



16th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

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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, 7/22 - VIGIL OF 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

4:00pm † Bob & Mary Chapman

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 7/23 - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

9:00am † Jane Ziem

Rosary at 8:15am

Confirmation of Mirine Muoneke and Adam Baranek

MONDAY, 7/24 - ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42

9:00am † George & Trudy Grall

TUESDAY, 7/25 - ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28

9:00am Special Intention of Rosina Vungo

WEDNESDAY, 7/26 - STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE

PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9

9:00am Parishioners

SATURDAY, 7/29 - VIGIL OF 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

4:00pm † Al & Jean Siegel

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 7/30 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

9:00am † Bernice Donahue

Rosary at 8:15am

Prayer, Service & Sharing

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." Matt. 13:34, 37-38. As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven.

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

Catherine M. "Caddy" Hoppe, (parishioner)

Joyce Schone, (parishioner)

Dolores Wehner, (parishioner)

May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

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



Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Reflection:

Watching the news on television is often depressing. Daily news has become a litany of tragedies in one form or another, far and near. News of people killed in reckless drunk driving accidents! News of armed robberies and other criminal activities often with fatal results! News of natural events like wild fires, storms, earthquakes and mudslides that claim human lives! We also hear news of fatalities associated with parents leaving their children in vehicles in 90 degree temperatures with windows rolled up.

These tragedies are not made up by the news networks, but are actual tragedies that significantly impact people's lives. One gets the sense that the world is a very dangerous place to live and no one is safe anywhere. Hence, some ask: Why is there so much evil around us? Why does God allow terrible things to happen? Why didn't God do a better job creating the world?

These questions are not unique to our time in history. The people of Jesus' time who experienced the oppression of the Roman Emperors, the ravaging effects of poverty, disease and natural disasters, asked similar questions. For the sake of those tempted to blame God for human tragedies, Jesus addresses the parable of the weeds in today's gospel. The parable likens the kingdom of God to a master who sowed wheat in his field, but an enemy came at night and sowed weeds.

The darnel, the weed referred to in the gospel looks exactly like wheat. It even has a head similar to wheat. When the plant is young, it is almost impossible to distinguish it from wheat. It is much easier to distinguish them when they are fully grown. That explains why the master in our gospel parable told the servants not to pull the weeds until harvest time. At harvest time, it will be easier to tell them apart by the fruits. The weed will be collected first and burnt, while the wheat is harvested for the kingdom.

By this parable Jesus indicates that God is not the source of evil. Rather, evil is the work of the enemy who prefers to work at night. So often, we come across people who have stopped going to church or who simply walked away from God on account of some past tragedy for which they hold God responsible. Their reasoning is the same age-old logic: If God is all good, why did he permit such and such tragedy in spite of my prayers? Jesus makes clear that God is not the source of evil. Some tragedies are due to human choices and human error since God created us with the freedom to choose and to act. Good choices have good results while bad choices have bad consequences. Obviously, some other tragedies are part of the order of nature.

The short parables of the mustard seed and the leaven illustrate the dynamic nature of faith and the kingdom of God. When a child or an adult is baptized, the seed of faith is planted in that person. When that seed is nurtured, it grows and blossoms to become an awesome tree that provides for the needs of those around it. The point is that God can work through us to produce surprising results. The God who created us also endowed us with so much potential. We have the potential to change the world for better or for worst.

Human history is replete with stories of people who fully utilized their potentials to make the world a better place. That is true of people who invented the various technologies that have made life easier. It is also true of the various writers who penned down ideas and thoughts that still inspire. It is also true of the saints who exemplify by their lives the human potential to be one with God. Every time we do something good, we are helping to counter the effects of evil.

Have a great week!



Fr. Romanus

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK
SATURDAY, JULY 29
IN THE CHAPEL AFTER MASS**



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



**2017 Mission Appeal
July 29 & 30, 2017**

Next Weekend, **Libanesa Valdez** will speak to us at Mass to make an appeal for the needs of the Community of Saint Paul. Read the insert in today's bulletin for more information. Mission envelopes will be included in next weekend's bulletin.

Marriage Banns

*Wedding Banns II
Okechukwu Anthony Ugwoegbu
Chinenye Joseph*



SVDP EMPTY SHELF

For the weekends of July 29 & 30 and August 5 & 6 we are asking for

CANNED FRUIT



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, Diane Henry, Eleanor Mishak, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen, John Schoofs, Jeff Spyhalski, Evelyn Szurma, 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.



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Music Ministers Needed

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Add your voice



Christy Presser, Director of Music



SWING FOR YOUR SEMINARIANS! You are invited to support the formation of future priests by attending Saint Francis de Sales Seminary's Pallium Scholarship Benefit on Monday, July 31 at the Wisconsin Country Club. Join seminary supporters later for the cocktail reception and dinner. For more details or to register online, go to www.sfs.edu/golf or call (414)747-6463.

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Slovak-American Day—Sunday, 7/30
Croatian Park-9140 S. 76 St
Mass @ Noon, Tatra Slovak Dancers, hot food homemade bakery, music for dancing, Slovak

beer.
7/28-30, St. John's 50th Annual Festival—8500 W. Cold Spring food, music, bingo, raffle, rides & FIREWORKS
7/28-30, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton— 127th & Howard Ave. Live bands, rides, games, food, beer, raffle, bingo.



STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus.



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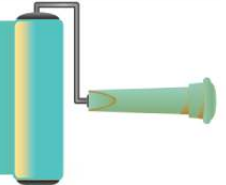
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