

Picture of the Blessing of Pets, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON—

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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

St. Margaret Mary Mass Schedule: 3970 N. 92 St 414-461-6073 Tues., 815am, Wed., 7pm.,

Thurs., 8:15am., Fri. 8:15am., Sat., 5pm, Sunday, 9 & 11am

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, 10/14 - VIGIL OF 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

4:00pm † Christian Goudiaby

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 10/15 - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14. 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

9:00am † Catherine Hoppe

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 NO 9:00AM MASS-FATHER ROMANUS IS ON RETREAT.

SATURDAY, 10/21 - VIGIL OF 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

4:00pm † Elsie Koeppin

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 10/22 - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 9:00am † Dottie Claas

Rosary at 8:15am

NO 9AM MASS MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 through THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Stewardship Prayer Heavenly Father, help us to understand that

"little can become much" when you are in it. Amen



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. October is the month of Mary. We invite you to our devotion of the Rosary every Saturday at 3:15pm and every Sunday at 8:15am here at Blessed Savior Church. All are welcome.



Dear Blessed Savior Parishioners, Due to some reorganizing at the SVDP meal site at 9th & Madison, they no longer have a room for clothing.

At this time they are only accepting heavy coats, blankets and sleeping bags. Please place items in the SVDP box located in the back of church, by the balcony

steps. Thank you for your continued generosity and much needed warm items for winter.

Sincerely, Casey Gill



Dear Parishioners,

When was the last time you were invited to a really good banquet? Two of the readings this Sunday introduce us Fr. Romanus to special banquets. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of a holy mountain on which the Lord would provide

rich food and choice wines for all peoples. The images are enticing; "juicy, rich food and pure choice wines." For the poor who cannot afford such sumptuous feasts, the images are heavenly. But for the rich, these images are part of daily life and make heaven less

With this banquet comes the good news that the Lord will destroy death for ever and wipe away tears from every face. God would also remove the reproach of his people from the whole earth. This would be good news especially to the poor who not only missed out on earthly banquets but also see sin and death as main barriers to participating in the eternal banquet. However, it is important to keep in mind that heaven might not be just about eating and drinking. If that were the case, it may have no special appeal to the rich, people on diet, and non-drinkers.

The gospel parable is quite interesting. Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to a king who threw a wedding feast for his son and sent out messengers to those invited that the feast was ready. The invited made various excuses; one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized the messengers, maltreated and killed them, thereby inviting the wrath of the king. One could understand the invited guests making flimsy excuses, but killing the messengers? It is reminiscent of last week's gospel where the tenants killed the messengers and the landowner's son. These vicious and murderous reactions were intended to shock in order to drive home the message.

Since those first invited proved themselves unworthy, the invitation was extended to strangers, good and bad alike, from the main roads and alleys of the kingdom. In a strange twist, the king spots a man without the proper wedding garment and was beyond himself. He bound him hands and feet and threw him out of the banquet hall, "into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." You may wonder why the king was so upset over this man's clothes. In the first place, these were people who did not wake up that day thinking they would be treated to a mouthwatering feast in the king's palace. The man was possibly a traveler or a vagrant. Why would he be carrying around a wedding garment, waiting for an invitation?

This kind of thinking misses the point of the parable. It is not about wearing clothes, but wearing Christ. The man without the proper garment is representative of one who is a Christian in name only. Wearing Christ is a prerequisite for entering the kingdom and partaking in the heavenly banquet. To enter God's kingdom, one needs to put on the virtues that lead to the kingdom.

