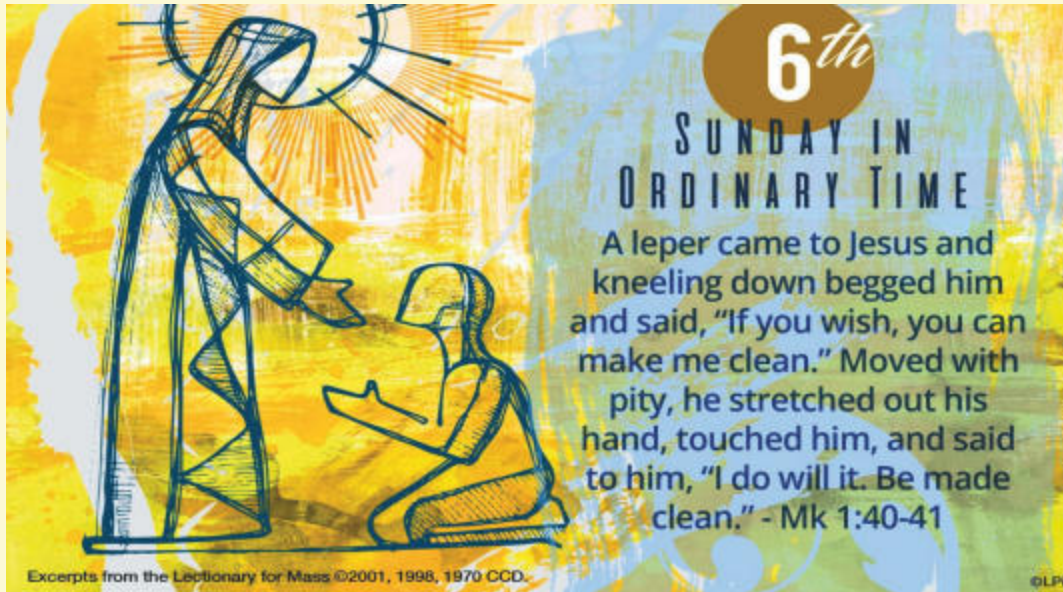


# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 6h Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site: 8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225  
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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.

**Funerals:** 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.

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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, 2/13 - VIGIL OF 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

4:00pm † Vi Ciernik

Rosary at 3:15pm

## SUNDAY, 2/14 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

9:00am † Milton Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15 am

## WEDNESDAY, 2/17 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2

Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:00pm Parishioners, Living &amp; Deceased



## SATURDAY, 2/20 - VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

4:00pm † Lucille Gardner

Rosary at 3:15pm

## SUNDAY, 2/21 - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

9:00am † Joseph Minh Ly

Rosary at 8:15am



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, there are certain dietary considerations to be kept in mind that are meant to help us keep the spirit of the season. Fast and abstinence are the traditional considerations. We are strictly

speaking obliged to keep the order of the abstinence (no meat) on two days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If people choose to abstain on other Fridays during Lent, that is considered commendable, not necessarily obligatory. In preparing other meals during the season, they need to be meals that will sustain your strength and your health particularly if you are working, if you are elderly, or under a doctor's care.

Remember, it's the spirit of Lent we want to participate in so that we remember those who have harder lives than ourselves, have less food than ourselves, and who struggle day by day. Consider fasting from criticism and gossip. Consider fasting from negative thinking. Consider fasting from selfishness. Consider fasting from complaining, whining and impatience. Consider fasting from your ego and pride.

*Isaiah says, "To rend your hearts, not your garments. That is the fasting that I seek, says the Lord."*



Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of

***Ervin Bonds, husband of  
Nga Ly-Bonds.***

*May he find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. 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. Amen*

Dear Parishioners,  
Valentine's Day:

As you know, the world celebrates Valentine's Day this weekend. Though the celebration falls on Sunday, it is observed through the weekend as a celebration of love and friendship. Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to remind those you love how much they mean to you. That message is conveyed in person or through cards, emails and social media. It is celebrated with roses, dinners, toasts, et cetera. Valentine's Day is one of those cultural celebrations designed to have a positive impact on society.

