



20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:24-25

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August 20, 2017

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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.

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.

Stewardship of Prayer

SATURDAY, 8/19 - VIGIL OF 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

4:00pm † Francis & Helen Brunner

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 8/20 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

9:00am † Raymond & Florence Haase

Rosary at 8:15pm

MONDAY, 8/21 - ST. PIUS X, POPE

11:00am † Funeral Mass for Evelyn Szurma

TUESDAY, 8/22 - THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30

9:00am † Bill & Madelyn Maline

WEDNESDAY, 8/23 - ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16

9:00am † Monique Diatta

SATURDAY, 8/26 - VIGIL OF 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

4:00pm Special Intention of Rosina Vungo

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 8/27 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

9:00am † Dottie Claas

Rosary at 8:15am

Anointing of the sick in Chapel after Mass.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - NO 9AM CHAPEL MASS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
IN THE CHAPEL AFTER MASS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27.

Prayer Shawls, scarves, bracelets will be available before and after Mass in the Villard Hallway.



Fr. Romanus

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Reflection:

This Sunday's gospel is about a Canaanite woman from the district of Tyre and Sidon who was persistent in asking for a miracle for her daughter possessed by a demon. The Canaanites were pagans who practiced idolatry. You may recall that when God called Abraham, he promised to him and his descendants the land of Canaan. Not only was this woman from Canaan, she was also from the district of Tyre and Sidon, the worst part of Canaan. There were instances where Jesus stated that it would be worst for sinners who refused to repent than it was for Tyre and Sidon (Matt 11:21; Mk 7:27; Lk 10:13).

This background is important for the sake of those who might be troubled by the way this woman was treated. It also helps us understand why Jesus compared the granting of her request to throwing food meant for children to the dogs. You may be shocked that Jesus would say something so mean to this poor woman desperately asking for help. Note that the woman did not take offense at Jesus' remark. She understood why she was being ignored and why she was getting an unfavorable treatment. Nonetheless, meanness to other people is incompatible with Jesus' message of love and tolerance.

This gospel underscores the understanding that Matthew's gospel was aimed primarily at a Jewish audience. In his interaction with this woman, Jesus makes clear that his mission was "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." In all likelihood the audience had a good understanding of the hostile relationship between Jews and Gentiles. There was a long history of hostility based on the brutal defeats of Jews by powerful Gentile armies like the Assyrians and the Babylonians. Being a Jew, Jesus tries in this gospel to identify with his people's history and advance his own credibility among them.

It is possible that Jesus was tough on this woman in order to draw out her faith. As we know, faith was a necessary condition for most of Jesus' miracles. By acting as if disinterested in her request, he may have solicited her manifestation of faith. Her faith was evident in her response, "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master." Jesus acknowledged her faith by stating, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." At that instant her possessed daughter was healed. This Canaanite woman teaches us the need for persistence in prayer.

The story is a lesson for those who are inclined to call on God only in times of need. There are those who do not care about God and some who proudly proclaim their faithlessness. They say they are too intellectually sophisticated to believe in God and claim that religion is only for the feeble-minded. When faced with major life crisis, these same people may call out to God for help after all other options are exhausted. We hope that they would not get the same response as this woman. Like her, they would have to swallow their pride and proclaim faith in God.

As we live in a different society today, one could argue that Jesus' reference to giving children's food to dogs may have lost some of its punch. Some people love their pets so much that they would have no problem giving them food meant for children. While many children are starving all over the world, some pets live like kings. We remember the case of the New York millionaire who left several million dollars to her pet dog. Obviously, there is nothing wrong with taking care of our pets, but we can only imagine how many children that kind of money would have saved from starvation.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



Prayer, Service & Sharing

"For the gifts and the Call of God are

irrevocable." Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



May Holy Mary, the Angels and all the Saints welcome Evelyn Szurma, a parishioner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

May your family find comfort in knowing that their loved one is safe in God's care now, and that her friends are praying for you in your time of sorrow.



Correction from August 13, 2017 bulletin under Pledge in Stewardship.

Should have read

Catholic Stewardship Appeal Goal.....	\$36,000.00
Amount received	\$30,291.00
Under Goal	(\$5,709.00-)

HUMAN CONCERNS MEETING IS COMING UP ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 @ 1PM. WE SURE DO NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE JOIN US.



You say you can't make the meetings, then how about helping at our projects. Help with bagging and separating for our special collections are always needed. Our next project is The School Supply Drive. Stop by and offer to help the ladies pack up for delivering to the schools on the second week of September. Thank you and God Bless!



Agape would like to thank you for your years of service to the agency. After 30 years, the property of Agape will be transferring to a new owner. The current evening community meal program will offer its last meal at Agape on Thursday, August 24.

THE BLESSED SAVIOR MEAL PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 31 & NOVEMBER 30 ARE CANCELED.

We are deeply grateful to you for your dedication and community service. Through volunteerism, we have been able to maintain a vibrant neighborhood. Peace be with you.

Carly Garry, Agape Center



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:

- Carmelo & Francisca Castro,
- Lynne Floryance, Diane Henry,
- Eleanor Mishak, Ginny & Donald Naegele,
- Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen,
- Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Gloria Weinhold,
- Marge Wesling, Mary Frances Williams

Lord, I'm weary. My energy is sagging, and my motivation is lagging. I am so in need of you. I need your strength.

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033.

SVDP EMPTY SHELF For the weekend of 26 & 27 and September 2 & 3 we are asking for PANCAKE MIX OR SYRUP



Dear Parishioners: On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee and the individuals and children we feed, I would personally like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$4,358.46 on June 28 to the Meal Program. Thank you all very much for your wonderful support of our meal program. This is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Deborah Duskey, Executive Director



Magnificat Breakfast Event, Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Hilton Garden Inn; 11600 West Park Place, Milwaukee, WI 53224-Cost is only \$15 per ticket if postmarked before September 9 (\$20 thereafter). Tickets may be purchased from the

Magnificat website at www.magnificat-wb.com. To purchase tickets by mail, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your ticket order to: Karen Lambie • 1025 Silverwood Place • West Bend, WI 53090. For more information, check the website or call Terri at 262-853-3349.



Know the Warning Signs of Abuse Child molesters look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that anyone should know to avoid. Rather, they live with their families in our neighborhoods. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interaction, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. Source: Paul Ashton, "Know the Warning Signs, Part 2," featured November 19, 2007, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus.

Special Mass for the USCCB'S National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities and the Feast of St. Peter Claver

Saturday, September 9, 5:15 p.m. The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St., A special Mass to pray for peace in our communities, something for which our city so desperately yearns. We celebrate this Mass on the feast of St. Peter Claver, The Central City, Downtown and Eastside parishes; Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver; and the Office of Urban Ministry encourage everyone to join in prayer and stay after Mass for refreshments and conversation. Fr. Timothy Kitzke, Vicar General for Urban Ministry, will preside.

Are you considering serving the Church as an Ordained Deacon? The Church calls men to be deacons "in-service" to the People of God. If you are a man (married or single), that feels this call and wants to know more, please contact the Office for Diaconate Formation at 414-758-2207 or maldonadom@archmil.org.



St. Matthias Festival, 92nd & Oklahoma Ave., Rides, Bands, Food, Fri. 5-11pm, sat. 2-11pm., Sun., 12-8pm. St. James Festival, Mukwonago, Fri., 4:30-11:30pm, fish fry, Sat., 2-11:30pm, Sun. 11:30am- 3pm, music, car raffle.



A message from your bulletin editor: Do you remember being able to get up without making sound effects??? Good times....eh.

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