The liturgy of the Eucharist we celebrate is representative of the heavenly banquet. However, there are those who make excuses for not coming to Mass, especially on Sundays and Holy Days. They are like those who excused themselves in this parable. They claim to have better things to do than going to Mass. They have to work, go to baseball or football games, clean the house, work on the yard, attend or plan a party, et cetera. There are also those who come to Mass but do not receive communion because they are not wearing Christ as garment or their garment has been soiled and needs cleaning. The sacrament of reconciliation is our laundromat.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus





Attention Blessed Savior and St. Margaret Mary Parishioners-

Registration for Religious Education classes for students Grade K4 through 11 is now open. Copies of the form and cover letter with

explanatory details are available in the churches and in the offices of both parishes as well as on-line on the parish websites. Any Catholic student from any parish, not presently enrolled in a Faith Formation course, is welcome. The deadline for enrollment is Tuesday, October 31. Any questions, please call Director of Faith Formation, Dave Liccione at 414-573-9292 or e-mail dliccione@stmmp.org.

Attention any interested high school male and female volleyball and basketball players...If you are parish members and in Religious Ed and would be interested in playing CYM co-ed volleyball as well as either girls or boys basketball on a combined St. Margaret Mary/Blessed Savior team, contact Joyce Martin at 414-464-6604 (H), 414-690-9966 (C), or e-mail <u>imartin584@aol.com</u>. Volleyball season runs from late October until mid-December. Basketball season runs from early January until late March.

Attention Parishioners...Your help is needed!...We are still in need of 4 grade school Catechists for our new combined St. Margaret Mary/Blessed Savior religious education program which will be starting at the beginning of November. K4 through 6th graders will meet three days per month at Blessed Savior on Wednesday nights from 6PM-7:15PM. We need one K4-1 classroom catechist, one for the 2nd Grade Sacramental year, one for the grade 3/4 classroom and one for the grade 5/6 class. There will be two teachers per classroom so no one will have to go solo. You do not have to be a professional teacher. All that is needed is a strong belief and a willing heart. We are in need of workers in the vineyard of the Lord. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Faith Formation Director Dave Liccione at dliccione@stmmp.org or 414-573-9292. Thank you for your consideration.



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PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER.

St. Joan Antida High School, located at 1341 N Cass Street in Milwaukee, welcomes families of young women who are in 7th & 8th grade to attend their Fall Open House on Thursday, October 26 from 6-8:30 pm. Explore their campus and learn more about their Catholic values-based, personalized approach to education. As Wisconsin's only all-girl high school to offer the prestigious IB program, they prepare and empower young women to lead and serve in a global society. Call (414) 274-4709 for more information.



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, Joe Donahue, Lynne Floryance, Tom Glorioso, Diane Henry,

Evie Kaminski, Eleanor Mishak, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen, Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Gloria Weinhold, Marge Wesling 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.



SVDP Empty Shelf for the weekend of October 21 & 22 and October 28 & 29. We are asking for Hand Soap.



IMMIGRATION Immigration is on everyone's mind, particularly here at Blessed Savior. Have questions about DACA, ICE, green cards, citizenship, and how to support our parish family during these

trying times? Join us for TALK ABOUT October 21th and 22st after both Masses in the church hall when we greet IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY JOSEPH RIVAS who is ready to answer any questions you may have regarding this important issue. ALL ARE WELCOME! Snacks will be available. Deb Wuerl, Human Concerns Commission



Mass of Hope and Healing, Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:00 PM—Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St. (see bulletin board for more information)



Are you considering serving the Church as an Ordained Deacon? The Church calls men to be deacons "in-service" to the People of God. If you are a man (married or single), that feels this call and wants to know more, contact the Office for Diaconate Formation at 414-758-2207 or maldonadom@archmil.org.



19th Annual Polish Soup Festival, Sunday, October 22 at Norway House, 7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Reservation only 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults (includes 4 soups of your choice) or \$6 for children Questions call 414-541-

2433. For more information, visit polanki.org.



St. Bernadette Catholic Parish Fish Fry Friday. 8200 W. Denver, Friday, Oct. 20 Adult sit-down dinner \$11, children \$6 Large Bucket \$29.50, Small \$22.50

Includes fries or potato salad, coleslaw, bread & coffee.

Potato pancakes & desserts are available for purchase.



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