

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

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*Marriage Blessing 45 years  
Joseph & Marilyn Ratke  
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Mass at St Agnes in Butler  
as part of a  
Collaborative Religious Formation Program.  
July 19, 2020

*Left to right: Francis F.,  
Laetitia F., Shawn M.*



*God's promise to you is sure: You are His child at  
Baptism, Confirmation and forever.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 8/1 - VIGIL OF 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

4:00pm † Pierre Dasyvla  
† Jachim Dasyvla

SUNDAY, 8/2 - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

9:00am † Terrence Knier

MONDAY, 8/2 - WEEKDAY

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

9:00am † All Souls

WEDNESDAY, 8/5 - THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF  
ST. MARY MAJOR

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

9:00am † Milton Hohense

SATURDAY, 8/8 - VIGIL OF 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

4:00pm † Richard Schmidt

SUNDAY, 8/9 - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

9:00am † Antonia Ogugua  
† Beatrice ObasiPope's Worldwide  
Prayer NetworkIntentions of the Pope for  
August 2020

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and  
live from the sea, among them  
sailors, fishermen and their families.

*He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied.* Mt 14:19c-20

**Dear Parishioners,****Sunday gospel reflection:**

This Sunday's gospel (different readings for RCIA) from Matthew is about the feeding of the five thousand. The miracle took place in Jewish territory, on the western side of River Jordan flowing into the Sea of Galilee. It was a miracle that underscores our faith in divine providence. As God provides for us in our moments of need, we are obliged to provide for others in need.

One of the fascinating things about this miracle is that it took place when Jesus was most in need. Following the death of his cousin and forerunner, John the Baptist, Jesus was obviously distraught and needed time to grieve. For this reason, he withdrew to a deserted place by himself. However, the crowd would have none of it and followed by foot. By the time he disembarked, they were already waiting. Rather than scold them for bothering him, he felt pity for them. The lesson here is that sometimes we sacrifice our needs for the needs of others.

The disciples wanted Jesus to dismiss the crowd, so they could find food in the surrounding villages. Instead, Jesus instructed his disciples to give them food themselves, but they only had five loaves and two fish. There is a clear contrast between the inability of the disciples to provide a remedy and the ease with which Jesus provided one. They all ate and were satisfied, with twelve baskets full of fragments left.

There is also a big contrast between the preceding banquet presided over by Herod and this banquet presided over by Jesus. The Herod banquet was by special invitation only featured who is who in the kingdom. It was marked by debauchery, rivalry and scheming. The highlight of the banquet was the bloody head of John the Baptist on a platter. Jesus' banquet on the other hand had an open invitation dominated by the poor. We see a remarkable contrast between the values of this world and the values of the kingdom.

Today, God continues to feed his people through the sacrament of the Eucharist. The Eucharistic celebration is reminiscent of the feeding of the Israelites in the desert, the feeding of the crowds in the gospels, and the feeding of the apostles at the last supper. All these accounts reveal God as providential and compassionate. The format for the miracle in the feeding of the five thousand resembles the words of Eucharistic consecration where Jesus also "took the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples." The absence of the cup in the miracle of the five thousand could be understood to mean that the blood of Jesus was yet to be shed. The blood of John the Baptist could not be adequate substitute for the blood of Jesus. However, the death of John the Baptist shows how dangerous the mission had become and refigured what lay ahead for Jesus.

The feeding of the five thousand was a sign to Israel that the Messiah was able to provide for God's people even when there was no food to be had. The fact that there were twelve baskets full of fragments left after the crowd had eaten indicates that he would meet the needs of the world and the twelve tribes of Israel. However, on a basic level, it teaches the importance of avoiding the wasting of food when so many are going hungry. It is hard to imagine how much food our nation wastes every year when many in our poor neighborhoods are starving and millions around the world go hungry. Not only should we avoid wasting food, we ought to share our resources with the less privileged. As Jesus expressed compassion for the hungry and weary crowd, we ought to have compassion for the poor and those on the fringes. God often uses us as the answers to their desperate prayers for help. As we respond to physical hunger, we ought to identify meaningful ways of identifying and responding to the spiritual hunger in us and others.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



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You have mail.  
New schedules will be in your mailbox on **AUGUST 9.**

## Our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry needs our Help!!

During this Pandemic we understand that you are not always able to get to a store to pick up food for the pantry. If possible would you consider dropping a little something into the SVDP Poor Boxes that are located at each entrance of the church. We will do the shopping for you.



*Thank you and God Bless.*

*Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?*

*"When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'* Mt.25:31-46

### Sunday Mass For the Homebound

Did you know? Heart of the Nation televises weekly Sunday Mass nationwide especially for those who cannot attend Mass with their parish community.

"My Sunday Mass" can be viewed through most providers every Sunday at 7:00 & 9:00am (channel 24 or 24.1.) 9:00 am Mass on radio (AM 920), and Channel 6, 5:30am. .

### Thank you from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Milwaukee District Council



Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee Board of Directors, along with our incredible volunteers and staff members, we are grateful for your generous gift in the amount of \$1,806.18 made on June 24, 2020 to the SVDP Cross Roads Kitchen South meal site.

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee and the individuals and families we serve, offer our heartfelt gratitude for your support.

With prayers of health and comfort during this uncertain time,  
Deborah Duskey Executive Director  
Rebecca Surges Director of Development



A message from your bulletin editor:  
Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall. When it rang, I'd pick it up without knowing who was calling.  
Amazing I'm still alive.

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Individual - Call the parish office.

Confessions: Call the Parish Office.

Funerals: Please call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.  
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am

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**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:

Chad, Amber Anderson, Jackie Ballering,  
Kathleen Brunner, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Violet Ciernik,  
Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry,  
Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke,  
Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Karla Klaybor,  
Ginny & Donald Naegele,  
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss,  
Sharon Tym, 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 prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033. The names will also be given to the Prayer Circle. If you wish to remove anyone, please call the parish office.

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

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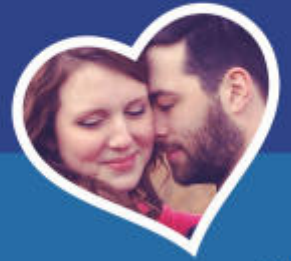
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