

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site
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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 for communion and/or anointing.

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.

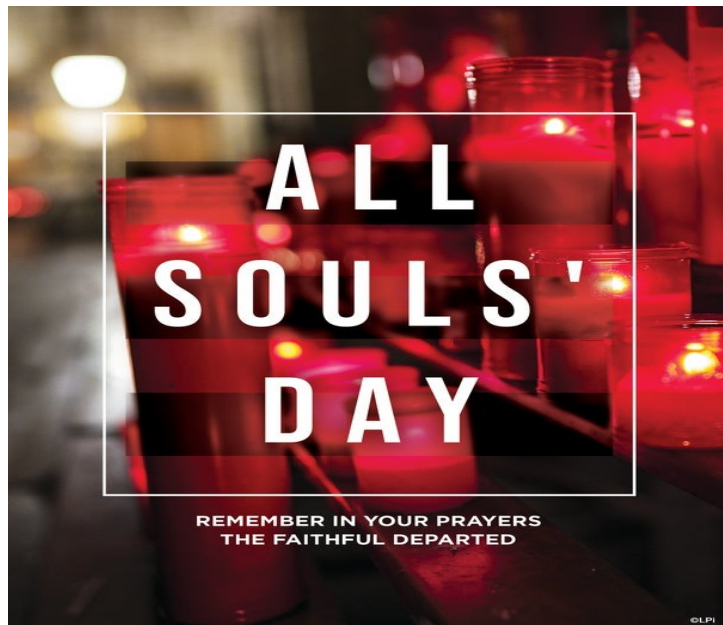
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414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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In Loving Memory
Blessed Savior Parishioners, Family Members & Friends
November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024

Sister Marie Regine Redig	Ronald Kreutzer
James R. Wieting	Gloria Balistrieri
Jeffrey Bakula	Wayne Ring
Suzanne R. Kremsreiter	John Pankratz
Judith Loesl	Kingsley Ike
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Charles Carvalho	David Cheever

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Erin O'Donnell, Principal



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, 10/26 Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5

4:00pm † Parishioners

Sunday, 10/27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5

9:00am † Marie Pappe

Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 10/28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

9:00am † Parishioners

Wednesday, 10/30

Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

9:00am † All the faithful departed

Thursday 10/31 Vigil Mass of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

6:00pm † Tom & Mary Brunner

Friday 11/1 ALL SAINTS

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

9:00am † Kevin & Theresa Nwaru

Saturday, 11/2 ALL SOULS DAY; Vigil of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

4:00pm All the Faithful departed

Sunday, 11/3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

9:00am † Anna Thu & Peter Binh

Rosary at 8:15am

Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of Nov. 2nd and 3rd, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with

Jelly / Hamburger Helper

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



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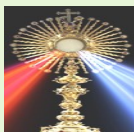
What do birds hand out on Halloween?

Tweets

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in the Chapel, 11am-2:30pm.
Use the east church door entrance.

From 5pm-6:30pm, use the west church door entrance.



Pastor's Sunday Reflection

Importance of Mass attendance:

In our archdiocese and many other dioceses in the United States and beyond, Mass attendance information is one of the criteria used in determining pastoral assignments and plans for future mergers and closures. Mass attendance is also an important statistic in keeping track of population movements that might warrant the building of new churches and schools in different parts of the Archdiocese.

Many dioceses started tracking Mass attendance numbers more closely about the year 2000. The figures generally reveal a slow and steady decline in Mass attendance among Catholics almost across the board. Generally, about thirty percent of registered Catholics in any given parish attend Mass every weekend. This matches the estimated church attendance among most Protestant denominations, but surpassed by Muslim weekly worship attendance. This statistics on Mass attendance is quite revealing given that the Catholic Church mandates Mass attendance.

