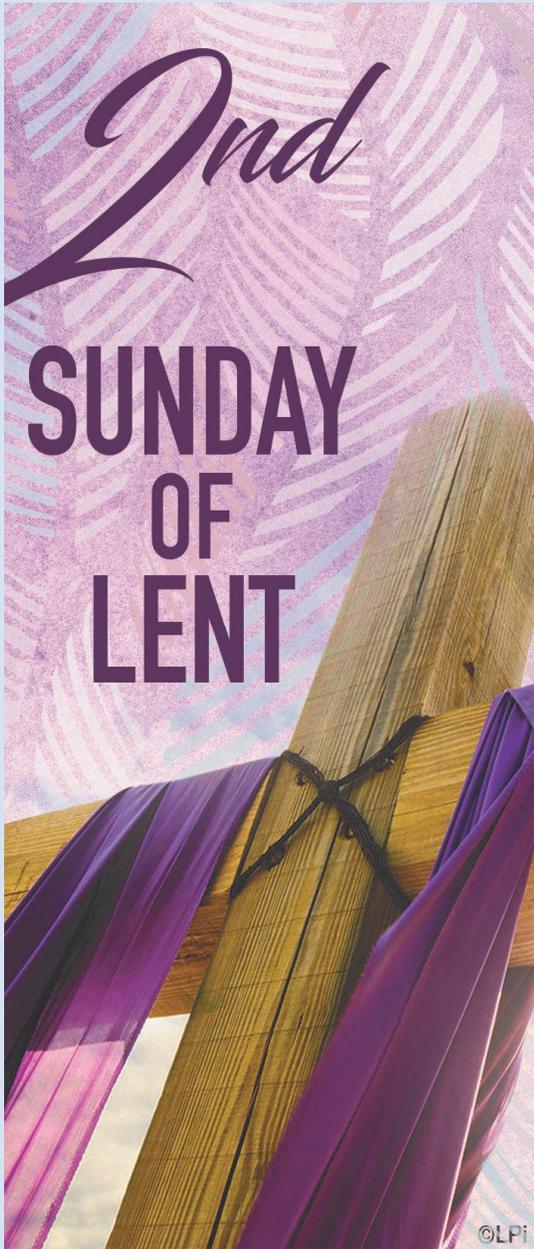


Blessed Savior Catholic Parish
2nd Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018



*Listen to Jesus
Listen today to God's voice
speaking in your heart.*

Mk. 9:7



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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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am - 4pm,

Closed Fridays

Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM—SUNDAY 9AM

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.

414-464-3817—Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am

Interfaith Older Adult Programs: 414-466-8858

Pastoral Council Officers — Parish Trustees

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

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414-463-3878, ext. 222

Stewardship of Prayer

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

MONDAY, 2/26 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

9:00am Parishioners

TUESDAY, 2/27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

9:00am † Frances & Louis Prekop

WEDNESDAY, 2/28 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

9:00am † Theresa Somers

THURSDAY, 3/1 - SCHOOL MASS, SOUTH CAMPUS

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 3/3 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

4:00pm 50th Wedding Anniversary
Don & Kathy Zapfel

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 3/4 - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

9:00am † John & Lucy Arends

Rosary at 8:15am



Fr. Romanus

This Sunday's readings remind us of the importance of faith in our relationship with God. In the first reading, God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Though the thought of sacrificing his son was both frightening and unsettling, Abraham trusted that everything would be fine. Sure enough, God came to the rescue and provided a more fitting victim for the sacrifice. For his unwavering faith and trust, God swore to fulfill his promises of unmatched blessings to Abraham and his posterity. It shows that faith is a necessary condition (*conditio sine qua non* - Latin) in one's relationship with God.

Lent presents excellent opportunities to re-examine our faith, and strengthen our friendship with God. Like Abraham, we have to trust that God would fulfill his promises. Sin distorts our Christian identity and threatens our friendship with God, making it difficult to trust. The major challenge for us in Lent is to take advantage of the Lenten *mantra* of repentance. Of course, we must guard against possible spiritual boredom orchestrated by the constant call for conversion during Lent. God's promise to us during the Lenten journey is not unlike that made to Abram, that is, the enormous blessings that await those who are faithful.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that when God is with us, it does not matter who is against us. When God is on your team, you need not worry about who is on the opposing team. St. Paul also reminds us that in the quest for justice, only God has the power to indict and to acquit.

The gospel presents us with Mark's version of the transfiguration of Jesus. The transfiguration narrative is found in all three synoptic gospels (Matt 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-8; and Luke 9:28-36). Mark states that Jesus took three of his apostles, Peter, James and John to a high mountain to pray (the mountain is understood to be Mount Tabor). Note that Jesus is hinting on the necessity of prayer. That prayer session with the apostles quickly turned into something otherworldly as he transfigured in their presence.

