Blessed Savior Catholic Parish 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site: 8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225 Parish Office/Center (mailing address): 8607 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225 Phone: 414-464-5033 Fax: 414-464-0079 Email: blessedsavior@archmil.org

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







Parish Staff:

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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. 414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am

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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, 1/25 - **VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Is 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

4:00pm † Cornelia Bina

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 1/26 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [la]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

9:00am † Kurt Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15am

Baptism of Munachimso Elizabeth Ugwaka Okpechi

MONDAY, 1/27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

TUESDAY, 1/28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 1/29 - Weekday

 $2 \, \text{Sm} \, 7:4\text{-}17/\text{Ps} \, 89: 4\text{-}5, 27\text{-}28, 29\text{-}30 \, [29a]/\text{M}k \, 4:1\text{-}20$

9:00am † Al and Jean Siegel

THURSDAY, 1/30 - Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25

NO School Mass

SATURDAY, 2/1 - VIGIL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Mal 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 Mal 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



Blessed Savior parishioners express their sympathy to the families of

Olive Prostinak, parishioner Millie De Broux, parishioner

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 soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea." Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? "Come after me." These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

"Come after me." The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. "Come after me," Jesus says. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom!

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

OUR PLEDGE IN STEWARDSHIP

2ND QUARTER (OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER)

YTD Budgeted Contributions \$ 150,000 YTD Actual Contributions \$ 170,630

YTD Below/Above Budget \$ 20,630 (above)

Maintenance Fund 3,958



T White VOLUNTEER HOURS were completed by our parishioners from October 6 through December 29 for a total of 2,161 hours.

Blessed Savior's 13th Annual Mardi Gras of Cultures Event Saturday, February 15, 2020 See flyer in next week's bulletin



COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you take Communion to the homebound and are in need of a pyx (Communion holder – small white cloth envelope) they are available from the basket on the credence table, located by the East door entrance to church. Please return the pyx to the basket after you no longer need it. Thank you.

Women Are Invited to Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

Join women for prayer and spiritual formation at the de Chantal gatherings at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary on Tuesday, February 18, led by Fr. Rob Kroll, SJ, director of spiritual formation at the Seminary. After Eucharistic Adoration, Fr. Rob will offer formation on Two Standards: Christ and Satan, based upon meditations from St. Ignatius Loyola. A light reception follows benediction.

The gatherings are offered at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, 3257 South Lake Drive, St. Francis.



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.

Names remain on the Prayer 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.



January 26 - February 1, 2020

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN

Parents and guardians play a key role in the success of parish programs for young people. Parents and guardians who are involved in parish programs and events will be in the best position to protect their own children as well as all the children in the parish community. Involvement and communication are important factors in helping to ensure safe environments for all of our children.

Save those Box Tops for Education Labels and Empty Ink Cartridges for the Parish and School.

Many food and beverage packages contain Box Tops for Education labels. When you cut out those labels and donate them to Blessed Savior, we earn money! Each label is worth 10 cents or more.

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