



*Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 31, 2018*

*Newly Initiated Harry Jenkins V
receiving the Blood of Christ.*

*Harry was Baptized, received
First Eucharist and was
Confirmed.*

*Harry, may God Bless you and your
family on this special occasion and
may He walk with you always.*

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM—SUNDAY 9AM

Weekdays: Mon. through Wed. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON

Carol Spsychalski, Bulletin Editor

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 Penance: Seasonal as announced.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

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.

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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.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 4/7 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

4:00pm Parishioners
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 4/8 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish
Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 4/9 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

9:00am † Jane Ziem

TUESDAY, 4/10 - EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 4/11 - ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

9:00am † Theresa Somers

THURSDAY, 4/12 - SCHOOL MASS, SOUTH CAMPUS

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 4/14 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

4:00pm † Carl Schuh
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 4/15 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

9:00am † Dorothy Kubisiak
Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, April 12, 9am at the South Campus. Enter through the SOUTH side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.



WELCOME

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt. 25:35)

Blessed Savior Parish extends a warm welcome to

Ricardo Ayala and María Sepulveda

We care about you and your family and we're here to help in any way we can.



Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel, we read about the risen Christ appearing to his petrified disciples. As we know, fear leads to anxiety, restlessness, and intimidation. Hence, as a testimony to his abiding love, Jesus showers them with peace. "Peace be with you," he said to them over and over. To help conquer their fears, he gave them the awesome gift of the Holy Spirit. He also gave them power to forgive sins, thereby entrusting them with the ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Fr. Romanus

One of the hallmarks of this encounter was the incredulity of Thomas who was absent during the visit. He simply refused to believe that the crucified Lord had actually risen and had appeared to his comrades. We should not be quick to judge him since it was unheard of (except in the case of Lazarus) that a dead person would come back to life after three days in the tomb. However, given their master's predictions of rising on the third day and the raising of Lazarus, Thomas' skepticism seems unwarranted.

Drawing from our gospel passage and parallel passages, the term 'doubting Thomas' is often used to describe one who refuses to believe something without direct, personal evidence. As a concept, skepticism is an attitude of doubt or a disposition to incredulity about particular things or things in general. Today's world boasts a lot of skeptics, especially in the area of religion. These skeptics doubt everything dealing with faith: the crucifixion, resurrection, creation, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc. Unfortunately, some of these committed skeptics are baptized but non-practicing Catholics. Even some practicing Catholics find it hard resisting the strong lure of skepticism.

Scientific skepticism is certainly understandable given its emphasis on the empirical method. The empirical method questions the reliability of certain claims until they have been subjected to systematic investigation involving observation, verification, and analysis. Considering the rigors of the scientific method, science itself could reasonably be referred to as an organized form of skepticism.

As if anticipating a case of scientific skepticism, Jesus showed Thomas the nail marks on his hands and urged him to put his finger into his side where he was pierced. Then, he lovingly said to Thomas, "... do not be unbelieving, but believe." That was the kind of evidence Thomas needed. Having satisfied his curiosity, Thomas proclaimed unequivocal faith in the risen Lord, stating, "My Lord and my God." The good news is that Thomas' doubt presented an opportunity for Jesus to bless present and future generations of believers who do not have to see to believe. That blessing extends to all of us whose faith is not based on science.

Liken the gospel, the first reading reminds us that to be Catholic or Christian is to belong to a community of believers. We are told that the early community of believers was of one heart and mind and had everything in common, sharing of their possessions. Those in religious orders seem to exemplify this way of life. For the rest of us, it is a call to take care of the church and one another, ensuring that no one is left in need. Obviously, we are doing a lot in this regard as evident in our social justice ministries and human concern efforts. However, there is always more to be done. We can choose to magnify our efforts through increased commitment to parish financial support and support of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, helping to sustain the institutions that keep us united.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



