



# 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.**

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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, 8/26 - 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 after Mass in the chapel

## MONDAY, 8/28 - ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22

9:00am † Bob &amp; Mary Chapman

## TUESDAY, 8/29 - PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29

9:00am Parishioners

## WEDNESDAY, 8/30 - WEEKDAY

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

9:00am † Audrey Manz

## SATURDAY, 9/2 - VIGIL OF 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 20:7-Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

4:00pm † George &amp; Trudy Grall

Rosary at 3:15pm

## SUNDAY, 9/3 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

9:00am † Catherine Hoppe

Rosary at 8:15am

## Prayer, Service &amp; Sharing

*"Or who has given the Lord anything**that he may be repaid?" Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!



*"Praise be to you, my Lord." In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. So opens Pope Francis'*

letter to the whole world on the importance of protecting and healing our natural world. As we approach this day, let us each commit to doing one thing to celebrate creation. Let us pray... Good and gracious God of all created things, seen and unseen. You created all things in this world for our use, and charge us with protecting that creation. Help us to see in all things the reflection of a parent's love for a child. When we see your goodness in the face of the moon, we see our sister. When we feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we feel the love of a brother. We ask for your strength to give us wisdom and courage to protect our earthly environment from destruction and overuse. Help us to share the goodness and generosity of the earth with every living person. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and savior. Amen.



Fr. Romanus

## Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus poses a question to his disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" We should note that "Son of Man" is understood as a reference to the Messiah. Jesus clearly understood his identity as the Messiah and often referred to himself as "the Son of Man," but it was doubtful that people knew his true identity. According to the disciples, some thought that Jesus was the re-incarnation John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the famous prophets.

Certainly, the prophets named manifested special qualities that led some to mistake them for the Messiah. The tendency to be mistaken for the Messiah prompted John the Baptist to declare in no uncertain terms that he was not the Messiah. He went as far as saying he was unworthy to untie his sandals. As well-intentioned as the people's responses were, they still missed the mark. Hence, Jesus turned to his disciples and asked, "But who do you say that I am?"

Speaking on behalf of the twelve, Simon Peter responded without hesitation, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus acknowledges the special nature of Peter's response and concluded that it could only have come by divine revelation. It appears the months of training for his apprentices were paying off. We can only imagine how profoundly proud Jesus was for this special insight from Peter. It was Peter's greatest moment and Jesus did nothing to conceal his delight. He states, "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." He went on to say, "I will give you keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." These were awesome responsibilities given to Peter.

There is similarity between the keys to the kingdom of heaven given to Peter in this gospel and the key of the House of David given to Eliakim in the first reading. Shebna, master of the palace, chose to encourage reliance on military force and foreign alliances to safeguard Jerusalem rather than relying on God. Hence, Isaiah's oracle foresaw a transfer of power from Shebna to his secretary, Eliakim. The key to the House of David given to Eliakim entails that "when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." This is similar to the binding and loosing forces of Peter's keys.

It is interesting to note that what seemed like a casual question and answer session between the Master and his students turned out to be a special moment of revelation and subsequent establishment of papal authority. The efficacy of the sacrament of reconciliation is based to a great extent on the power to bind and to loosen that was given to Peter. It is a power the Pope shares with bishops and priests over sin. As one commentator noted, the keys given to Peter were not buried with him. It is another way of saying that they belong to the church and are essential for her ministry. Unfortunately, there are even Catholics who question the efficacy of the sacrament of reconciliation. They do not believe priests have special powers to forgive sin and see no need to go to a priest for confession.

What if Jesus poses to you the same question posed to the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" What will your response be, and how insightful? Of course, we know that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One. However, the best response is reflected in the way we live our lives as Christians. We affirm Jesus' identity when we feed the poor, clothe the naked, volunteer for ministries in the parish, attend Mass, and our commitment to the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



**ATTENTION, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS- - -**

Hi, I'm Carol Nickasch and I will be your new scheduler for Liturgy. Please see me for your September through November schedules after the Saturday 4pm & Sunday 9am Mass on August 26 & 27 and September 2 & 3rd. I will be standing next to the Baptismal font.



