

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

5th Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am - 4pm
Closed Fridays

Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM SUNDAY 9AM
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed., 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON
Carol Spsychalski, Bulletin Editor
Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.
Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.
Reconciliation:
Individual: Any time by appointment
Communal: Seasonal as announced

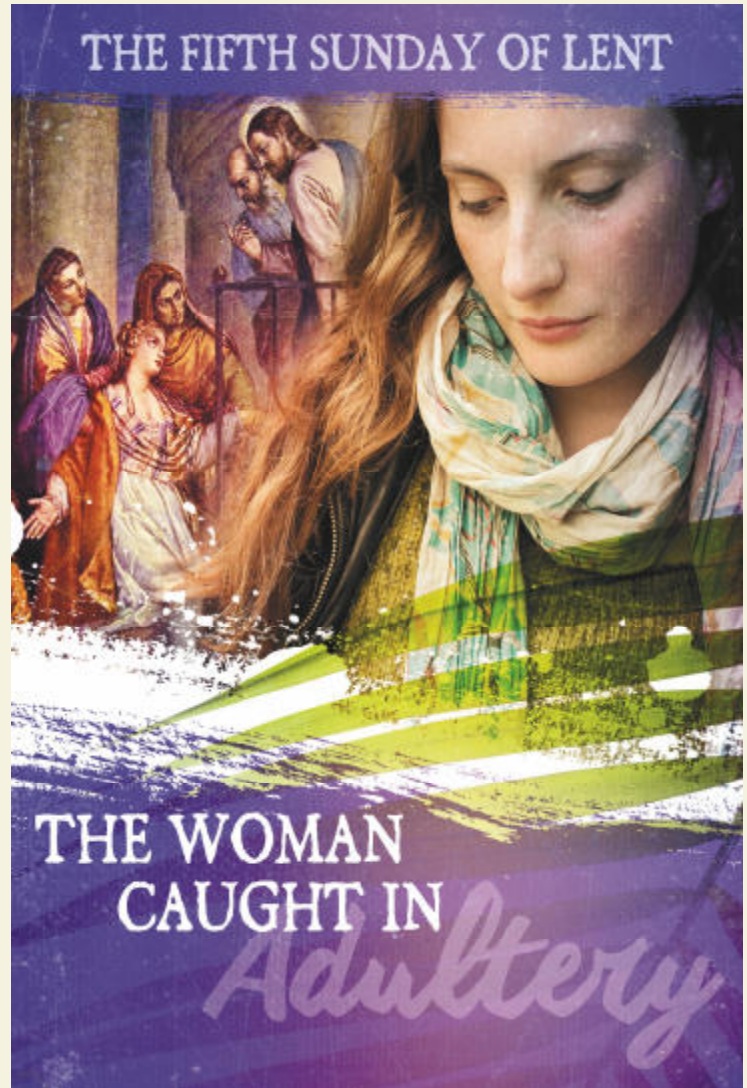
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)
Individual: Any time and also by appointment.
Ministry to the Sick

When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
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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, 4/6 - VIGIL OF 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT*Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11***4:00pm** † Carl Schuh

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 4/7 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT*Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11***9:00am** † Connie Mueller

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 4/8 - LENTEN WEEKDAY*Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62**Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-***9:00am** Parishioners**TUESDAY, 4/9 - LENTEN WEEKDAY***Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30***9:00am** † Deceased Members of the Parish**WEDNESDAY, 4/10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY***Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42***9:00am** † Jane Ziem**SATURDAY, 4/13 - VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD***Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49***4:00pm** † Ronald Lunford

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 4/14 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49***9:00am** † Milton Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15am

*Dear Parishioners,*

This Sunday's gospel is about the woman caught in adultery. Jesus' opposition brought her at daybreak in an effort to entrap him into either opposing the Mosaic or Roman law. They asked Jesus whether she should be stoned. After Jesus exposed their malice, the woman's accusers were afraid to condemn her.

In Jesus' time, it was important to determine daybreak when they made the first offerings in the temple. A rabbi asked his students what criteria to use to determine the end of night. One student said the night had ended when there was enough light to tell a goat from a sheep. Another said when you could distinguish an apple tree from a fig tree. The rabbi said: "A new day has arrived when you can look at a human face and see a brother or a sister." Although it was morning but for the woman's accusers the night was not over. They cannot see that it is their brother and their sister who have committed the sin. They compounded their malice by seeking to destroy Jesus under the guise of honoring the Law of Moses.

We know from other sources that the Romans had removed from the Jewish courts the authority to sentence anyone to death. It was a clever trap. If Jesus agreed with the Mosaic Law that prescribed death penalty for adultery, he would be in trouble with the Romans. On the other hand, if he rejects the Law of Moses, it will undermine his credibility with observant Jews. The scribes and Pharisees have tried this trick on other occasions, for example, by asking Jesus whether it was legitimate to pay tax to Caesar or not. Jesus was well aware what they were doing and he bent down to write on the ground. This was an act of indifference, perhaps even an insult to these authorities who expected to be taken seriously. It was as if he was tired of their little games and simply refused to debate them.