The presence of Moses and Elijah points to Jesus' connection with Israel's past. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law, represented by Moses, and the prophets, represented by Elijah. Ludovico Carracci, an Italian early Baroque painter of the 17th century, and founder and director of the Eclectic Academy of Painting had a beautiful painting of the transfiguration depicting the characters in dynamic poses.

Saint Thomas Aquinas considered Jesus' transfiguration as the greatest miracle because it complimented his baptism and showed the perfection of life in heaven. The transfiguration was an awesome moment of revelation as the Father introduced his Son to the world. What a privilege it must have been for the apostles to witness their master interacting with Moses and Elijah as well as witnessing the presence of the Trinity. Note that the Holy Spirit was present in the form of the cloud from where the Father's voice came.

Though frightening, the transfiguration experience strengthened the faith of the apostles. In fact, Jesus' transfiguration was so important that Pope John Paul II, in 2002, included it as one of the newly established "Luminous Mysteries" of the Church. Spending quality time in prayer this Lent will make it a transforming experience for us.

Have a great week!



Fr. Romanus

This week's School Mass is Thursday, March 1, 9am at the South Campus. Enter through the SOUTH side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.



May Holy Mary, the Angels and all the Saints welcome

Virgil Kannall

Father-in-law of Penny Kennall, Bookkeeper

Rose Ann Rosenek

parishioner and sister of Robert, Usher

Thomas Miller

parishioner and former choir member

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen

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

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Parishioners: There are 11 faith formation students receiving Sacraments this year. There are two student Catechumens who will be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil on March 31 at Blessed Savior. In addition, three students had their First Reconciliation on February 10 and will have their First Communion on May 6 at Blessed Savior. Finally, six high school Juniors will be Confirmed on April 29 at St. Margaret Mary. Please keep these Catechumens, Confirmands, and First Communicants in your prayers this year.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

STATIONS of the CROSS—Fridays February 23 through March 23 @ 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 3/4 through March 17/18.

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



Blessed Savior Parish 2018 Lenten Food Drive
Sponsored by BSP Pastoral Council

WEEK 3: March 4th

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Rice (1 or 2 lbs. size)
- Tuna — Tuna Helper
- Toothpaste



God of mercy and compassion, grant us generous hearts, that we might share freely with our brothers and sisters what we have in abundance. May the light of your glory be our guide.



Gospel Music Workshop

Saturday, March 10th

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1927 N. 4th

Registration is \$10 @ person.

All attendees receive music materials, a continental breakfast, and lunch.

Registration deadline is March 1.



Guest Clinician
Ms. Lynné Gray

CRS Rice Bowl - Catholic Relief Service-ENCOUNTER CESIA

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? crsricebowl.org



Scrutinies

In every community that will baptize adults or older children at the Easter Vigil, special rites known as the “scrutinies” are celebrated at liturgy on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. **Our readings shift to the special Gospels of John: The Samaritan Woman, The Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus.** These readings call us to conversion and an examination of our lives.

The Scrutiny liturgies will follow this schedule:

Sunday, March 4, 9:00am

Saturday, March 10, 4:00pm

Sunday, March 18, 9:00am

We walk this journey in prayer and support with our catechumens:

Charles Lavondrick Jenkins & Harry Jenkins V



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: Amber Anderson, Carmelo & Francisca Castro, Dennis Claas, Diane Henry, Eleanor Mishak, Connie Mueller, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeff Spyhalski., Joe & Joan Trinkl, Mildred Webster, 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.

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



All Saints Catholic Parish Presents

Ministry & the Liturgical Assembly: The Mission of and Care for the Worshipping Body of Christ

Presented by David Stosur, Ph.D. Professor of Religious

Studies Cardinal Stritch University—Liturgical Ministers: Saturday, March 24, 2018/9:00 am -3:00 pm , Church Sanctuary, 4051 North 25th , register by Monday, March 5, 2018 to Cecilia Smith-Robertson, 414.444.5610 Cecilia.allsaintsmke@gmail.com

“Reverence: A Dialogue for Nonviolent Living”

Thursday, March 8, 15 and 22 -- 9:30-11:00 AM

St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Fee \$30, reservation contact Sr. Dusty Farnan @dfarnan@sssf.org or 414-385-5261

Joseph Bowls Supper, Thursday, March 8 – 4:00-7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. Suggested donation is \$25, though any amount is appreciated. Details: Catherine Alexander, (414) 385-5343.

FISH FRY’S — **St. Anthony**, Menomonee Falls March 2

St. Bernadette 8200 W. Denver, March 2, & 16.

St. Sebastian, 1740 N. 55th, school Cafeteria, March 2



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I really think tossing and turning at night should be counted as exercise!

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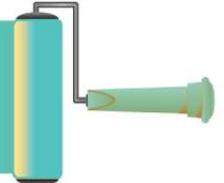
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