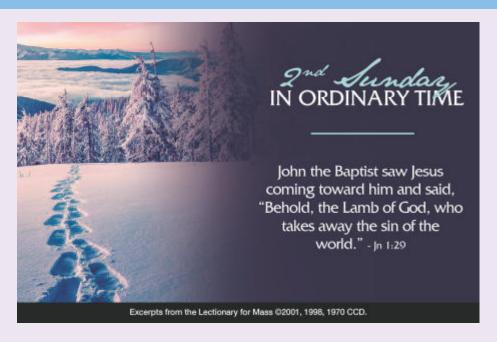
Blessed Savior Catholic Parish 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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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, 1/18 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/[n 1:29-34

4:00pm † Abraham Assana

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 1/19 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

9:00am † Joseph Mueller

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 1/20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

9:00am Parishioners

TUESDAY, 1/21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

9:00am † All Souls

WEDNESDAY, 1/22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6 9:00am † John and Lucy Arends

THURSDAY, 1/23 - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12 NO School Mass

SATURDAY, 1/25 - **VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** *Acts* 22:3-16 *or Acts* 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

4:00pm † Cornelia Bina

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 1/26 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEIs 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

9:00am † Kurt Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15am

Baptism



Blessed Savior parishioners express their sympathy to the family of Leona Hejnal, parishioner

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me."... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known." Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God? *Liturgical Publications*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you? *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

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Statements <u>after</u> all the Masses on the weekends of <u>January 18 & 19 and 25 & 26.</u>

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John Henry, Finance Director



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 15, 2020 Blessed Savior's Mardi Gras of Cultures Event. More information to follow.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - You Have Mail

New schedules will be in your mailbox on January 25 & 26, 2020.



The Blessed Savior Food Pantry is currently short of two basic hygiene items: hand soap and shampoo. We have an abundance of conditioner but no shampoo. Please consider helping us restock these essentials. As always, anything you contribute will be very much appreciated.

Thank you, Blessed Savior St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Our Father,

We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.



January 18-25, 2020

We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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 prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Their name will remain on the list for 4 weeks and then be given to the Prayer Circle. If you wish to have your name 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 wrote them.

God, give us strength of body to keep walking for freedom. God, give us strength to remain nonviolent, even though we may face death.



January 20, 2020 (birthday observed)

St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus Community Spaghetti Dinner Thursday January 30th from 4:00-6:00 pm. 3800 N. 92nd St., Milwaukee

All you can eat dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and drinks for only \$5.00 per person. \$2.00 for children under 10. Please RSVP to St. Anne's by January 27th by calling St. Anne's at 414-463-7570 and tell the receptionist the number that will be attending.

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