The action of writing on the ground was also an act of mercy. It took Jesus' eyes off his opposition and gave them time to reconsider their actions. He looked up and said, 'Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.' He lowered his eyes again and returned to his doodling. This gave them more time and prevented them from thinking that he was looking at them in a judgmental way. Giving them time allowed them to disperse while still maintaining some dignity. They knew that what they were doing was just as sinful as what the woman had done, and slipped away quietly and without notice.

We see here a beautiful distinction between the recognition of the sin and the condemnation of the sinner. Jesus clearly acknowledged that the woman had sinned; there is no brushing under the carpet here. He neither condemned nor punished her, but told her not to sin anymore. The woman's embarrassment was sufficient punishment. He may also have wondered where her partner in crime was in the picture. There was a patriarchal society that shielded men in these kinds of crimes. As a society, we should constantly endeavor to improve our justice system so that it is ever more equitable. We should aim to re-educate and rehabilitate minor offenders. We have also to realize that some persistent offenders simply never learn.

This gospel teaches us that no one is perfect. Sometimes, we get preoccupied with other people's sins and offences that we forget ours. Before condemning others, we need to look at the person in the mirror. That is not to say we have no right to point out other people's sins, but we have to begin with ourselves. Otherwise, we are no different from the Scribes and the Pharisees. However, we should take comfort in the realization that our God is a God of mercy. The question is whether we are equally merciful and forgiving in our dealings with one another.

*Have a great week.**Fr. Romanus***We currently have the following Mass Intention days open for the month of May:**Wednesday, May 15, 9a.m.Saturday, May 18, 4p.m.Tuesday, May 21, 9a.m.Saturday, May 25, 4p.m.

Mass is offered with gratitude as a way of giving thanks for a person's life and the impact that life had on you. Mass may also be offered in Thanksgiving, a Special Intention, for Health & Strength of yourself or someone else, or for Family Members & Friends. Mass stipends are \$10.

Please contact the parish office at 414-464-5033



We remember with prayerful respect
Donald P. "Don" Nienas,
brother of Robert, parishioner
who died on September 6, 2018. May
God comfort those who mourn him, and
all who suffer the loss of a loved one.

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*



Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous: teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.
St. Ignatius of Loyola

OUR PLEDGE IN STEWARDSHIP

3RD QUARTER (JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2019)

YTD Budgeted Contributions	\$ 232,497.00
YTD Actual Contributions	\$ 232,198.00
YTD Below Budget (\$ 299.00)	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,506.00



VOLUNTEER HOURS were completed by our parishioners from January 6 through March 31
 1,575.5 hours.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE for

St. Vincent de PAUL,

March 10—April 14

HUMAN CONCERNS LENTEN LAYETTE

COLLECTION, begins Mar. 23 through April 7.

CRS RICE BOWL COLLECTION, begins March 10

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, April 12, 6:00pm

3rd SCRUTINY, April 7, 9am Mass

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION, April 10, 6:30pm

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, blessing of Palms, 4pm & 9am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18, 6:30pm Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 6:30pm Service, Parish Office closed

EASTER VIGIL, April 20, 8pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21, 9am Mass

EASTER MONDAY, April 22, No 9am Chapel Mass

Parish Office closed



**CHRIST THE LORD
 IS RISEN TODAY!**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS
 You have mail, please check your mail boxes in back of the Church.

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: Rhey Clemente, Diane Henry

Mary Ann & Charles Janke,

Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Ginny & Donald Naegele,

Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Sr. Gina Redig,

Carol Runningen, Anton Schleiss, Joe & Joan Trinkl,

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.

Please remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who have written them.



ATTENTION SAINT VINCENT de PAUL MEAL PROGRAM

The next meal program is on Easter Sunday, April 21. Meals will be served as usual at the SVDP meal site at 9th & Madison. Members please don't forget to make your meal item and bring to the kitchen in the Parish Hall.



REMEMBER, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21st
THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.



Palm Sunday: April 14th,

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Food Drive needs are Knorr Rice, Noodle Side Dishes, Canned Ravioli, Canned Spaghetti O's, Jelly or Jam & Hand Soap.



12 hours of Reconciliation for our Deanery will be at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish, 201 N. 76th Street. Blessed Savior parishioners are invited to attend. April 10—8am – 8pm

FRIDAY FISH FRY—ST. AGNES IN BUTLER
 FRIDAY, APRIL 12—4:00-7:00-PM this is our last of the season .Eat in or carry out. \$9, includes breaded cod, cole slaw, rye bread, fries or shredded onions. Dessert/beverage for purchase



A message from your bulletin editor:
 I don't want to say I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.



Join St. Margaret Mary (92nd & Capitol) on Sunday night, April 7 at 6PM in Sampon Hall as Sr. MacCanon Brown, the Mother Theresa of Milwaukee, discusses her

homeless sanctuary and the need to take care of God's poorest in the 53206 zip code. Hospitality available. Also, Fr. Steve Avella, popular Marquette University professor, will be speaking at St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall regarding the 175 Year History of the Milwaukee Archdiocese at 6PM on Saturday, April 13th.



SAVE THE DATE ---- JUNE 9th
SECOND ANNUAL BLESSED SAVIOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY



The Pope's Prayer Intention for April Universal: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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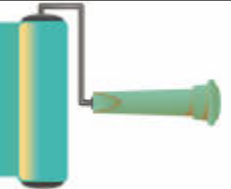
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