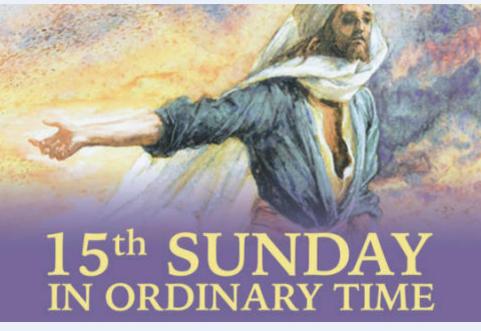
July 12, 2020

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish 15th 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 Weekday Masses: Mon. and Wed., 9am in the Chapel



"Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on the soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Mt. 13:7-8

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick Communal - Suspended for now. Individual: Call the parish office..

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

CONFESSIONS CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:5558 N. 69 St.414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10amPastoral Council Officers:Parish Trustees:Yolanda Coly, ChairJulia Atkinson, TreasurerSimon Biagui, Vice-ChairMark Kuchta, SecretaryDenise Wesserle, Secretary

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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, 7/11
 - VIGIL OF 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 +

 4:00pm
 † Joan Dienberg

 SUNDAY, 7/12
 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 9:00am
 † Robert Ulik

MONDAY, 7/13 - ST. HENRY Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b] Mt 10:34—11:1 9:00am † Helen, Steve & Kenneth Filo

WEDNESDAY, 7/15 - ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a] Mt 11:25-27 9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

SATURDAY, 7/18 - VIGIL OF 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 4:00pm † Margaret Haberkorn

 SUNDAY, 7/19
 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
 9:00am
 † Mary & Joseph Posnanski

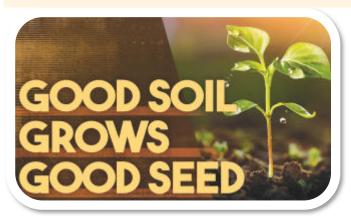
Blessed Kateri, Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks 1656-1680, Feast Day July 14

Star of Native People and Bright Light for all! We thank God for your heroic courage, constant perseverance and deep love of the cross



Pray for us that our love for Christ may deepen, and may we imitate

you in following God's Will even when difficulties arise. Amen



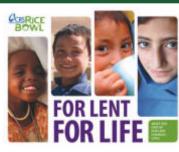
GOSPEL MEDITATION: Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

Liturgical Publications



CRS Rice Bowl Collection

Thank you for your generosity. Your participation in CRS Rice Bowl will continue to make a difference in the

lives of those in need throughout the year. The final total for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl was <u>\$ 951.47.</u>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP.

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will over flow with new wine. Proverby 3:-10

627 VOLUNTEER HOURS were completed by our parishioners from March 1 through June 28.





THINKING ABOUT JOINING **OUR PARISH?**

If you have been looking for an opportunity to register with the parish to become a member, membership packets are available in the back of church. Ask an usher for assistance.



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:

Chad, Amber Anderson, Jackie Ballering, Stanley Bruskiewicz, Violet Ciernik, Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Karla Klaybor, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss, Sharon 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 @ 414-464-5033.

The names will also be given to the Prayer Circle. If you wish to remove anyone, please call the parish office.

Please remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Jovs and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.

Summer Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry For the month of July, we could use your help filling our



ANILY SIZE shelves with



Dry boxed Cereal and Hamburger Helper

Anything you give is appreciated. Thank you & God Bless.

A message from your bulletin editor:



When young people tell me about their problems...l like to tell them that story about that time I survived without my cell phone or the internet for 40 years.



Blessed Savior, Milwaukee, WI