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 Spychalski, 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

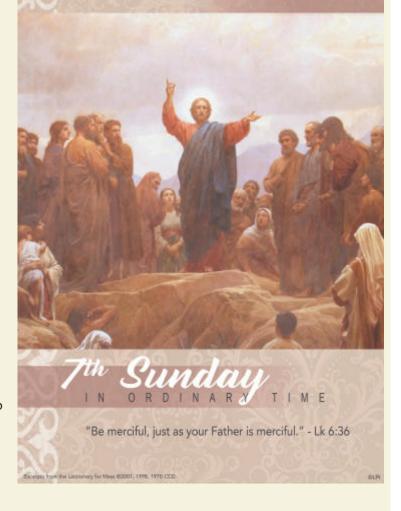
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

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. 414-464-3817—Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am Interfaith Older Adult Programs: 414-466-8858

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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 <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 28</u>, <u>9am at the WEST Campus</u>. Enter through the EAST side door of the church. <u>Parishioners are welcome to attend</u>.

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 Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS Jesus.

LENT BEGINS MARCH 6, ASH WEDNESDAY

A day of fast & abstinence. Parishioners are welcome to attend the 9:30am Ash Wednesday All School Mass at the East Campus, located at 5140 N. 55 St. Enter through the front center door of the church.



There will also be a Mass at 6:30pm at

Blessed Savior Parish Church.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE for LENTEN CALENDAR St. Vincent de PAUL, March 10—April 14 **HUMAN CONCERNS LENTEN LAYETTE**

COLLECTION, begins March 30 through April 7. CRS RICE BOWL COLLECTION, begins March 10 RITE of SENDING, March 10, 9am Mass RITE of ELECTION, March 17, 1:30pm, St. John's Cathedral COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION, April 10, 6:30pm PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, blessing of Palms 4pm & 9am Mass HOLY THURSDAY, April 18, 6:30pm Mass GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 6:30pm Service, Parish Office closed EASTER VIGIL, April 20, 8pm Mass EASTER SUNDAY, April 21, 9am Mass EASTER MONDAY, April 22, No 9am Chapel Mass Parish Office closed

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE - Watch for Unsafe Email Be alert for suspicious email and text messages!

We have received several reports from parishes and schools about getting an unusual email that appears to come from their pastor. Most questioned the messages because it was not father's regular email address and the message seemed suspicious. Well done! Unfortunately, others fell victim to this fraud and lost hundreds of dollars.

This particular phishing scam first appeared about one year ago and was sent to parishes across the country. The body of the message usually indicates that the pastor "needs your help" and directs the reader to contact him right away. The next message then asks you to purchase iTunes cards for someone he is trying to help.

The scammers are even personalizing each message with the recipient's name so it appears as legitimate as possible. We believe they are using software to look through your websites and bulletin files to collect names, emails and phone numbers. We urge caution with how much personal information you put online.

Some common red flags are:

- You do not recognize the sender of the message.
- The email address does not match the person's name
- Subject lines that do not match the content of the message.
- Bad grammar or illogical text.



A message from your bulletin editor: You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, only YOU are in charge of your life.



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 Bruskiewicz, Anna Emmerich, Diane Henry, Mary Ann & Charles Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Bob Leack,

> 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.

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033. Their name will remain on the list for 4 weeks and then go to the prayer circle. If you wish to have it on longer please call the parish office.

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

Blessed Savior parishioners are invited to attend a free and entertaining presentation by Mr. Chad Griesl, of Old St. Mary's Parish, who will be speaking this Sunday night, February 24 from 6-7PM at nearby St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall. The title of his talk is "How You Can Be More Saint-Like." It is an excellent preparation for the coming of Lent. Hospitality will be offered. All are welcome.

You are invited to: The Changing Face of Parish Life in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on Sunday, March 10th, 9am Mass, followed by a presentation by Fr. Steven Avella at 10:30am in Heck Hall. Coffee

and continental breakfast will be provided. This free event is sponsored by St. Therese Parish. 9525 W. Bluemound Rd. All are welcome! Those coming just for the presentation can enter through the set of double glass doors by the parish office after 10am. Please direct any questions to Heather Goeden in the St. Therese Parish Office at (414) 771-2500 x2 or heather@sttheresemke.org.

Celebration of Catholic Scouting—March 23

Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center—You are invited to attend the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Celebration of Catholic Scouting. Mass at 4pm followed by recognition of scouts who received religious emblems or medals, adult awards and supper.

Cost: \$9/person, up to \$36 per family. Information www.archmil.org/scouts.

> But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Lk 6:35-36

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