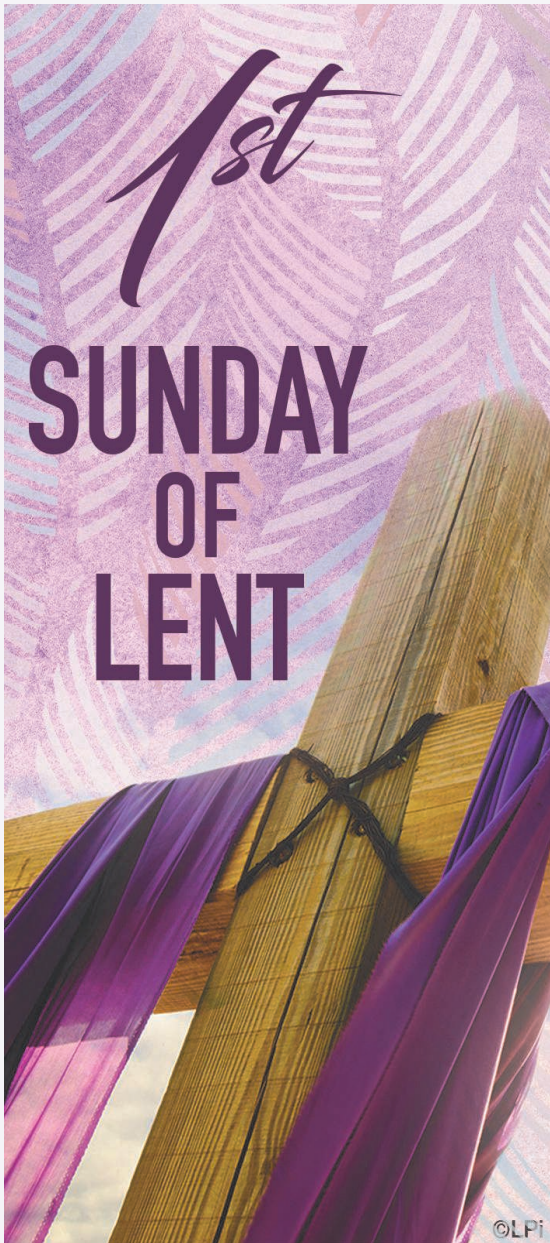


**Blessed Savior Catholic Parish**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
**February 18, 2018**



*Give Me a Sign  
Look for signs of God's  
love around you today.*  
*Genesis 9:11-13*



**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.*

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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

**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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## Stewardship of Prayer

**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 &amp; 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

**MONDAY, 2/19 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [1n 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

9:00am † All Souls

**TUESDAY, 2/20 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

9:00am † Tom Schimmels

† Steven Lehman

**WEDNESDAY, 2/21 - ST. PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

9:00am Parishioners

**THURSDAY, 2/22 SCHOOL MASS, NORTH CAMPUS**

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

9:00am Intention of the Priest

**SATURDAY, 2/24 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

4:00pm † James Engel

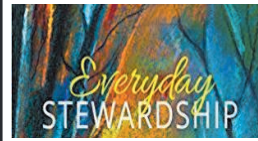
Rosary at 3:15pm

**SUNDAY, 2/25 - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

9:00am † Jane Ziem

Rosary at 8:15am



When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of

faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**GOSPEL MEDITATION****ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF****SCRIPTURE** Why do we always go to the desert?

We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" -- the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose -- writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness -- these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

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This week's School Mass is Thursday, February 22, 9am at the North Campus. Enter through the WEST side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.



The Parishioners of Blessed Savior express our sympathy to the families of

*Olive Hage, parishioner*  
*Janice Van Roo, parishioner.*

May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

**WELCOME WEEKEND THINKING ABOUT JOINING OUR PARISH?** Next weekend February 24 & 25 after Mass, members of the Stewardship Commission will be in the back of church to WELCOME those who would like to join Blessed Savior Parish. Membership packets will be available for you to take home and find out what we provide as a parish. *Know you are always WELCOME. Thank you, Stewardship Commission*





**WELCOME**

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

*Blessed Savior Parish extends a warm welcome to*

*Eze Osuala and his children, Abuchi, Chinnedum and Ugo*

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

**You Are Invited To Join St. Margaret Mary and Blessed Savior Parishes For A Free Seven Part Series Entitled "Catholicism Today" Featuring Bishop Robert Barron**

**Topic: Teachings of Jesus: The Beatitudes**  
 Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 6PM-7:15PM  
 Blessed Savior in the Parish Hall  
 Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 6:15PM-7:30PM at  
 St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall.  
 Questions, call Dave Liccione -573-9292.



**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**STATIONS of the CROSS**—Fridays February 23 through March 7 @ 6pm with Charismatic prayer after.

**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



**DECIDE TO LEAD** —How can you help the 56 men in priestly formation at St. Francis de Sales Seminary! Offer your prayers and you pledge to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Make your gift today! Please give generously. **CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE**



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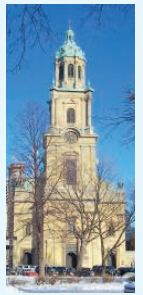


**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February:**  
 Universal: Say "No" to Corruption.  
 That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



**Rite of Sending to the Cathedral**

On Sunday, February 25, at the 9:00am Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending Catechumens for the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. Our adult for Full Communion will also be sent and recognized by the bishop at the 1:30pm Mass at the Cathedral. The Blessed Savior community will pray and support them on this journey to Easter sacraments!



**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:  
 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

*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.

**Blessed Savior Parish 2018 Lenten Food Drive**  
 Sponsored by BSP Pastoral Council  
**WEEK 1: February 25th.**

- Pancake Mix & Syrup, Soups
- Instant Potatoes (small or regular size pkg.)
- Hamburger Helper, Toothbrushes



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



**Thanks from the Multi-Cultural Commission**  
 We would like to thank everyone who came to the Mardi Gras of Cultures Event on Feb. 3rd. Close to 200 folks were in the Parish Hall.

The Voices of Africa Choir and the Hmong American Friendship Association Dance Group provided great entertainment of singing and dancing. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the cultural potluck dinner and to everyone who contributed food to the special collection for the Congregation of the Great Spirit food pantry. Thank you all Multi-Cultural members, SVDP, Human Concerns and Blessed Savior Parishioners who helped make this event a success.

**FISH FRY FRIDAYS—ST. AGNES, BUTLER, All Fridays of Lent, 4-7pm—ST. ANTHONY MENOMONEE FALLS, 2/23— CARRY OUT ONLY.**



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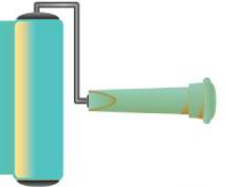
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