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Closed Fridays

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

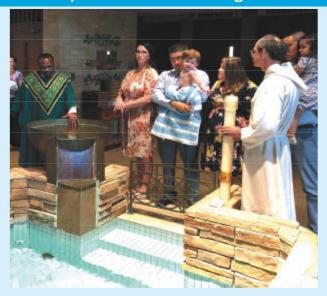
Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON Carol Spychalski, Bulletin Editor

Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made

through the parish office.

Sacrament of Christian Marriage:

Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.



Baptism pictures of Nikolai Luis Millan Son of Luis and Kristina Godparents: Jose Luis Quezada Alcaraz, and Jacqueline Guadarrama. Sunday, August 19, 2018 at the 9am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Individual: Any time by appointment

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

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

appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal) Monthly 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. 414-464-3817—-Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am Interfaith Older Adult Programs: 414-466-8858

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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, 8/25 - VIGIL OF 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Jos* 24:1-2*a*, 15-17, 18*b*/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2*a*, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

4:00pm † Francis & Helen Brunner

† Jessica Matuszak

Rosary at 3:15pm

Anointing of the sick after Mass in the Chapel

SUNDAY, 8/26 - 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Jos* 24:1-2*a*, 15-17, 18*b*/E*ph* 5:21-32 or 5:2*a*, 25-32/J*n* 6:60-69

9:00am † Faustino G. & Eliza Piana Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 8/27 - ST. MONICA

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22

9:00am † Bob & Mary Chapman

Tuesday, 8/28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 8/29 - **THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29

9:00am † Henry & Hattie Emmerich

† James D. Emmerich

SATURDAY, 9/1 - VIGIL OF 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

4:00pm † Al & Jean Siegel

Rosary at 3:15pm

Marriage Blessing for Bob & Lynne Floryance,

60 years

SUNDAY, 9/2 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21*b*-22, 27/M*k* 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9:00am † Carl Schuh

Rosary at 8:15am

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:

Elaine Ballering, Stanley Bruskiewicz, Rhey & Connie Clemente, Allen & Helen Engel, Diane Henry, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Anton Schleiss, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Mary Frances Williams

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you, May Your healing Hand restore them to health. If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033. The name will remain on the list for 4 weeks and if you wish to have it on longer please call the parish office.

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



Dear Parishioners,

A quote from Joshua's address in the first reading gives us something to reflect on. He states:

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua was getting older and weak. He was unsure when death would come knocking. At this point, the Israelites had taken possession of the Promised Land after the Lord cleared the way for them. With the long journey from Egypt behind them, and the land apportioned to the various tribes of Israel, there was a tendency to let down their guard. Joshua reminded the Israelites of all that God did for them, and left it up to them to choose which god to follow. If they mean to follow the God who led them out of the land of slavery, they would have to keep his commandments. He also made clear they understood where he and his family stood, stating, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Fortunately, the people's memory was still alive – they had not forgotten the God who saved them and fought their battles. Hence, they replied, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods ... Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." This is a beautiful reaffirmation of faith in God. How tragic it would have been if the Israelites had chosen to follow other gods instead. They trusted the wisdom of their fathers in choosing and following the God of Israel.

We also find a similar dynamic working in the gospel passage. For the last five weeks, we have been reading about the *Bread of Life* motif in chapter six of John's gospel. These readings came to a climax last Sunday with Jesus stating, "... and the bread I will is my flesh for the life of the world... Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." The people thought he had gone crazy. It seemed like his camp was beginning to fracture. The crowd was no longer the only ones murmuring, his own followers were beginning to murmur. Sensing their discomfort, Jesus asked, "Does this shock you?" Of course, the teaching was shocking and many of his disappointed followers were returning to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

It was a critical moment in Jesus' ministry when his followers were compelled to make a choice to either follow or walk away. Faced with the growing rebellion around him, Jesus turned to the twelve apostles and asked, "Do you also want to leave?" Speaking for the Apostles, Peter stated, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...." Peter's response must have been reassuring to Jesus. You can say all you want about Peter's weaknesses, but this was one of his greatest moments. His unequivocal statements of faith set him apart.

Choosing to follow God is a personal decision we have to make. Some argue that the choice was made for them when they were infants and had no say in the matter. However, as we grow older, we develop the capacity to choose a different path or reinforce the choices made on our behalf when we were infants. Choosing to follow God involves a lifelong commitment of faith and trust. Karl Rahner, one of the greatest theologians of our time, called it a "fundamental option." This is not like choosing between chocolate and vanilla ice cream. It is a choice that determines the trajectory of the rest of your life. Some choose to walk away when the going got tough. That you are in church today is evidence of your choice to stay with Jesus. You have chosen wisely and God will commend you. Have a great week!

21st Sunday in Ordinary TimeAugust 26, 2018 | 3

PARISH JOB OPENING

Parish is looking to fill two Custodian/Maintenance positions on the WEST & SOUTH CAMPUSES.

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St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk Saturday, Sept. 29, registration/check-in 8am, walk begins 9am, pre registration http://svdpmilw.org,\$25 adult, \$10 child ages 5-17, St. Alphonsus Church, 6060 W. Loomis Rd.

Learn about Prison Ministry and Join the National Catholic Prison Ministry—2-day conference "Bridges of Hope", Archbishop Cousins Center, October 12 & 13. www.dismasminstry.org/conference.

2018 Pallium Lecture-Good Goods, Good Work, Good Wealth Tuesday Sept. 18, 7pm, Cardinal Stritch University Free and open to the public, www.archmil.org/palliumlecture.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9am - noon. Hilton Garden Inn 11600 W. Park Pl. Milwaukee Ticket \$18, breakfast with Suzanne Fournier author of "Life After Diapers". Info call Terri @ 262-853-3349/http://magnificat-wb.com to order tickets or send a self addressed stamped envelope to Karen Lambie 1025 Silverwood Pl. West Bend WI 53090



A message from your bulletin editor: When you are young and foolish, speed and flash may seem like a good thing. When you get older and smarter, comfort and dullness is not such a bad thing. Its's called S.O.S., Slower,

Older and Smarter.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS

You have mail, please check your mail boxes in back of the Church.



HELP—HELP—

Please contact Carol Nickasch 414-442-7668 to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister and/or Lector for the 4:00pm Saturday Mass.



PROJECT EMPTY SHELF FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL. For the weekend of September 1 & 2 our shelves could use CANNED TUNA. We thank you for all the food items that you have been giving to our pantry, our shelves tend to have a little less on them during the

hot summer months but the hungry are always with us.

As fall is fast approaching, have you considered sharing your musical talents with your Blessed Savior Parish? We are always in need of more music ministers





including handbell ringers, cantors, choir members and instrumentalists.

If you have the time and interest in this area of ministry, please contact our Music Director, Christy Presser, at 464-5033, ext. 15, or meet with

her after Mass. The new choir season begins after Labor Day, Thursday, September 6 at 6:30pm. More information will follow regarding the details. We welcome new musicians.

Christy



Keeping God's Children Protected and Safe To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love, with deep

abiding security and the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh, and to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality—we cannot approach all God's creation with the same trust and confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful and damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love and respect others—they ignore God's call. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee's program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility of how to keep God's children protected and safe.

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