The Catechism states: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are **bound** to participate in the Mass." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2180). It further states: "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are **obliged** to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a **grave sin**." (*Catechism*, #2181)

The sporadic nature of Mass attendance in our parish as in other parishes is disturbing. It is hard to understand why someone will choose to attend Sunday Mass one weekend and skip the next weekend. (Saturday Mass of anticipation fulfills the Sunday Mass obligation.) Some stop going to Mass altogether and only show up on Christmas and Easter celebrations. Worst still, Holy Day obligations mean very little to so many. One would expect Holy Day Masses to be as well attended as Sunday Masses. Perhaps, some either do not have their faith figured out or have their priorities skewed.

There is always something considered more important than attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. We know the usual culprits - work, laziness, righteous anger at God, the church, priests, other parishioners, etc. If only these people knew what they are depriving themselves by abstaining from Mass! Some wrongly believe that the Church has amended the rule regarding the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses and the sinful consequences of not attending. By the way, it is not enough to attend Mass, the rule also states that the faithful are "bound to participate" in the celebration. Hence, no one should come to Mass as a spectator expecting to be entertained. Most people who consider Mass boring are people who come to be entertained. Mass ought to be about worshipping God, not entertaining people or putting on a show.

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The church teaches that the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." (*Lumen Gentium*, # 11; *Catechism*, #1324). Many centuries before Vatican II, Saint Thomas Aquinas stated that the Eucharist is "the consummation of the whole spiritual life." (*Summa Theologiae*, III, q. 73, a.3). Chances are that Catholics who do not take Mass attendance obligation seriously have little spiritual depth. Let us not forget the words of Jesus in relation to the Eucharist: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life within you." (John 6:53). How could one possibly eat and drink unless one is present at the banquet?

See you at Mass!

Fr. Romanus

All Souls Day Remembrance

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated this week-end, Saturday, 11/2 and Sunday, 11/3.

The names of the deceased from this past year, All Souls Day 2023 to All Souls Day 2024, will be read. Family members are welcome to attend one or both Masses and are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved one.

After the 9:00am Sunday Mass, we will continue sharing memories at a gathering with refreshments in the parish hall.

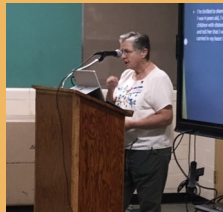


Veterans Day is Nov 11th. Thank you cards will again be available Nov. 2nd & 3rd for all who would like to extend gratitude to our amazing veterans. The cards and pens will be in the vestibule. After the signing, they will be delivered to our VA hospital so they will have them in time for Veterans Day. Please allow a little extra time before or after mass to sign as many cards as you'd like. You may bring cards already signed and add them to the basket. These men and women sacrificed so much for us, please share a moment with them.

Thank you,
The Human Concerns Commission

Thanks from the Multi-Cultural Commission

On Sat. Oct. 19, Parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall for our fall Cultural Awareness Event. Sr. Gladys Courtade presented about the people and culture in Guatemala where she spent 7 years living and providing Catholic Ministry to rural areas. We would like to thank Sr. Gladys, members of the Multi-Cultural Commission, the Human Concerns Committee, and parishioners who attended and participated for a successful event. This is a continuation of increasing awareness of the many cultures around us. Look around at Mass, appreciate others, say hi and get to know them. Thank you.



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:

Jantina Adriano, Jackie Ballering,
Gene Brunner, Rhey Clemente,
Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn,
Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman,
Jeanne Rossner, Thomas Schmid,
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec, David Walden,
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.

St. Camillus

Annual

Craft Fair

Saturday, November 2, 2024

10 am - 3 pm

**Purchase Unique Handcrafted Items
made by residents and community vendors!**

Perfect Gifts for the Holiday Season!

- Apparel
- Jewelry
- Baby Items
- Christmas/ Holiday Décor
- Greeting Cards
- Knit and Quilted Items
- Framed Art
- Pet Toys & Treats
- Soaps & Beeswax Candles
- And So Much More!

Silent Auction! Basket Raffles!

Raffle Tickets cost 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 14 for \$10

Delicious Bake Sale!

Purchase Chef Giuseppe's Famous Chili!

Free Admission! Free Parking!

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Proceeds of the Craft Fair will benefit the
Order of St Camillus Foundation.

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