In a world that is hurting from the devastating effects of the pandemic, Valentine's Day celebration is a panacea for pain and misery. It is a welcome distraction from our preoccupation with the painful inconveniences of the Corona Virus. For those who have lost loved ones, it is an opportunity to recall and celebrate the love that once bound them together.

Whereas the day could be abused by some, for most people, especially married and engaged couples, it provides a wonderfully opportunity to enrich and strengthen relationships. For people in ruptured but redeemable relationships, it is an opportunity for healing. It is also a good time to evaluate, re-evaluate, and perhaps terminate dysfunctional, destructive, and unhealthy relationships. Valentine's Day presents parents an opportunity to reassure their children of their unconditional love, vice versa.

The history of Valentine's Day is somewhat ambiguous, but it is said to have roots in the Roman pagan feast of *lupercalia*, a fertility festival celebrated on February 15. Pope Delasius II changed this to a Christian celebration in 496, and designated February 14 as Valentine's Day.

Some believe the feast was named after a priest, Valentine, who fell out with Emperor Claudius II around the year 270. One legend has it that Emperor Claudius prohibited marriage for young men, claiming that unmarried young men made better soldiers. Their life and love were for the state and not shared with someone else. Ignoring the Emperor's prohibition, Valentine continued to secretly perform marriages, and was eventually arrested by the Roman soldiers and put to death.

Another legend continues the story while embellishing the previous legend. It states that while in jail, a guard asked Valentine if he would tutor his blind daughter. Valentine agreed and taught the girl many lessons and shared numerous academic and theological insights with her. Through him the girl became a Christian and regained her sight through a miracle. The day before Valentine was executed he sent a secret letter to the young girl urging her to love God and remain strong in the faith. He signed the letter, "from your Valentine." Hence, the origin of Valentine letters. The feast of St. Valentine remained on the Church's liturgical calendar until the reforms of Vatican II. The feast was one of the victims of the purging of the liturgical calendar whereby feasts with dubious origins were deleted.

Regardless of the veracity of the legends, Valentine's Day remains a very special day to celebrate love. Most of all, it is an opportunity to celebrate God's unconditional love manifested in the paschal mystery, that is, the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to die, for the expiation of our sins. The suffering and death of Christ reveal God's unconditional and sacrificial love for us. Love often involves pain, suffering, and inconvenience. Hence, true love demands sacrifice and commitment. Those unwilling to make those sacrifices and commitments should not claim to love. Happy Valentine's Day!

Fr. Romanus

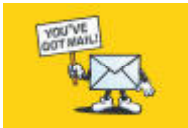






**CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services**  
 During Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of Resurrection. Contribution envelopes will be available in the March 7 bulletin. If you prefer to use a “Rice Bowl Box” during Lent,

they are available on the round table in the Villard hallway, along with some free Lenten reading resources.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS!!!**

You have mail.

New schedules will be in your mailbox on. February 20.

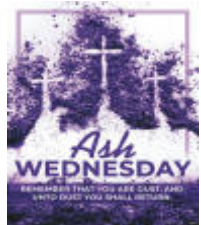


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**Lent Begins February 17**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
 A day of fast and abstinence.

There will be a 6:00pm Mass  
 Blessed Savior Parish  
 in the main Church



February 14, 2021

**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, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Larry Kenny, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda, Barb Moroder Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, 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 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.

St. Bernadette’s Curbside FISH FRY,  
 Friday, February 19 - 4:00 - 7:00pm  
 Includes 3 Cod Loins fries, coleslaw, rye roll, butter & tartar sauce. Dinner \$13  
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 Please order in advance by calling parish office @ 414-358-4600 or visiting [www.stbweb.com](http://www.stbweb.com).



**ST VINCENT de PAUL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**  
**WEEK 1: FEBRUARY 21ST**

SVDP has provided a list of items that they are most in need of throughout the year. This week they could use:

- Canned Fruit, Pork & Beans, Canned Beef Stew, Hand Soap

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry always has shelves to fill and they appreciate anything you donate.

During this season of Lent all are invited to open hearts & hands to further the mission of SVDP. *Thank you for all your help.*



**“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”**  
 ~ Romans 12:10



**World Marriage Day**  
**February 14, 2021**



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