



Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

Baptism of Munachimso Elizabeth Ugwaka Okpechi
Sunday, January 26, 2020



Edward Ike, Godfather; Joy Okpechi, Mom;
Hyacinth Okpechi, Dad holding Munachimso;
Felicia Ike, Godmother

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STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Saturday, 2/1 - Vigil of The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated LifeMal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32**4:00pm** † Carol Runningen
Rosary at 3:15pm**Sunday, 2/2 - The Presentation of the Lord**
World Day for Consecrated LifeMal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32**9:00am** † Tom Schimmels
† Steven Lehman**Rosary at 8:15am****Monday, 2/3 - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr;**
St. Ansgar, Bishop

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20

9:00am † Joseph Augustine**Tuesday, 2/4 - Weekday**

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

9:00am † Carl Schuh**Wednesday, 2/5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

9:00am Parishioners**Thursday, 2/6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**
School Mass - South Campus

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13

9:00am Intention of the Priest**Saturday, 2/8 - Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Marriage Day

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

4:00pm † Faustino G. & Eliza V. Piana
Rosary at 3:15pm**Sunday, 2/9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Marriage Day

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

9:00am † Lorraine & Stanley Staniszewski
Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, February 6th, 9am at the South Campus. Enter through the south side door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

—Lk 2:34-35

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus' proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

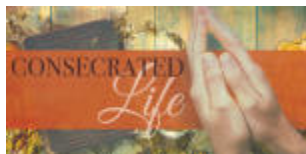
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The 2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal launches this weekend with the theme
Many Hands. One Vision.



The goal for Blessed Savior Parish is \$36,720 while the goal for the Archdiocese is \$8.1 million.

Gifts to the 2020 Appeal are used solely to support these ministries and shall be kept separate from other assets of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. 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 - <https://www.archmil.org/2020-Catholic-Stewardship-Appeal.htm>.



World Day for Consecrated Life
Sunday, February 2, 2020

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Diaconate Discernment

Are you considering serving the Church as an Ordained Deacon? The Church calls men to be deacons "in-service" to the people of God. 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. You can also go to the Inquiry for Discernment program. The schedule of the sessions can be found at: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/Diaconate.htm>.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

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We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



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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 Bruskiewicz,
Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler,
Karla Klaybor, 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.

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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.

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