**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, Joe Donahue, Lynne Floryance, Diane Henry, Evie Kaminski

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 September 2 & 3 we are asking for **PANCAKE MIX OR SYRUP**



**✠ Blessed Savior Liturgical Ministries ✠**

Fall is a wonderful time of the year to take on a new activity, join an organization or commission, or share your gifts and talents in our many ministries at Blessed Savior!

Liturgical ministers such as Lectors, Communion Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, Acolytes (Servers) and Music Ministers are always needed. You may call the Parish Office and your name and number will be forwarded to the Prayer & Worship Commission members who will gladly contact you!

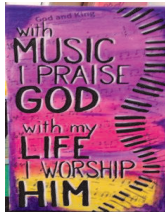


For all those who are interested in music ministry, please contact our Director of Music, Christy Presser, at 464-5033, ext. 15.

Musicians are needed in many areas, including:

- **Adult Choir:** rehearses every Thursday, starting September 7, 6:30 – 8:00pm in church. Sings each Sunday at 9:00am Mass. (High school and up)
- **Handbell Choir:** practices every Saturday, beginning this fall, 1:00 – 3:00pm in church. Plays for Christmas, Easter and special celebrations.
- **Ensemble:** meets at 3:00pm on Saturdays to prepare for the 4:00pm Mass. Open to all ages.
- **Cantors:** most are members of the Adult Choir and come to a cantor rehearsal at 5:45pm before the choir rehearsal each Thursday.
- **Instrumentalists:** meet with Christy when convenient to play at any of our Masses!

Let us continue in our work of building up the Body of Christ! Call the Parish Office for more information! 464-5033 X15



**St. Vincent De Paul Friends of the Poor Walk** — When: September 30—**Check in:** 8am-8:30am. Walk begins @9am, **Where:** St. Alphonsus Church & Scout Lake Park, starts at 6060 W. Loomis Rd.

**Cost:** \$20/Child ages 5-17 \$10. Pre-register @ <http://svdpmilw.brownpapertickets.com/>

**The Romance of Spanish Guitars , Sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis**—Saturday, September 9, at 7 p.m. 1501 South Layton. On Saturday, September 9, at 7 p.m., all are invited to enjoy the fine duets rendered by two young artists completely dedicated to their craft and trained by the best in their field. The classical ensemble of Dúo Ruiz-Torres will be performing. Tickets are just \$10. Write checks to: School Sisters of St. Francis—Outreach; c/o Donna O'Loughlin; 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215. Call to reserve tickets at 414-385-5272 or email [doloughlin@sssf.org](mailto:doloughlin@sssf.org). Convenient free parking is available in the St. Joseph Center lot at 29<sup>th</sup> St. and Orchard St.

**St. Augustine Parish in West Allis has a medical request** from one of their parishioners. Robert Zaja, son of their parishioner, Rose, is in need of a kidney transplant. If anyone can assist him, or knows of someone willing to assist, please call Robert or Rose at 414-321-1379 or 414-803-8095. This is a major decision, so they encourage you to visit the National Kidney Foundation for questions about organ donation: [www.kidney.org/transplantation/livingdonors#livingdonation](http://www.kidney.org/transplantation/livingdonors#livingdonation).



**Rising Stars Volunteer Tutors Needed**—after school During the school day and on Saturday morning. Contact Sister Sharon Stecker, SSND 262-787-1018 or [sstecker@ssndcp.org](mailto:sstecker@ssndcp.org)

*Tuesday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist. O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*



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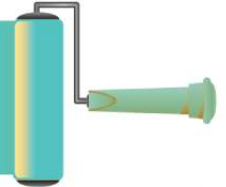
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