

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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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, 7/23 - Vigil of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Gn 18:20-32 / Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a] / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13*

4:00pm † Raymond Toelle

**Sunday, 7/24 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Gn 18:20-32 / Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a] / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13*

9:00am † Maria Bot  
 † Anna Nghiem

Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 7/25 - St. James, Apostle**  
*2 Cor 4:7-15 / Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 / Mt 20:20-28*

9:00am Parishioners, both living and deceased

**Wednesday, 7/27 - Weekday**  
*Jer 15:10, 16-21 / Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18 / Mt 13:44-46*

9:00am † Carl Schuh

**Saturday, 7/30 - Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 / Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1] / Col 3:1-5, 9-11 / Lk 12:13-21*

4:00pm † Mary Lou and Paul Neuzil

**Sunday, 7/31 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 / Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1] / Col 3:1-5, 9-11 / Lk 12:13-21*

9:00am † Tom and Ginny Schimmels

Rosary at 8:15am

Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of



**Stanley Bruskiewicz**, husband of Dolores Bruskiewicz

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



"Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received."

*Stewardship: A disciple's Response,  
 U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops*

Dear Parishioners,

### Sunday Reflection:

This Sunday's readings revolve around the theme of prayer, with emphasis on persistent prayer. Prayer is our means of communicating with God. It is our response to God's compelling invitation to a personal relationship and it nourishes and sustains that relationship. Prayer was an integral part of Jesus' life and ministry. It was his direct line to the Father. Despite the huge crowd and all the teaching and healing to be done, Jesus always found time to pray.

Jesus' disciples appreciated the priority their master gave to prayer. They observed that prayer played a major role in his life and preceded important moments in his ministry. They also learned that the disciples of John already knew how to pray. One thing was clear, they wanted to be taught how to pray. This desire to pray prompted their request in today's gospel.

The prayer Jesus taught them (The Lord's Prayer) is a fairly simple and direct prayer. Luke's version is shorter than the more familiar version in Matthew's gospel, but has the essential elements. In this prayer, Jesus teaches us to address God as "Abba," a word which literally translates as "Daddy." It conveys the depth of our relationship with God, as well as our dependence on God. By giving us permission to address his Father as our Father, Jesus makes clear that we are his brothers and sisters.

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer that calls for self-reflection, the blessing of God's holy name and the proclamation of God's kingdom. It goes on to implore God's benevolence in providing for his children. We also pray for our daily bread. We pray not just for earthly food, but also for the spiritual nourishment needed to reach our heavenly destination. Equally important is the nourishment of courage and hope to avert cynicism and despair. The prayer addresses the issue of forgiveness and insists that before asking God for forgiveness, we need to ensure we are forgiving those who offend us.

Jesus quickly follows up the Lord's Prayer with elaborate stories on the need for persistence in prayer. He states that if a friend does not get up at midnight to grant his friend's needs because of their friendship, he would get up because of his persistence. Likewise, we have to be persistent in prayer because "anyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and the one who knocks will have the door opened." This was certainly true in relation to Abraham in the first reading. God revealed to Abraham that the three angels he entertained in last Sunday's gospel were heading to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for their grave sins. Abraham was very concerned about his nephew, Lot, and his family who lived among the sinners of Sodom and Gomorrah. His desire to save Lot and his family led to an audaciously shameless intercession on behalf of the two cities. He negotiated down the number of righteous people from fifty to ten before giving up.

Apart from Abraham's remarkable persistence, we also realize that God's patience is extra-ordinary. God was willing to spare the two cities if he found lesser number of righteous people. Unfortunately, there were not enough righteous people to spare the cities from the destructive blow, except Lot's family. Like Abraham, we need to learn persistence in prayer. Persistence is not the same as irresponsible nagging since God knows what we want even before we ask. Even when prayers appear not answered, we should trust that God knows what is best for us. The essence of persistence in prayer is to manifest our faith and trust in God's ability to meet our needs.

Have a great week!

**Fr. Romanus**

**Faith Formation**

Blessed Savior is getting ready for our catechism school year in collaboration with St. Agnes Parish in Butler. RCIA classes will be held at Blessed Savior.



If you or any member of your family needs to complete any sacraments, please reach out to the parish office at 414-464-5033 and leave your name and your number so Simon Biagui, our Interim Christian Formation Director, can contact you. Thank you.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Summer Food Drive**

For the weekend of 7/30 & 7/31, the Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with pork and beans / 1 lb. rice.



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

**Did You Know . . .**

In 2021, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, over 75 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 3,000 adults trained in identifying signs of abuse and neglect, over 5,500 criminal background checks were conducted on clergy, employees, and volunteers, and over 50,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

Every year in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, each parish and school is required to complete a report documenting their compliance with the Safe Environment Program's policies and procedures. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office uses those reports to compile an archdiocesan report for USCCB audit firm Stonebridge Partners on our archdiocesan compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been found compliant every year since 2004.

**Summertime Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for this summer season. During this time, may we remember the gift of the world you have given us. For a while each summer of our lives is different. It is their similarities that bring joyful anticipation.

For you there is no beginning or end, and all things are eternal and at one time. Yet we, who are bound to time, see and learn all things through beginnings and endings.

As summer is here, may we see your reflection in this and every summer. For though you are unchanging and eternal, there is always more to discover, experience and learn. 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:

**Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Dennis Claas, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Barb Moroder, Joe Ratke, Sr. Gina Redig SSND, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Joseph Valent, Andreas Wesslerle, 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, call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

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

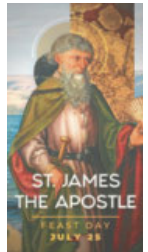
**St. James the Apostle - Feast Day July 25**

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were called by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee.

In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of Saint James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



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