

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 28, 2024

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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 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.

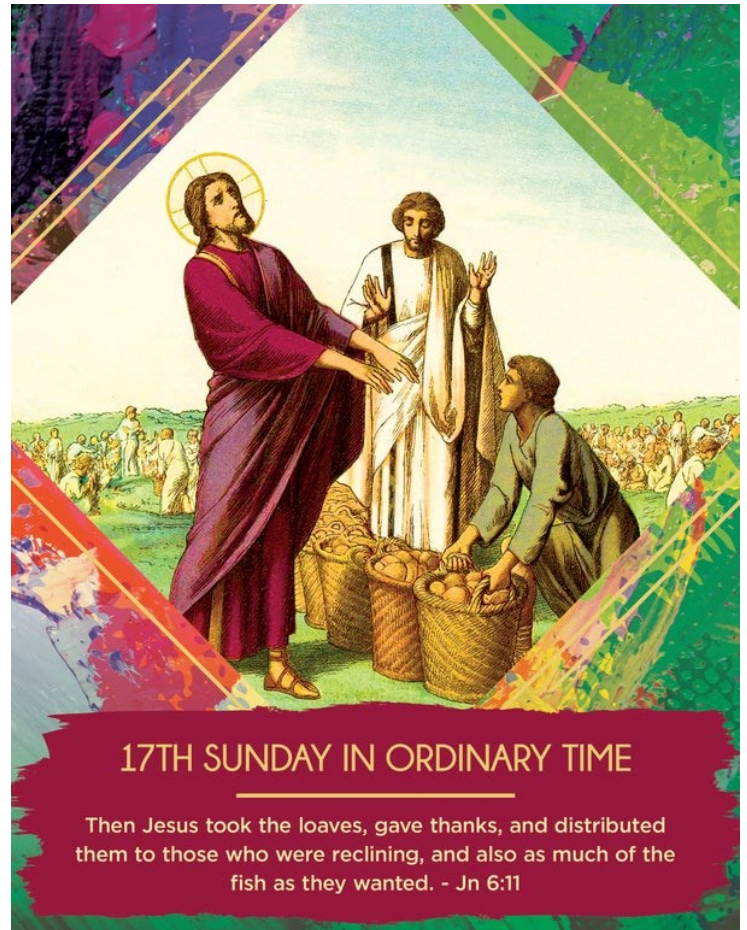
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414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:11

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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, 7/27 Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

4:00pm † Mary Lou & Paul Neuzil

Sunday, 7/28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18, (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

9:00am † Bruno Gueye

Rosary at 8:15am

Anointing of the sick after Mass

Monday, 7/29 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

9:00am † Steve Balderas

Wednesday, 7/31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

9:00am Parishioners

Saturday, 8/3 Vigil of 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

4:00pm † Bob Mielke

Sunday, 8/4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

9:00am † Henri Goudiaby

Rosary at 8:15am

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.

Beginning July 1, the stipend for Mass intentions has been changed by the Wisconsin Bishops Conference to \$20. This does not affect Masses that are already booked.



Anointing of the sick will take place in the chapel this Sunday, July 28, after the 9am Mass.

Anointing may also be done any time by appointment. Please call the parish office.

We also remember in our prayers those who are sick and cannot attend Mass.

Pastor's Gospel Reflection

The feeding of the five thousand is one of those miracles recorded by all four gospels - Matthew 14:16-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:5-15. Matthew and Mark also record the feeding of the four thousand. Since the Church tries to cover all four Gospels in a three-year liturgical cycle, we end up hearing what appears to be the same Gospel passage about twice a year.

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand occurs immediately after a lengthy discourse on the last judgment, the testimonies of John the Baptist, and lack of faith in the Son of God (Jn 5:19-47). One of the unique things about John's presentation is that he put this miracle in proximity to the Jewish feast of Passover. Of course, their connection to the Eucharist is not lost on us.

