

## Blessed Savior Catholic Parish 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4PM, Sunday, 9AM Weekdays: Mon. through Wed. 9am in the Chapel

February 16, 2020



High School Confirmation Recognition  
(L to R) Caroline Faye with her children Laetitia and Francis,  
Shawn with his parents Serge and Sabine Memiague

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**Sacraments:** Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

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

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

**Confessions:** 3rd Saturday in church, 3:15-3:45pm and by appointment.

**Communal Penance:** Seasonal as announced.

**Funerals:** Please 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.

**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, 2/15 - Vigil of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/*  
*1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37*  
 4:00pm † Helen Konrad  
 Rosary at 3:15pm

**Sunday, 2/16 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/*  
*1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37*  
 9:00am † Milton Hohensee  
 Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 2/17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the**  
**Servite Order**  
*Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13*  
 9:00am † Theresa Somers

**Tuesday, 2/18 - Weekday**  
*Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21*  
 9:00am Parishioners

**Wednesday, 2/19 - Weekday**  
*Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26*  
 9:00am † All Souls

**Thursday, 2/20 - Weekday**  
**School Mass - East Campus**  
*Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33*  
 9:00am Intention of the Priest

**Saturday, 2/22 - Vigil of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/*  
*1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48*  
 4:00pm † Francis and Helen Brunner  
 Rosary at 3:15pm

**Sunday, 2/23 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/*  
*1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48*  
 9:00am † Marge Wesling  
 Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, February 20th, 9am at the East Campus. Enter through the front center door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



Blessed Savior parishioners express their sympathy to the families of Thomas Johnson, parishioner and Santo "Joe" Gagliano (father of parishioner Jean Morales)

*May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn them, and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

*Liturgical Publications*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:** One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important telling the truth was to him, he just smiled. Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense.

Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes' and your 'no' mean 'no.'" He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them).

Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God's call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great. Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



### The Disciple Maker Index Survey

As pastor of Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish is going to participate in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The *Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey* allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth.

The web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form from **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses. This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to families in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth.

Fr. Romanus

### High School Confirmation Recognition

*Francis Faye, Laetitia Faye, Shawn Memiaghe*

On Sunday, February 9, the high school Confirmation Candidates were officially recognized at the 9am Mass. Parents and sponsors were invited to this blessing as our candidates journey to the reception of the Sacrament this Easter Season. With great joy, Blessed Savior affirms these young people as chosen by God!

We currently have the following Mass intention days open for the month of March:

Monday, March 2	Monday, March 9
Tuesday, March 10	Tuesday, March 17
Wednesday, March 25	Monday, March 30
Tuesday, March 31	

All these Masses are at 9am in the Chapel.

Mass is offered with gratitude as a way of giving thanks for a person's life and the impact that life had on you. Please contact the parish office at 414-464-5033 to set a Mass intention. Mass stipend is \$10.

We don't want to let another day go by without saying thank you to the Human Concerns Commission for sharing so many of the Giving Tree gifts with us. We also thank everyone who has provided us with warm, beautiful scarves, hats, gloves and mittens. Being able to offer these items to our clients is a blessing. Thank you!

*Gratefully, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry*

### 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:

Jackie Ballering, Stanley Bruskiwicz,  
Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,  
Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler,  
Karla Klaybor, Pat Lathrop, Ginny & Donald Naegele,  
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss,  
Rusty 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 Sick List with their permission, please call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Names remain on the Sick List for 4 weeks and then are given to the Prayer Circle. For names to be removed sooner, 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.

Anointing of the sick will be in the Chapel on Saturday, February 29 following the 4pm Mass. Blessed prayer shawls and bracelets will be available. They are made with the hope that they will provide the wearer with a reminder of our prayers and God's healing presence.

*Prayer Shawl Ministry*



**Lent Begins February 26**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**A day of fast and abstinence.**

Parishioners are welcome to attend the 9:30am Ash Wednesday School Mass at the East Campus. Enter through the front center door of the church.

There will also be a 6:30pm Mass at Blessed Savior Parish. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

It is our custom here at Blessed Savior to bring in our palms from Palm Sunday of last year. They will be burned at the Easter Vigil. There will be baskets at all of the church entrances for you to deposit your palms through March 1.



**Fish Fry:** Friday, February 28, from 4-6pm.  
St. Anne's, 3800 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> St., Milwaukee. \$10 per person and \$5 for children under 10. Please RSVP before February 24 by calling St. Anne's at 414-463-7570.



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