

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 7, 2024

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For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Last Sunday of the month

Individual - Any time and also by appointment.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

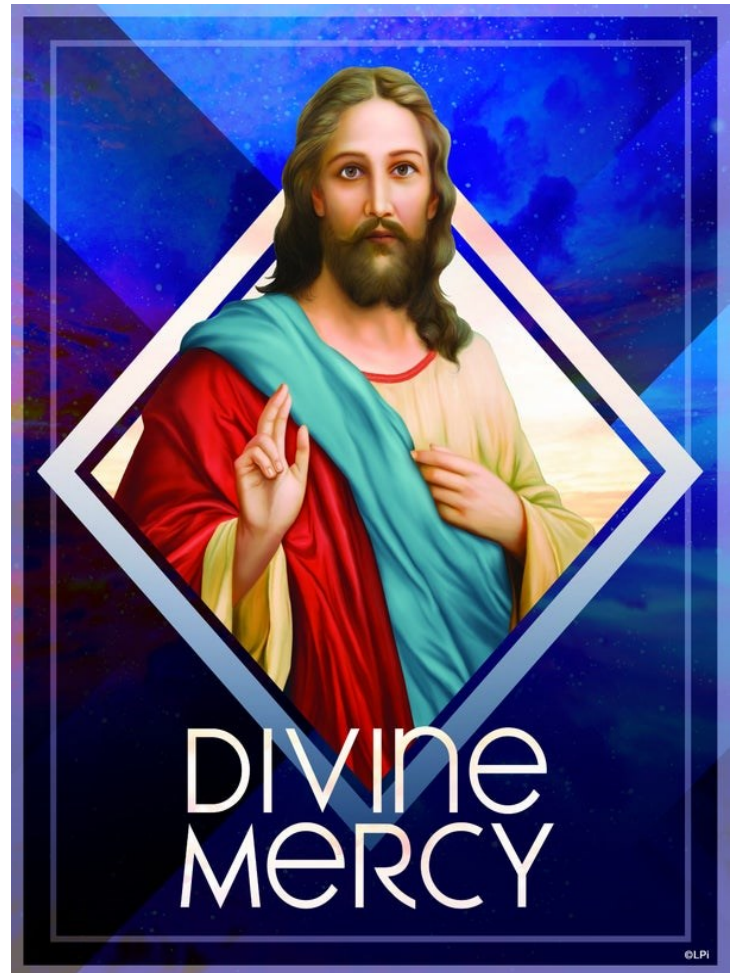
Funerals: Call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

Pastoral Council Officers: Paul Bina, Chair
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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4/6 Easter Saturday
 Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, 4/7 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
 Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
9:00am Special Intention of a parishioner
Divine Mercy devotion after Mass
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 4/8 The Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
9:00am Nancy Anderson & Jim Spath

Tuesday, 4/9 Easter Weekday
 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
No School Mass

Wednesday, 4/10 Easter Weekday
 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
9:00am † Rita Hohensee

Saturday, 4/13 Vigil Mass, 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
4:00pm Goggins Family

Sunday, 4/14 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
9:00am Angie Friday & Joey Hegman
Rosary at 8:15 am

Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the Notre Dame Sisters and the family of **Sr. Gina Redig, SSND**

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen
 May God comfort those who mourn them and all who suffer the loss of loved ones.



Mass Intentions for 2024

We are still taking Mass Intentions for 2024. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, call the parish office, 414-464-5033. The stipend for Mass remains at \$10.

Money given for Mass intentions is a beautiful way to remember the goodness and generosity of those who have died. An offering for Mass is a gift for the community who prays it, whether family is present or not.