"Everything we gain comes from what we give." St. Teresa of Avila

**OUR PLEDGE IN STEWARDSHIP
DATE ENDING MARCH 31, 2018**

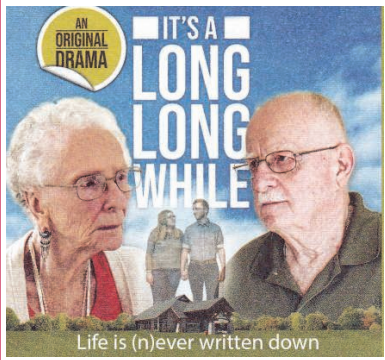
YTD Budgeted Contributions	\$ 257,247.00
YTD Actual Contributions	\$ 233,428.00
YTD Below Budget	(\$ -23,819.00)

JULY 2017—MARCH 2018
MAINTENANCE FUND TOTAL - \$8,520.00

 **1,725 VOLUNTEER HOURS** were completed by our parishioners from January 7 through March 25.


Confirmation You are invited to attend the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, April 29th at 2PM at St. Margaret Mary Church. Members of Blessed Savior, St. Margaret Mary, St. Catherine, St. Sebastian, Mother of Good Counsel, and one Confirmand each from St. Jude and St. Joseph of Wauwatosa will be making their debut as adult members of the Church on that day. Fathers Romanus and Fr. Barrett will be assisting Bishop Jeffrey Haines in celebrating the event. Even if you cannot attend, please pray for our Confirmands...Somtoo, Rocky, Jessica, Allie, and Lucas.

Catholicism Today—A Body Both Suffering and Glorious
Join us this Wednesday night at Blessed Savior in the Parish Hall for our Catholicism Today series presentation **Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Body of Christ from 6PM-7:15PM**. The presentation will be repeated on Sunday, April 15 from 6:15PM-7:30PM at St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall. Hospitality will be offered. All are welcome.

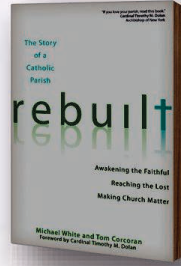



Luther Manor's Terrace Community Players present... **IT'S A LONG, LONG WHILE**
Friday, April 20 * 2pm & 7pm
Saturday, April 21 * 2 pm
In the past Luther Manor's Terrace Community Players have presented several original comedy plays, but this spring's offering will be a completely different approach. Luther Manor resident, Rusty Tym,


director and co-writer, has collaborated with UWM students to create *It's a Long, Long While*. Both Luther Manor residents and UWM students will appear in the play to present a chronicle of a 50-year-old incident affecting the lives of four fictional people living at Luther Manor. Doors open 30 minutes before each performance. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Cost is free, but a free will offering is accepted. Where Luther Manor Faith & Education Center*4545 N 92nd Street, Wauwatosa* North Entrance, F&E parking lot.


 **MINISTRY TO THE SICK** — Please pray for the following parishioners and others with health problems and for all those in nursing homes and those with continuing health concerns:
Mary Beth Caddell, Carmelo & Francisca Castro, Dennis Claas, Diane Henry, Bob Leack, Eleanor Mishak, Connie Mueller, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Eliza Piana, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Mildred Webster, Joan Wegner, Gloria Weinhold, Mary Frances Williams.
*Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you,
May Your healing Hand restore them to health.*
If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033.
The name will remain on the list for 4 weeks and if you wish to have it on longer please call the parish office.

Please remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who have written them.

 The next book for the St. Margaret Mary/Blessed Savior Book Club will be the provocative best-seller Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter by Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran. It is available at Barnes and Noble and at Amazon on-line. Used copies are available for just a few dollars. The presentation, discussion, and hospitality session will take place at St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 12:15PM-2PM. Please RSVP with Faith Formation Director Dave Liccione at 573-9292.

 **Calling Teens to Serve!**— Registration is now open for teens aged 15 through 18 to participate in Reach Out Reach In, a summer service week sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, held July 15-20. This program is local and is great for teens who want to be involved in direct service and social action. Information www.archmil.org?RORI

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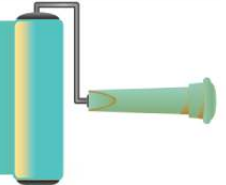
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