

**Blessed Savior Catholic Parish**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent,**  
**March 4, 2018**



***RITE OF SENDING***  
***FEBRUARY 25, 2018***

*Harry V and Charles (front row)*  
*Nickole, (mom) Simon Biagui (Catechist)*  
*Harry IV (dad)*



**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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**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.**

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## Stewardship of Prayer

**SATURDAY, 3/3 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT***(Scrutiny readings) Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42***4:00pm** 50th Wedding Anniversary  
of Don & Kathy Zapfel**Rosary at 3:15pm****SUNDAY, 3/4 - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT***(Scrutiny readings) Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42***9:00am** † John & Lucy Arends**Rosary at 8:15am****MONDAY, 3/5 - LENTEN WEEKDAY***2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30***9:00am** † Carl Schuh**TUESDAY, 3/6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY***Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35***9:00am** † Deceased members of the Parish**WEDNESDAY, 3/7 STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS***Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19***9:00am** Parishioners**THURSDAY, 3/8 - SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS***Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23***9:00am** Intention of the Priest**SATURDAY, 3/10 - VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT***(Scrutiny readings) 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38***4:00pm** † Alfred Koeppen  
40th Wedding Anniversary Blessing of  
Andreas & Denise Wesslerle**Rosary at 3:15pm****SUNDAY, 3/11 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT***(Scrutiny readings) 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38***9:00am** † Tom Schimmels &  
† Steven Lehman**Rosary at 8:15am**

This Sunday's gospel is the familiar story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman – the woman at the well. The encounter took place after Jesus left the region of Galilee in the north and was heading to Jerusalem in the south. Samaria, a Gentile city, happened to be located midway between the north and the south. In Jesus' time, Jewish travelers on pilgrimage to Jerusalem went to great lengths to bypass Samaria through an alternative route in order to avoid contact with Gentiles. Jesus' decision to pass through this Gentile city was a lesson for his followers. That decision set the context for the fascinating exchange between him and this Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

That this conversation even took place was simply amazing given that Jews and Gentiles did everything to avoid each other. Even more surprising is the fact that the conversation was between a Jewish man and a Gentile woman. However, it is not surprising that Jesus initiated the conversation by asking for a drink after a long and tiring journey. We know that part of his Messianic mission was to break down barriers. He was not going to pass up this opportunity to teach us about the importance of reaching out to those we consider different. As Christians, we should strive to break down those artificial barriers based on gender, race, religion, age, culture, education, politics, economic status, et cetera.

After overcoming her initial shock about a Jewish man asking her for a drink, she was masterfully drawn to an understanding of God's graciousness. He told her if she knew the gift of God and who was asking her for a drink, she would be the one asking for the living water. It is a reminder that God often comes to us in disguise - as a homeless person, a destitute, someone in dire need, etc. How we respond to God in those situations could make the difference between salvation and condemnation. Fortunately, the Samaritan woman overcame her initial cultural resistance and embraced utter dependence on God. She turned the table on Jesus by asking him to give her the living water.

Realizing that Jesus was a Jewish prophet, she courageously engaged him in theological debate about the proper place to worship God. Whereas her ancestors worshipped God on "this mountain," that is, Mt. Gerizim, she accused the Jews of insisting that Jerusalem is the place to worship God. Jesus points to a time in the future when true worshippers would worship God neither on Mt. Gerizim nor in Jerusalem, but in spirit and truth. It is another way of saying that what matters most is not where we worship God, but the spirit with which we worship. This strikes me as a call to sincerity and genuineness in our practice of faith. Are we genuine Christians or pretenders?

In the course of their theological debate, the woman expressed hope in the coming Messiah, the Christ, who "will tell us everything." Then, Jesus revealed himself as the expected Messiah, stating, "I am he, the one speaking with you." The woman's response is remarkable. She left her water jar by the well and hurried back to the town to announce the good news that she had found the Messiah. Now that she had found the water of life, she no longer needed the temporary water from Jacob's well. At first, the Samaritans believed in Christ based on the woman's testimony. However, after welcoming and listening to Jesus, many came to believe not because of her testimony, but based on their personal experience of the Messiah. Have a great week!

This week's School Mass is **Thursday, March 8, 9am at the EAST Campus.** Enter through the Front Center door of the church. **All parishioners are invited to attend.**

**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**

**This weeks Topic: The Mystery of God.**

**Wednesday, March 7, 6PM-7:15PM**

**Blessed Savior in the Parish Hall**

**Sunday, March 11, 6:15PM-7:30PM at**

**St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall.**

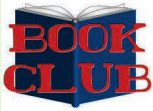
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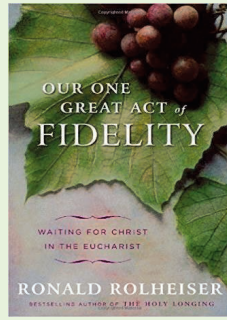
*"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."*

Fr. Romanus





Join us for the Blessed Savior/ St. Margaret Mary Book Club presentation and discussion of **Our One Great Act of Fidelity**, concerning the Eucharist, by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser. This brief but important book, which can be ordered on Amazon or found at Barnes and Noble, will be discussed on Sunday, March 25 from 12:30PM-2PM in the Blessed Savior Parish Hall. Hospitality will be offered. Even if you can't read the book, all are welcome to attend.



**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.

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:**  
 Today, 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

**Blessed Savior Parish 2018 Lenten Food Drive**  
 Sponsored by BSP Pastoral Council  
**FOR WEEK 4: March 11th**

- Rice or Noodle Roni
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles (1lb size)
- Deodorant



*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.*

**CRS Rice Bowl - Catholic Relief Service ENCOUNTER SAFIATA**

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



**Great News** —Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' and girls' basketball teams have been invited to the Padre Serra Basketball Tournament. This tournament is similar to the college NCAA tournament. Sixty-four (64) teams from Southeastern Wisconsin will be competing for the title. The boys' first game will be Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15 P.M. The girls' first game will be Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 P.M. **All games will be played at Mount Mary, 92<sup>nd</sup> and Burleigh.**



**DECIDE TO LEAD**



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**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March.  
**Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment**  
 That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



**Scout Popcorn for sale**—Popcorn available in microwave packages, containers of popping corn or containers of pre-popped corn. We also have packages of coffee. Consider supporting the Scout Popcorn Sale. The profits are used to help cover the cost of summer camp and to subsidize outings. We will also take orders for donation of popcorn to Military Personal. We will be taking orders until April 2. Please contact any Cub Scout or Boy Scout or Mike Malloy at 464-3733. Thank you.

**A Lenten Healing Mass for our City.** Cathedral of St. John, 812 N. Jackson St., Special Mass of Anointing . "A Healing Mass for our City." Saturday, March 10, 5:15 –7:30pm, Refreshments served.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SUNDAY, MARCH 11. SET YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR AHEAD**  
**SORRY BUT YOU LOSE 1 HR OF SLEEP.**



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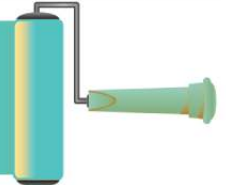
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