

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

April 25, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

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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 - 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: Call the Parish Office

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

Pastoral Council Officers:

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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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, 4/24 - Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter

*Acts 4:8-12 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22] /
1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18*

4:00pm † Charles, Dorothy and Kathren Henry
Adeline Henry

Sunday, 4/25 - 4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*Acts 4:8-12 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22] /
1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18*

9:00am Parishioners, both Living and Deceased
Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 5/1 - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter

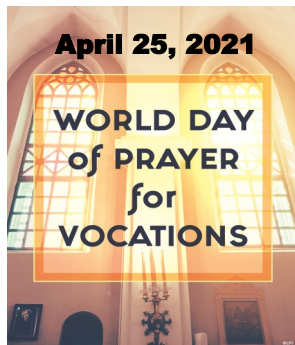
*Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a] /
1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8*

4:00pm † All Souls

Sunday, 5/2 - 5th Sunday of Easter

*Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a] /
1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8*

9:00am † Bob and Terry Leack
Rosary at 8:15am



We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life and, in a particular way, for priestly vocations to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from Blessed Savior Parish.

Do you know someone over 30 who might have a vocation?

Some men mistakenly assume priesthood is not an option because they had been married, had children, lacked a college degree, or thought they were “too old” or “not good enough.” Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology has been forming men over age 30 since 1970, and is hosting Zoom “Meet & Greets” for anyone that might want to learn more. Contact Deacon Steve Kramer for more information at (414) 858-4767.

Come Pray the Rosary

Join us as we pray the rosary at 8:15am before Sunday Mass. We sit in the front pews of church on the pulpit side, while following social distancing protocol and wearing face coverings. All are welcome!

“There is strength in numbers. When we pray the rosary together, we are like an army fighting against evil, and it is very hard for evil to prevail when we are united in prayer.”

Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort

Dear Parishioners,**Sunday Reflection:**

This Sunday’s gospel from John strikes a familiar tone with the narrative of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In John’s gospel, Jesus revealed his identity through the “I am” utterances. There are seven of these utterances. Namely: “I am the Bread of Life” (Jn. 6:35); “I am the Light of the world” (Jn. 8:12); “I am the Gate” (Jn. 10:9); “I am the Good Shepherd” (Jn. 10:14); “I am the Resurrection and Life” (Jn. 11:25); “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” (Jn. 14:6); “I am the True Vine” (Jn. 15:1). In the burning bush, God revealed himself to Moses as “I AM” (Ex. 3:14).

These sayings reveal the varied ways God provides for and safeguards his people. After experiencing the Holy Week and Triduum celebrations, it is not difficult to understand the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd. These celebrations highlight God’s unconditional love revealed through his Son. They go to show how far God was willing to go for human redemption.

In today’s gospel, Jesus compares the Good Shepherd with a hired hand. When wild beasts threaten, the Good Shepherd stands his ground to protect his flock. This often involves putting himself in harm’s way, even to the point of sacrificing his life for the flock. On the other hand, a hired hand who has no investment in the flock abandons it and runs away when danger threatens. For him, the flock is not worth sacrificing his life.

The books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel contain condemnations of the bad shepherds of Israel – “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture” (Jer. 23:1). Under the leadership of bad shepherds, the sheep scatter and become prey to wild beasts. Rather than care for the flock, bad shepherds fatten themselves at their expense. This is typical of human shepherds in the ordinary sense where the flock is simply a means of livelihood. Due to the inability of the shepherds of Israel to care for the flock, God Himself took over the role of shepherding (Ezek. 34:7-11). It was an indictment of self-centered shepherding.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus laid down his life for his flock as evident in our Good Friday service. Jesus reminds us that he laid down his life without coercion in order to pick it up again (the resurrection). Hence, the dying and rising of Christ manifest the supreme power of God and reveal a God who is always in control of destiny. One of the hallmarks of the Good Shepherd is the close bond he has with the flock. The Church helps to nourish that bond through the administration of the sacraments. A flock’s survival is also dependent on its willingness to cooperate with the shepherd and follow where the shepherd leads. A flock that follows its own designs will hardly survive.