In the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), the apostles urged Jesus to "dismiss" the crowd as evening drew on, so that they could find some food before it got too late. Jesus threw them a challenge - "You give them some food yourselves" (Mt 17:16; Mk 6:37; Lk 9:13). It was an opportunity for the apostles to put their apostolic skills to good work since they received power and authority as part of their commissioning (Mk. 6:7-13; Mt 10:1-16; Lk 9:1-6). However, in John's gospel there is no mention of the apostles urging Jesus to dismiss the crowd. Instead, Jesus gives the apostles a test when he asked Philip where to buy enough food to feed such a crowd. Philip may have failed the test by stating, perhaps accurately, that two hundred days wages worth of food would not be sufficient to feed the crowd (Jn 6:5-7). It was another way of saying that the situation was beyond their control. The apostles were famous for keeping things real and underscoring the impossibility of the miracle from a human perspective. Rather than dwell on the failed test by Philip in not providing a personal solution, Jesus proceeded to feed the crowd with the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish.

It should be noted that the elements (five barley loaves and two fish) used for the miracle were provided by a boy present at the gathering. He is the hero of this story. His generosity made the feeding of such a great crowd possible. In the same way, God is capable of providing for other people's needs through our generosity. The boy's generosity did not deplete his resources. Neither would our generosity deplete our resources. To underscore this, the passage mentions that there were twelve wicker baskets of fragments left over. We recall that when God fed the people of Israel with manna in the desert, Moses told them not to gather more than they needed. This contrasts with Jesus' instruction in this passage to gather up what remains. Those remnants would feed those who for any number of reasons were not present for the miracle. Likewise, we preserve the leftover communion at Mass for re-use at the next gathering and for communion to the sick who were not present. There is also a cautionary note here for those inclined to wasting food when many around the world are starving.

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In the Eucharist, Jesus continues to perform this miracle of feeding his followers. This is possible through the contributions of those willing to share their resources to keep our parish alive. It would be wonderful if everyone pitched in enough to continue to make the miracle of the sacraments possible in our parish.

One big lesson from this Sunday's gospel is the importance of having greater awareness of the needs around us. Irrespective of what might be going on in our lives, we still have to find time to care for others. Our pains and anxieties may be unwarranted but should not blind us to the sufferings of others. We should not be too quick to dismiss people's needs because they seem overwhelming, for nothing is impossible for God.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



Welcome our new Secretary

Doyin Aderele was born in Nigeria and came to the United States as a baby. She grew up in Chicago and has been a Milwaukee resident for 10 years. She graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran High School. She later attended Rice University in Houston Texas where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English Creative writing and a minor in Business. She hopes to pursue her Masters in a few years. She is looking forward to getting to know the community as she settles into her new position.

Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **Aug 3rd and 4th**, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Canned Tuna / Mac & Cheese**.

Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you.

92nd ANNUAL Slovak-American Day

Sunday, July 28, 2024

*Croatian Park – 9100 South 76th Street, Franklin, WI
(Park opens at 11:00 a.m. —Free admission)*

Hot Food, homemade bakery & refreshments available.

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, Jantina Andriano, 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,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
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.

The North-West Milwaukee Catholic Parishes Vacation Bible School July 24th -26th 2024

The North-West Milwaukee Catholic Parishes Vacation Bible School is a partnership between the North-West Milwaukee Catholic Parishes and the Office of Urban Ministry of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We are extending this collaboration to include Blessed Savior Parish and St Francis of Assisi parishes. Our hope is to enroll the catechists of those parishes who are already Safe Environment certified as our volunteers. The Vacation Bible school goal is to support our children in their understanding of our Catholic identity through biblical stories and skits. So, they willfully embrace the virtues like the saints, evangelize, are good stewards, intentional disciples. Our hope is they will make friends along the way and be able to use the same skills to serve their parishes and their Catholic college community later on.

Dates and Locations

July 24th Day 1 @ Our Lady of Good Hope 9am to 2pm

July 25th Day 2 @ Blessed Savior Parish 9am to 2pm

July 26th Day 3 @ St Francis of Assisi Parish 9am to 2pm

The vacation Bible School is open to children from age 7 and older.

The office of Urban Ministries will provide the kit and material needed, a Bible for each participant as well as daily snacks and lunch.



A message from your bulletin editors:

What kind of car would Jesus drive?

A Christler!