

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am - 4pm
Closed Fridays

Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM-SUNDAY 9AM
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON
Carol Spsychalski, 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Individual: Any time by appointment
Communal: Seasonal as announced

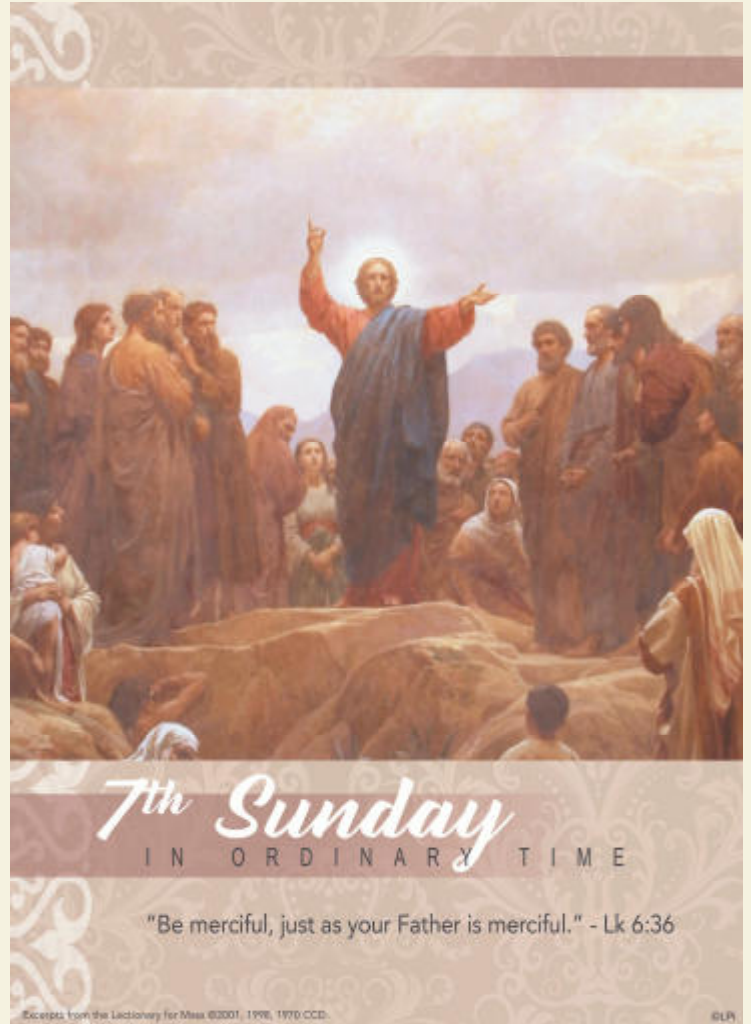
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)
Individual: Any time 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.
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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, 2/23 - VIGIL OF 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

4:00pm † Jane Swanson

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 2/24 - 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

9:00am † James Engel

Rosary at 8:15am

Anointing of the sick in the Chapel after Mass

MONDAY, 2/25 - WEEKDAY

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29

9:00am † All Souls

TUESDAY, 2/26 - WEEKDAY

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, 2/27 - WEEKDAY

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

9:00am Parishioners

THURSDAY, 2/28 - SCHOOL MASS, WEST CAMPUS

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 3/2 - VIGIL OF 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

4:00pm † Theresa Somers

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 3/3 - 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

9:00am † Milton Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, February 28, 9am at the WEST Campus. Enter through the EAST side door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Ash Wednesday is March 6. It is our custom here at Blessed Savior to bring in our palms from last year. This 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.

**Act of Kindness**

We know that many people can no longer join us to begin the season of Lent. If you are visiting someone in their home or in a

healthcare facility, please consider taking an envelope with you that contains ashes and a short prayer. Ashes will be blessed on Ash Wednesday and placed in a basket near the baptismal font. By this gesture, we can let people know that they are still included in our community of faith.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP I sometimes spend more money than I should. I make decisions based upon my wants and not my needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because I wanted what I wanted and I got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, I know I am not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. This is why it struck me to listen once again to the words of Jesus when he says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often I would like for others to fulfill my wants instead of needs, and I can seemingly love myself by doing what I already mentioned above. A stewardship way of life means that I wisely steward what I have, and I cannot give what I do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would I have others give me lavish gifts and shower me with empty compliments or would I have them give to me something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, I need to love myself more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to me in Christ Jesus.

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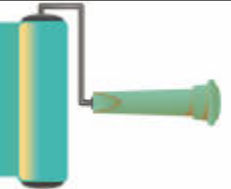
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