschools/

Pope Francis Intention for April
That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

A message from your bulletin editor:
Before retiring early from your job, stay home a week and watch daytime television.
How do you like the new look for the bulletin??
Pretty nice, don’t you think?