In the gospel, Jesus refers to other sheep that also depend on him for leadership and guidance. This recognition is important in establishing common grounds for Christian unity and inter-religious dialogue. The recognition that Catholicism is not the only path to salvation was one of the major accomplishments of the Second Vatican Council. Ultimately, the goal is to have one flock and one shepherd. Hence, the importance of continuous prayer for Christian unity.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus is the model of Christian leadership. We exercise leadership roles as parents, guardians, teachers, catechists, ministers, sponsors, et cetera. As Christian leaders, we have a responsibility to protect those entrusted to us. This is especially true in relation to the children entrusted to our care. We have to do everything to ensure their protection from abuse and danger. As we know, April is child protection month, when the Church places extra emphasis on the protection of children from abuse. Are we doing enough to ensure that those under our protection are safe?

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

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, Catherine Felber, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda, Barb Moroder, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Beth Newton, Wayne Ring, 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.

Safe Environment Program in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Did you know...

All clergy, employees and volunteers are instructed to contact local law enforcement or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused. All bishops, priests, deacons, lay parish/school staffs and volunteers are required to follow the mandatory reporting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Make a gift or pledge to support archdiocesan ministries that support your pastor and parish.

Mail your pledge to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53207. Or, give online at www.catholicappeal.org. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus, Council 4240, 14th Annual Menomonee Falls Lucky Duck Derby. Mill Pond Park. May 29th, 11am-4pm. Live entertainment, food, raffles. Call 414-881-4505 for information.



A message from your bulletin editor:
The 10 Commandments aren't multiple choice or suggestions.

Easter Flower Memorials - April 2021

Faustino G. & Eliza V. Piana,
Pedro & Maria Adriano,
Guadalupe & Angelita Renteria



Kurtzweil family, Glanville family

Ramon Santiago, Maria Santiago

Joseph & Mary Zlatos, Marge & Gus McLeod,
Bud Simone

Rusty Tym

Wayne Harmon, Czarnyszka family

Ezinne Ikerionwu, Regina Ikerionwu,
Alice Blessing Dike Nosiri, Paul Chukwuonye,
Chief M.A. Uwalaka

Elsie Koeppen, Alfred Koeppen, Nancy Anderson,
Amber Anderson, Gwen Goldberg

Robert Ulik

Rihacek family, Floryance family

Donald Peterson, Joe Berinch, David Beronich

John Arends, Lucy Arends

Lavon Irwin, Pamela Atkinson

Marguerite & Henri Goudiaby, Christian Goudiaby,
Siga Diouf (Ndour), Rose Biagui, Ange Ndour

Byrne & Di Pierro families, all who have died around the world due to COVID-19 or complication therefrom

Cornelia & Wencel Bina, Mary Lou & Paul Neuzil,
Marcella & Walter McCormick, Robert Sbiral

Alan Lasecki

Emmanuel & Sessi Thompson, Ulas Allison & Willie Gray

Ernest & Matilda Valent, Michael & Vikoria Greguska,
Frank & Irene Greguska, John & Elizabeth Strnisko,
Joseph Valent-good health

Mary & Nelson Bellows, Elizabeth

Ethel Leichtle

George & Carmen Paider, Chris Koss

Albert & Sophie Nienas, Donald Nienas

Geraldine Ring, Richard Stampa, Delbert Ringwalski

Ken & Jane Doxtator, Paul Doxtator, Phyllis Doxtator

Dan Steffan & family, Eugene Kowalski & family

Peggy Smith

Roger T. Woppert

John Eiffler

Robert & Clara Retzlaff, Thomas & Marie Brunner

Francis & Helen Brunner, Jessica Matuszak

Everal Wakeman

Flower offerings were given from many Blessed Savior parishioners. Your generosity, as always, is appreciated.