Pastor’s Gospel Reflection:

In this Sunday’s gospel, we read about the risen Christ appearing to his petrified apostles. As we know, fear leads to anxiety, restlessness, intimidation and paralysis. Hence, as a testimony to his abiding, forgiving and reassuring love, Jesus showers his apostles with peace. “Peace be with you,” he said to them over and over. He bestowed on them the awesome gift of the Holy Spirit to overcome their fears. He also entrusted them with the ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

One of the hallmarks of this encounter was the incredulity of Thomas who was absent during the visit. He simply refused to believe that the crucified Lord had actually risen and appeared to his comrades. We should not be quick to judge him since it was unheard of (except in the case of Lazarus) that a dead person would come back to life after three days in the tomb. However, given their master’s predictions of rising on the third day and the raising of Lazarus, Thomas’ skepticism seems unwarranted.

Drawing from our gospel passage and parallel passages, the term ‘doubting Thomas’ is often used to describe one who refuses to believe something without direct, personal evidence. As a concept, skepticism is an attitude of doubt or a disposition to incredulity. Today’s world boasts a lot of skeptics, especially in the area of religion. These skeptics doubt everything dealing with faith, namely, crucifixion, resurrection, creation, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc. Unfortunately, some of these committed skeptics are baptized but non-practicing Catholics. Even some practicing Catholics find it hard resisting the strong lure of skepticism.

Scientific skepticism is certainly understandable given its emphasis on the empirical method. The empirical method questions the reliability of certain claims until they have been subjected to systematic investigation involving observation, verification, and analysis. Considering the rigors of the scientific method, science itself could reasonably be referred to as an organized form of skepticism.

As if anticipating a case of scientific skepticism, Jesus showed Thomas the nail marks on his hands and urged him to put his finger into his side where he was pierced. Then, he lovingly said to Thomas, “... do not be unbelieving, but believe.” That was the kind of evidence Thomas needed. Having satisfied his curiosity, Thomas proclaimed unequivocal faith in the risen Lord, stating, “My Lord and my God.” The good news is that Thomas’ doubt presented an opportunity for Jesus to bless present and future generations of believers who do not have to see to believe. That blessing extends to all of us whose faith is not based on science.

Like the gospel, the first reading reminds us that to be Catholic or Christian is to belong to a community of believers. We are told that the early community of believers was of one heart and mind and had everything in common, sharing of their possessions. Those in religious orders best exemplify this way of life. For the rest of us, it is a call to take care of the church and one another, ensuring that no one is left in need. Obviously, we are doing a lot in this regard as evident in our social justice ministries and human concern efforts. However, there is always more to be

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done. We can choose to magnify our efforts through increased commitment to parish financial support and the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, helping to sustain the institutions that keep us united.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Gratitude:

Please, join me in expressing gratitude to all who helped with our Triduum celebrations. We thank Gisele N'Dour, Francoise Biagui and all who helped with the decorations and setup. We thank choir director Christy Presser, Cantors and members of the choir. We thank the Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Sacristans and everyone who played a role in the celebrations. May God reward you abundantly for your sacrifice and dedication.

St. Vincent de Paul's New Thrift Store:

8010 N. 76th St.
(76th and Bradley)

It's wonderful. Bright, clean, well-organized and the staff are great. They also have drive up donation drop off. No need to get out of your car. What a wonderful place and a wonderful cause. Check it out soon!

Your Human Concerns Committee

The Filipino Catholic Ministry



Cordially invites you to the Celebration of San Pedro Calungsod

Mount Mary University,
Our Lady's Chapel, Notre Dame Hall.
Enter the campus on the 92nd Street side.
Park in the lot on the left. Mass will be followed by light refreshments and a Filipino program.
Saturday, April 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

RSVP via text to Isabel Piana, 414 688-5463 by Fri. April 12



Looking Ahead
The Human Concerns Layette for Babies Collection begins on April 20 and runs through May 5th. Watch for more information in a future bulletin.



A message from your bulletin editors:

What cookie is so small you can hardly eat it?
A gram cracker!

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:

- Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Gene Brunner,
- David Cheever, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber,
- Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn, Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus,
- Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
- Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
- Karla Klaybor, Ellen Malloy, Barb Moroder,
- Bob Oettinger, Jr., Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman,
- Jeanne Rossner,
- Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec
- Mary Frances Williams

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain.

If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.

Join the Vocation Office on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 21, 2024 in praying for an increase of Vocations in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

