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STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 2/9 - VIGIL OF 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

4:00pm † John & Lucy Arends

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 2/10 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

9:00am † Michele Diatta

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 2/11 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

9:00am Parishioners

TUESDAY, 2/12 - WEEKDAY

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, 2/13 - WEEKDAY

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

9:00AM † Connie Mueller

THURSDAY, 2/14 - SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 2/16 - VIGIL OF 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

4:00pm † George & Trudy Grall

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 2/17 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

9:00am † Tom Schimmels

† Steven Lehman

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, Feb. 14, 9am at the EAST Campus. Enter through the Front Center door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



Anointing of the sick will be on Sunday, February 24 after the 9am Mass in the chapel.

The 2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal launches this weekend with the theme *Amazing Grace*.

The goal for Blessed Savior Parish is \$36,000 while the goal for the Archdiocese is \$7.8 million.

Some ministries receiving support include Communication, Ecumenical and Interfaith, Marriage and Family Life, Schools, Catechesis and Youth, Vocation and Diaconate, Stewardship, Worship and Liturgy.

All contributions will be used solely for the restricted purposes of the 2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal and for no other purposes. The Appeal funds ministries that serve families, strengthen parishes, support schools, and form priests and parish leaders within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The restricted purposes are identified specifically on the Appeal Web page - www.catholicappeal.org.

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Reflection:

Today's readings present three men, Peter, Paul and Isaiah whom God called to special missions for their times. They all appeared to be unlikely choices to perform the mission entrusted to them. They all expressed a sense of unworthiness for the mission due to their self-awareness as sinners. God was quick to reassure them.

In the first reading, Isaiah reveals a vision of God seated on a high throne surrounded by seraphim. As the angels cried out, 'Holy, holy, holy ...,' the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke, underscoring God's majesty and evoking a feeling of awe in God's presence. Isaiah was filled with awe because he was conscious of himself as a sinner, unworthy to stand before the Almighty. He says, "Woe to me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips." An angel reassured him by touching his lips with an amber from the altar to cleanse him of sin. Unfortunately, the sense of awe or mystery seems to have diminished in our time. How do we recover it?

However, after his cleansing, Isaiah volunteers to be God's emissary. When the mission-call came, he responded enthusiastically, "Here I am," "send me!" Many priests and religious see their vocations as responding to a divine invitation similar to that of Isaiah. The same is true of those called to secular vocations as parents, teachers, doctors, et cetera. The response should be no less enthusiastic, "Here I am, send me."

The second reading presents the story of Paul who previously persecuted the Church. Those shameful memories brought him low and led him to declare, "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective." True contrition begins with humility before God. Humility leads to the awareness that all is grace. No one deserves anything from God based on one's personal efforts and accomplishments. Even when we have done everything well, salvation is still dependent on the grace of God. Moreover, even the ability to do everything well is dependent on grace. When it comes to our relationship with God, there is no such thing as entitlement.


In the gospel, Jesus preaches from Peter's boat to an open congregation gathered on the shores of Lake Gennesaret. In appreciation of Peter's kindness, Jesus performs a miracle for him and his friends after they fished all night with nothing to show for it. With Jesus' intervention, they caught a great number of fish that their nets started coming apart. Realizing it was the Lord, and conscious of his own unworthiness, Peter pleads with Jesus to leave their company. "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," he said. Rather than leave them to their own devices, Jesus transformed them into evangelists. Their new occupation will now involve fishing for disciples. They left everything and followed Jesus. How challenging and liberating it must have been to embrace this kind of transformation! Unfortunately, the world presents measurable obstacles to material detachment and radical dependence on God's providence. Nevertheless, we need to strive mightily to respond to whatever vocation God is calling us and work to overcome whatever obstacles on our path. We can do neither without the grace of God.

Have a great weekend. Fr. Romanus

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

2ND QUARTER (OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, 2018)

YTD Budgeted Contributions	\$ 154,998.00	
YTD Actual Contributions	\$ 159,315.00	
YTD Below/Above Budget	\$ 4,317.00 +	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,297.00	

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:

- Amber Anderson, Jackie Ballering, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Anna Emmerich, Diane Henry, Mary Ann & Charles Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss, Mary Slowinski, 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.



On Sunday, February 10, at the 9AM Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for our two catechumens, *Charles and Ugo*, young men who will be welcomed into the Church as fully initiated members at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 20. Please pray for them on their spiritual journeys. Blessed Savior Parish joyfully welcomes them and prays for God's blessings during this time of formation.

12th Annual Mardi Gras!

ROMANIAN & SCOTTISH cultures featured.

See you in the Parish Hall Saturday, February 16 after the 4pm Mass.



Sign-up sheets for set-up, clean-up and food to prepare and share are in the Villard hallway after Mass this weekend. All non-perishable food items collected on February 16 & 17 will be donated to the Congregation of the Great Spirit Church. **All Are Welcome!!**

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary invite you to join them at their 31st Mardi Gras Scholarship Ball on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel for a fabulous dinner and dance. Attire will be black tie or costume. Come help us raise money for scholarships for youth. Ticket order deadline is February 15, 2019. Contact: Annette Frink @ 414.702.9363.

St. Margaret Mary Parish Blood Drive
Monday, February 18, 2019 from 2-6pm.
Appointments encouraged. Call 1-877-232-4376.
Walk-ins welcome.

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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.



African Catholic Ministry Committee invites you to a MASS OF THANKSGIVING, Sunday, February 17, 2019, 4pm at St. Martin de Porres Parish, 3114 N. 2nd Street. Fr. Peter Patrick Kimani, presiding.

Contact Reine Assana at 414-614-4907 for more information.

Are you considering serving the Church as an Ordained Deacon?
If you are a man (married or single) that feels this call and wants to know more, please contact the Office for Diaconate Formation at 414-758-2207 or maldonadom@archmil.org. The schedule of these sessions can be found at <http://www.archmil.org/offices/Diaconate.htm>

Registration is open for St. Joan Antida High School's 4th annual NUN Run, presented by Catholic Financial Life. This is a virtual race with no need to run, walk, or exercise. Register online at www.saintjoanantida.org/NUNRun for a complimentary race t-shirt and your invitation to the Post-Race Refueling Party happening 1-4 PM on Sunday, Feb. 17 at Three Lions Pub. All proceeds to benefit the students of St. Joan Antida High School.

FISH FRY FRIDAY—St. Bernadette, 8200 W. Denver Ave. February 15, 4-7:30pm in the parish hall. Includes coleslaw, fries or potato salad. Children's dinners & carry outs available.



A message from your bulletin Editor:
Getting older is just one body part after another saying, HA HA. You think that's bad?
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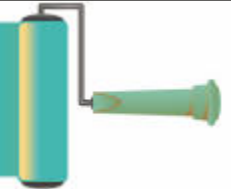
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