

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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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 - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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

Confessions: Call the Parish Office.

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

Funerals: Please 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

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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, 4/10 - Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 4:32-35 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1] / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-3

4:00pm † Alex and Helen Konrad,
Julius Machulak

Sunday, 4/11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 4:32-35 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1] / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-3

9:00am † Fran Jaszczenski
Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 4/17 - Vigil of 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 † All Souls

Sunday, 4/18 - 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 † Faustino G. Piana and Eliza V. Piana
Rosary at 8:15am



The annual **Mass of Atonement** will be held on April 15, 2021, at 6pm at St. Monica Parish (5681 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Whitefish Bay). This Mass is one of the ways that the current leadership of the Archdiocese publicly atones for the clergy abuse crisis and scandal.

Mass will be available for in-person attendance and will be live-streamed. We invite you to join us in support of the survivors, family members, and communities that have spoken or unspoken stories of survival and pain. If you are unable to attend, we would ask that you please remember all those that suffer from the wounds of abuse in your prayers for peace, healing, and justice. Please visit www.archmil.org for more information.

Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the families of



John Arndt, parishioner
Mia Paeske, fiancé of Vince Pozza, parishioner

May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn them and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel, we read about the risen Christ appearing to his petrified disciples. As we know, fear leads to anxiety, restlessness, intimidation and paralysis. Hence, as a testimony to his abiding, forgiving and reassuring love, Jesus showers them with peace. "Peace be with you," he said to them over and over. To help conquer their fears, he gave them the awesome gift of the Holy Spirit. He also gave them power to forgive sins, thereby entrusting 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 had 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 about particular things or things in general. Today's world boasts a lot of skeptics, especially in the area of religion. These skeptics doubt everything dealing with faith: the 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 seem to 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 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



**Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection
of the Lord**

**Blessed Savior
April 4, 2021**

Stewardship is challenging - challenging each of us to return to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have received.



Stewardship is demanding - often contradicting the powerful influences of our culture.

Stewardship is personal - stemming from our individual relationship with God.

Most of all, *Stewardship is rewarding* - in this world and the next.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April
Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

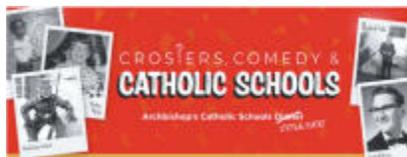


Living the Gift of Sunday
Archbishop ListECKI has commissioned a theological reflection entitled "Living the Gift of Sunday" which contains 10 weeks of reflections on Sunday for use in prayer and catechesis. It is meant to help us reclaim our understanding of the importance of Sunday after the interruptions of the pandemic.

This booklet, along with St. Joseph prayer cards and pamphlets on our Catholic Faith, the Mass, Confession and How to Pray the Rosary are located on the round table in the Villard hallway and are free for your taking.

**The Archbishop's
Catholic Schools
Dinner –Virtual Event**

Join in the laughter on Tuesday, April 13, as Archbishop ListECKI, Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Hying and Cardinal Harvey share stories, with Portia Young attempting to rein them in. The event is FREE, but donations are encouraged for the GIFTS (Grant Initiatives For Today's Students) program. These grants provide innovation in our Catholic Schools for resources needed to enhance student curriculum. Register today at <https://archmil.regfox.com/schoolsevent2021>



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, Bernetta, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Dennis Claas, Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda, Barb Moroder, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Beth Newton, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Joyce Sachse, Anton Schleiss, Sharon Tym, Joseph Valent, Mary Frances Williams

Lord Jesus, You 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.

Names remain on the Sick List for 4 weeks and then are given to the Prayer Circle. For names to be removed sooner, call the parish office.

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

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

You have mail. New schedules are available in the mailbox in back of church.



1,103 volunteer hours were completed by our parishioners from January 3 through March 28, 2021. Many thanks!

Safe Environment Program in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Did you know...

Bishops, priests, deacons, parish directors, employees and volunteers working with minors in active ministry in parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee passed a criminal background check.

St. Bernadette Fish Fry (8200 W. Denver Ave.)

Friday, April 16, 4-7pm. Takeout only with curbside pick-up. Included with the fish are coleslaw, fries, rye bread, butter, and tartar sauce. Desserts are available for purchase. Call 414-358-4600 for more information.



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