

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site
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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through 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.

Anointing of the Sick:
Communal - Monthly
Individual - Any time and also by appointment.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

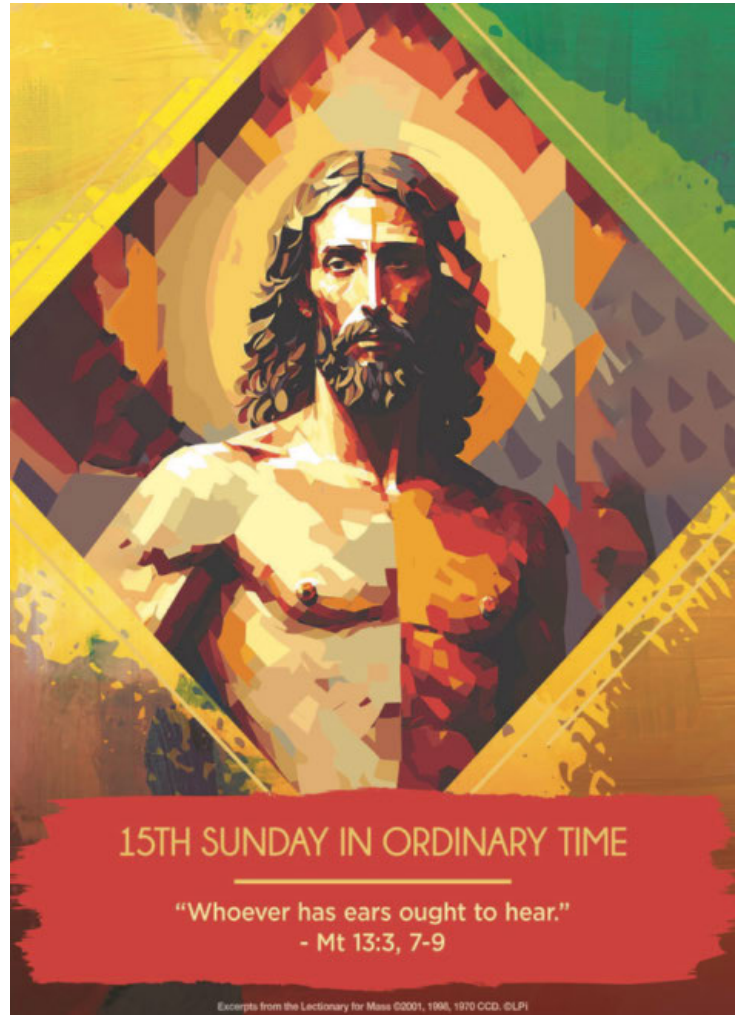
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Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

Pastoral Council Officers: Paul Bina, Chair
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School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 7/15 - Vigil of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 / Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8) / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

4:00pm † Nancy Anderson
† Amber Anderson

Sunday, 7/16 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 / Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8) / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

9:00am † Robert Ulik
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 7/17 - Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22 / Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 / Mt 10:34-11:1

9:00am † Gontran Gueye

Wednesday, 7/19 - Weekday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 / Mt 11:25-27

9:00am † Stanley Bruskwicz

Saturday, 7/22 - Vigil of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a) / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

4:00pm † Mary Lou & Paul Neuzil

Sunday, 7/23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a) / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

9:00am Darlene and Felix Hughes - special intention
Rosary at 8:15am



Wedding Banns II

Jacques Yameogo and Pelagie Ouedraogo



The seed that
falls on good
ground yields a
fruitful harvest

**Live the Liturgy
Inspiration for the Week**

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention. These finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

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!

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STEWARDSHIP

How much time, other than an hour on Sunday, do you give back to God for the many blessings that you have received?

Parish Registration

Question: Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer: Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

To join our household of faith, please see an usher for a registration packet or take one off the round table in the Villard hallway. You can also call the parish office at 414-464-5033 and the necessary paperwork will be provided.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

You have mail. New schedules will be in your mailbox on July 22.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Summer Food Drive

For the weekend of 7/22 & 7/23, the pantry could use your help filling the shelves with pork & beans / 1 lb. rice.

Thank you for your support and prayers.
May God bless you.

Word of Life – July 2023

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

91st Annual Slovak-American Day

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Croatian Park - 9100 S. 76th St., Franklin, WI

Park opens 11:00am - free admission

12:00 Noon Mass

Live music, drillers & dancers, activities, hot food, homemade bakery, crafts, raffle.



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:

Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Edward Richard John Kurhajetz, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Alfredo Parra & Macaria Camacho, Joe Ratke, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeanne Rossner, Betsy Saul, Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Eleonore Ulik, 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.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of “Joys and Concerns” and all those who wrote them.

Why Use Incense?

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church’s liturgy, in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours, is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering” (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it’s because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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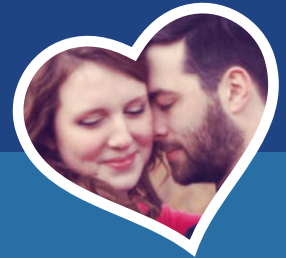
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