

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON—

Carol Spychalski, 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

St. Margaret Mary Mass Schedule: 3970 N. 92 St

414-461-6073 Tues., 8:15am, Wed., 7pm.,

Thurs., 8:15am., Fri. 8:15am., Sat., 5pm, Sunday, 9 & 11am

ASH WEDNESDAY: 7pm Mass, 8:15am School Prayer Service

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.

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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, 2/10 - VIGIL OF 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

4:00pm † Evelyn Szurma
Rosary at 3:15pm

Anointing of the sick in the Chapel after Mass

SUNDAY, 2/11 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

9:00am † Irma Redig Brayer
† James Brayer
Rosary at 8:15am

Anointing of the sick in the Chapel after Mass

MONDAY, 2/12 - WEEKDAY

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

9:00am † Joe Donahue

TUESDAY, 2/13 - WEEKDAY

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 2/14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9:00am † Al & Jean Siegel CHURCH
9:30am Intention of the Priest EAST CAMPUS
6:30pm † Dorothy Kubisiak CHURCH

SATURDAY, 2/17 - VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

4:00pm † Maurice & Anne Brazell
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 2/18 - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

9:00am † Evelyn Kaminski
Rosary at 8:15am

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone—
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE, February 11, 2018

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We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly?

In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

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This week's School Mass is a 4-Campus School Mass on WEDNESDAY, February 14 at 9:30am at the EAST Campus. Enter through the FRONT CENTER side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Important Information

We know that many people can no longer join us to begin the season of Lent. If you are visiting someone in their home or in a healthcare facility, please consider taking an envelope with you that contains ashes and a short prayer. Ashes will be blessed on Ash

Wednesday and placed in a basket near the baptismal font. By this gesture, we can let people know that they are still included in our community of faith.

Blessed Savior Parish 2018 Lenten Food Drive

Sponsored by BSP Pastoral Council

WEEK 1: February 18th

Canned Fruit - Pork & Beans

Canned Beef Stew - Hand Soap



LENT BEGINS 2/14—ASH WEDNESDAY

A day of Fast & Abstinence. Mass with ashes, 9:00am in the church, 9:30am 4-Campus School Mass EAST Campus & 6:30pm in church.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL

February 18 through March 25.

HUMAN CONCERNS LENTEN LAYETTE COLLECTION

begins March 10 through March 18.

CRS RICE BOWL COLLECTION starts February 18.

Rite of Sending to the Cathedral February 25

SCRUTINIES: March 4, 9am Mass

March 10, 4pm Mass, March 18, 9am Mass

Communal Reconciliation—March 17, 10AM

Palm Sunday, March 25, Blessing of Palms 4pm & 9am Masses

Holy Thursday—March 29, 6:30pm

Good Friday—March 30, 6:30pm—Parish Office Closed

Easter Vigil—March 31, 8pm,

Easter Sunday—April 1, 8am & 10:00am Masses

Easter Monday—April 2, **NO 9AM CHAPEL MASS**

Parish Office Closed

**LENT BEGINS February 14** - Since Lent begins on February 14

there are certain dietary considerations to be kept in mind that are meant to help us keep the spirit of the season. Fast and abstinence are the traditional considerations. We are strictly speaking obliged to keep the order of the abstinence (no meat) on two days --**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. If people choose

to abstain on other Fridays during Lent, that is considered commendable, not necessarily obligatory. In preparing other meals during the season, they need to be meals that will sustain your strength and your health particularly if you are working, if you are elderly, or under a doctor's care.

Remember that it's the spirit of Lent that we want to participate in so that we remember those who have harder lives than ourselves, have less food than ourselves, and who struggle day by day. *Consider fasting from criticism and gossip. Consider fasting from negative thinking. Consider fasting from selfishness. Consider fasting from complaining, whining and impatience. Consider fasting from your ego and pride. Isaiah says, "To rend your hearts, not your garments. That is the fasting that I seek, says the Lord."*



TALK ABOUT - Blessed Savior Church Hall after the 4PM Mass on Saturday, February 17th and the 9AM Mass on February 18th. We'll have coffee and snacks while discussing MEN'S HEALTH issues with

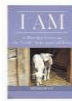
Froedtert Physician and parishioner, Gerard Coly. All are welcome! There are still openings for topics in October and November. If you would like to discuss a topic in the group, or are interested in being on this team, please contact Deb at 414-305-6270 with ideas.



MINISTRY TO THE SICK — Please pray for the following parishioners Bob B., Carmelo & Francisca Castro, Dennis Claas, Diane Henry, Eleanor Mishak, Connie Mueller, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Gloria Weinhold, Mary Frances Williams
If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033.

**Rite of Acceptance & Welcome**

On Sunday, February 11, at the 9:00am Mass we will celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance* for our two catechumens and the *Rite of Welcome* for our two adult candidates. In addition, our high school Confirmands will be recognized on their journey to Confirmation. Blessed Savior joyfully welcomes them and prays for God's blessings during this time of formation.



Free Lenten reading resources are available on the round table in the Villard hallway. Choose from daily reflections, prayers and Lenten practices.

CRS Rice Bowl - Catholic Relief Service

This Lent we invite you and your family to journey alongside the Good Samaritan to reflect on the question: Who is my neighbor? During the 40 days of Lent, let's encounter our neighbors together Contribution envelopes will be available in the March 18 bulletin. If you prefer to use a "Rice Bowl Box" during Lent, they are available on the round table in the Villard hallway.

Lenten Challenge!—Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes!

As Christians we are called to renew our spiritual practices like fasting, praying, and almsgiving during Lent. Almsgiving encourages us to express gratitude for all that God has given us by charitably giving some away. We invite you to embrace a new practice this Lenten season that will provide your Church with consistent support and also simplify your giving. The Parish will save money by eliminating the wasteful envelopes that go unused by so many. So, join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **W1518**. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish family! God Bless You, John Henry, Finance Director

Dollar Weekends, Sponsored by the Stewardship

Commission—The Stewardship Commission is asking for your help to raise additional funds to offset the expenses for the Religious Formation Program. This collection will be on all the weekends of Lent. An empty water jug will be placed at each of the entrances before Mass. As you come or leave the Church, please drop in any donations. We will accept any change, dollars, or checks. If you choose to make a donation and want it credited to your account, please put your donation in an envelope with your name on it and drop it in the jug. Whatever you can afford to share would be much appreciated. However, any contribution should be in addition to your regular donation. Become part of this Parish activity and show your support for the Religious Formation Program. Thank you for supporting the Parish.



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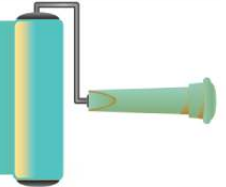
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