

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:20

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September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, 9/9 - VIGIL OF 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

4:00pm † Evelyn Roost

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 9/10 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

9:00am † Milton Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15am



MONDAY, 9/11 - WEEKDAY

Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

9:00am † Raymond &amp; Florence Haase

TUESDAY, 9/12 - MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, 9/13 - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP &  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

9:00am Parishioners

THURSDAY, 9/14 - SCHOOL MASS, SOUTH CAMPUS

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 9/16 - VIGIL OF 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

4:00pm † John &amp; Lucy Arends

Rosary at 3:15pm

Baptism

SUNDAY, 9/17 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

9:00am † Dorothy Kubisiak

Rosary at 8:15am



I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt,

mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone. These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS© Liturgical Publications*

"23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time" For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill. We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

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## Prayer, Service &amp; Sharing

*"You, son of man, I have appointed*

*watchman for the house of Israel."*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.



WELCOME

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt. 25:35)*

*Blessed Savior Parish extends a warm welcome to Pheandro & Michelle Welsh and their son Easton.*

*We care about you and your family and we're here to help in any way we can.*



Fr. Romanus

**Dear Parishioners, - 9/11 Anniversary:**

This Monday, September 11, is the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worst terrorist attack on our nation that left thousands of people dead and many more injured. The events of 9/11 were engraved in our collective consciousness, unlike any other event in recent memory. The atrocious nature of 9/11 and the horrendous destruction of lives that accompanied it revealed the abysmal darkness of the human heart. One wonders how human beings can get to the point where it does not matter who lives or who dies. Our collective national response and the response of the entire world also underscored our innate goodness as people created in God's image and likeness.

Certainly, 9/11 is a yearly reminder of what happens when evil takes possession of the human heart. Such demonic excesses could only be neutralized by the power of prayer and love. The fact that we are still hurting despite the two reprisal wars shows the futility of fighting violence with violence. Obviously, there were little viable options left.

As we celebrate the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events of 9/11, we commit the world into God's hands. We pray for the families affected by the tragedies of 9/11 and for the victims of the War on Terror. Moreover, we pray for an end to terrorism in the world and for healthy respect for the inestimable value of human life. *Have a great week!* Fr. Romanus

To All St. Margaret Mary and Blessed Savior Parish Members- In our attempt to develop and strengthen the new religious education program collaboration efforts between our two parishes, there will be two "listening sessions" held in the coming days to solicit input from as many parishioners as possible. Any and all church members are welcome and encouraged to attend either or both gatherings. The first meeting will be held, on **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Savior Parish** in the **Parish Hall** 8545 W. Villard Ave, from **6:30PM-7:30PM**. (Park in the back parking lot of the school and enter through the breezeway doors.) The second session will be held the following night on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Margaret Mary Parish** 3970 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street in **Sampon Hall**, in the church basement, from **6:30PM to 7:30PM**. We hope to see as many parishioners as possible to solicit your input.

Dave Liccione, Director of Faith Formation



**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, Diane Henry,
- Evie Kaminski, Eleanor Mishak, Ginny & Donald Naegele,
- Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen,
- Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Gloria Weinhold,

*Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you.*

*Allow Your healing Hand to heal them*

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for September.**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.



"Women in the Bible" is the topic being studied in the Scripture class which meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45. If interested, please call Eileen at 414-464-5033 or S. Paul-Mary Draxler at 262-787-1345.

*Thanks! Blessings!* S. Paul-Mary

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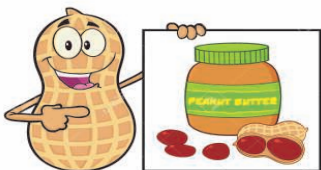
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Have a craving to munch on something? Salty? Sweet? Join us at **TALK ABOUT** in the Church Hall after the Masses **September 16 and 17, 2017 for a refreshing discussion with CAROL NICKASH on choosing HEALTHY SNACKS.** Everyone is welcome! See you there! Deb

**Upcoming EVENTS** Road trip to Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help—St. Bernadette Parish invites you to join them Saturday, October 28. We will leave from St. Bernadette at 8:00AM and attend 11:00AM Mass followed by Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service at 12:00PM. There is no cost for this excursion as an anonymous donation was made to cover the cost of transportation. There are a total of 33 spots available. Information [stbernadette@archmil.org](mailto:stbernadette@archmil.org) or 414-358-4600.

“Visions of Heaven: Stained Glass and Historic Preservation in Milwaukee’s Religious Spaces” Sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis Saturday, September 23, at 9 a.m. 1501 South Layton Blvd., [doloughlin@ssf.org](mailto:doloughlin@ssf.org) or 414-385-5272.

**FISH FRY FRIDAY**—St. Bernadette Parish 8200 W. Denver, Sept. 15 4-7:30pm, fish, coleslaw, fries, potato pancakes. Dine in & Carry out.



**SVDP Empty Shelf for the weekend of September 16 & 17 we are asking for Peanut Butter.**



**A Message from the Bulletin Editor:** You know you're over the hill when the only whistles you get are from the tea kettle.

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