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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM—SUNDAY 9AM

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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.
 414-464-3817—Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am
Interfaith Older Adult Programs:
 414-466-8858

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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, 7/1 - VIGIL OF 13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

4:00pm † Audrey Manz

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 7/2 - 13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

9:00am † Abraham Assana

Rosary at 8:15am

Wedding Anniversary Blessing of
 Iggie & Gloria Balistreri, 60th Anniversary



MONDAY, 7/3 - ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:lbc-2/Jn 20:24-29

9:00am † Kenneth Mueller

TUESDAY, 7/4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27

NO 9AM CHAPEL MASS



WEDNESDAY, 7/5 - ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA

ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34

9:00am Parishioners

SATURDAY, 7/8 - VIGIL OF 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

4:00pm † Raymond & Florence Haase

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 7/9 - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

9:00am Special Intention of Rosina Vungo

Rosary at 8:15am

**MONDAY, JULY 3—PARISH OFFICE
 WILL BE OPENED FROM 8:00 UNTIL
 NOON & WILL BE CLOSED ON
 TUESDAY, JULY 4TH.**

**If you have an emergency please
 call and leave a message @
 414-464-5033. Someone will get
 back to you as soon as
 possible.**

**TUESDAY, JULY 4—NO CHAPEL MASS
 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY**



Prayer, Service & Sharing *whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.* Mat. 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

**Dear Parishioners,
 Independence Day:**

July 4th is a day dear to us, citizens of the United States of America, as we celebrate our Independence as a nation. Independence Day is in remembrance of the day the Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The declaration was made by 13 former British colonies following unjust treatment under the draconian leadership of King George III of England and the British parliament.

It all started in 1767, when a tea company in India owned by the British started losing money. To make up for the losses, the British colonial government imposed taxes on all tea sold in British colonies, including America. Americans were outraged and protested. Samuel Adams and other Bostonians dressed up as Indians and dumped a cargo of the Indian Company's tea into the Massachusetts Bay. The situation further deteriorated when British soldiers fired on a crowd of protesters on the Boston harbor, killing some in the crowd ("the Boston massacres"). These two events changed the course of American history, leading to the war of independence in 1775 to push back against the British.

The First Continental Congress convened in 1774, and put together a list of grievances against the British monarchy. This would become the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. George Washington took command of the Continental Army and battled the British in Massachusetts and other parts of the colonies (the Revolutionary War). On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress came up with the second draft of a list of grievances. It was officially called the Declaration of Independence. It was not long before the colonies realized that they were not just fighting new taxes, but for freedom. The War of Independence dragged on until 1783, when the nation gained independence. However, it was not until 1941 that Congress officially declared the 4th of July a federal holiday. In celebrating independence, we recall the brave men and women who shed their blood for our freedom. Freedom should never be taken for granted. One of the founding fathers, Patrick Henry, was quoted as saying, "Give me freedom, or give me death." It was a quote from a speech he made to the Second Virginia Convention in 1775. His speech was said to be instrumental in convincing the convention to pass a resolution that delivered the Virginian troops for the Revolutionary War.

As we gather for picnics, fireworks and parades, it is important not to forget why we are celebrating. We equally need to be mindful of those around the world who are still in bondage and fighting for their freedom. Like freedom fighters before them, many would make the ultimate sacrifice for the liberation of their people. It is wonderful that our nation is engaged in many of these international struggles for freedom.

As we support the fight for freedom overseas, we should also be cognizant of the need to protect the freedoms already won here at home. One of those is the freedom of religion which is under attack in some quarters and among some in our government. The Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Unfortunately, there has been gradual encroachment in this regard that seems to undermine the freedom of religion. Hence, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared the two weeks leading up to the 4th of July as "Fortnight for Freedom." They are calling for special prayers, study, catechesis and public action to support the ongoing struggle to protect religious freedom and freedom of conscience in our nation.

Wishing everyone a Happy 4th!

Fr. Romanus



FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. Romanus





The Pope's Prayer Intention for July. That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the Lord and the beauty of the Christian Life.

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, Karen Recklies, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen, John Schoofs, Jeff Spyhalski, Evelyn Szurma, Sr. Ceil Struck, OSF, 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.



La Sagrada Familia:

Your Sister Parish in the Dominican Republic



SAVE THE DATE: Join the Office for World Mission and special guest Fr. Juan Manuel Camacho, associate pastor of La Sagrada Familia, for a special exhibit entitled "Pilgrimage through Pictures" on Sunday, August 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. Come and experience the Archdiocesan Sister Parish through the eyes of recent pilgrims. Light refreshments and live music will round out your experience. Free and open to the public; free-will donations accepted. For more information, e-mail wmo@archmil.org or call 414-758-2282.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts, Help us to be thankful for rest and food, and remember that, in all we do or say, you are with us, here this day. We are thankful for all you do and for everything you have given us. But above all we are thankful for our freedoms and the ability to protect others' freedom. We are free because of you.

We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen . *Liturgical Publications Inc.*



SVDP EMPTY SHELF

For the weekend of July 8 & 9 we are asking for **JELLY OR JAM**



WE ARE SENT: NEWLY ORDAINED MEET THE WORLD—Gesu Parish hosts Fr. Luke Hansen, S.J. and Fr. Michael Rossmann, S.J., at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 9. Both were ordained on June 3 at Gesu. Michael and Luke will present "How Jesuit

Formation Prepared Us for Ministry in Today's World." Both Michael and Luke will minister in Milwaukee this summer before going off to their next assignments. Guests will gather in the Lower Church right after the 9 a.m. Mass, and will conclude at about 11:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served. No RSVP necessary.

Special Marian Celebration with Bishop Hying, July 15

In Honor of the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

10:30 a.m. Rosary for peace and the family 11 a.m. Holy Mass with Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana Luncheon follows and everyone is welcome - Bring your entire family & friends.

Hosted at the air conditioned Carmelite Provincial House in Wauwatosa 1230 Kavanaugh Place (0.8 Miles North of Blue Mound Rd. & 1 Block East of 84th St/Glenview) Sponsored by the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate and Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus

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July 7-9, St. Augustine Parish, 68 & Rodgers, West Allis

Fri. 4-11pm, Fish fry; Sat. 4-11pm chicken wings by Tomkens

Sun. 10am-8pm, bbq pork, lamb & chicken. Music and more...

July 4-9, St Lucy in Racine, 3101 Drexel Ave., fish fry Friday 4-7pm

Sat. roasted pulled pork, 4-7pm, Sun. meat lasagna dinner 11:30am-6pm. Music, auction, bingo and more.

July 9, Shepherd of the Hills Parish, 6 miles east of Eden on Hwy 8.

Mass @ 10:30am, 11:30am-1pm ham & chicken dinner, country store Cash & quilt raffles, bingo.

87th Slovak-American Day—Sunday, July 30, Croatian Park

9140 S. 76 St. Free Admission. Park opens at 11am—Mass @ Noon Music, Slovak Dancers & Drillers, raffle. Hot food, bakery www.federatedslovaksocieties.org



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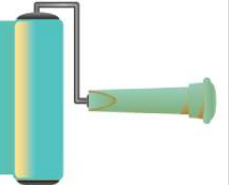
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