Blessed Savior Catholic Parish 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4PM, Sunday, 9AM Weekday Masses: Mon. and Wed., 9AM in the Chapel

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STEWARSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 7/25 - VIGIL OF 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

4:00pm † Alfred Koeppen Marriage Blessing of Joseph & Marilyn Ratke, 45 years



SUNDAY, 7/26 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 9:00am † Joseph Augustine

MONDAY, 7/27 - WEEKDAY Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35 9:00am †Ralph Schmidt

WEDNESDAY, 7/29 - ST. MARTHA Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2] *Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42*

9:00am † Tom Schimmels † Steven Lehman

SATURDAY, 8/1 - VIGIL OF 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 4:00pm † Pierre Dasylva

† Jachim Dasvlva

SUNDAY, 8/2 - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 9:00am † Terrence Knier



Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior Parishioners express their sympathy to the family of

Christianne Koss, 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



Dear Parishioners,

These are the RCIA upcoming dates: Sunday July 26th at the 9 am Mass, 2nd scrutiny.

Sunday August 2nd at the 9 am Mass 3rd scrutiny.

Sunday August 9th Presentation of a copy of the prayer the Lord Jesus Christ taught us.

Friday August 14th Retreat day of prayer.

August 15th at the 4pm Mass RCIA sacraments celebrated.

Dear Parishioners.

Sunday Reflection:

The gospels the last two Sundays have been about the kingdom of heaven. In these gospels, Jesus uses parables to describe what the kingdom of God is like. Parables were very useful and efficient teaching tools in Jesus' time. In the search for truth, parables help to paint a mental picture of what is being described. They do not tell you explicitly what truth is, but enable you discover the truth by connecting the dots. Parables help to make abstract concepts concrete and comprehensible.

There are seven parables in chapter 13 of Matthew's gospel, all dealing with present and future realities of the kingdom. They are commonly referred to as the kingdom parables. Two of the parables deal with the final judgment, namely, the parable of the wheat and the weeds from last Sunday and the parable of the net from this Sunday. The other five parables, namely, the parable of the sower, mustard seed, leaven, treasure and the fine pearl, all deal with the present reality of the kingdom. The church teaches that the kingdom of God is already present but not yet fully. The fullness of the kingdom will be realized in heaven.

This Sunday's parables present God's kingdom as something of great value. Jesus describes the kingdom as a treasure buried in a field which one finds and hides again. Then, out of joy, goes and sells all one has and buys the field. This parable has the same message as that of the fine pearl of great value that a merchant finds and sells everything to buy. These parables convey the message that the kingdom of God is a great treasure that needs to be discovered and possessed. The question is: How does one discover the kingdom of God? Well, through a life of holiness and devotion to God. We discover the kingdom through friendship with God in prayer, through the scriptures, sacraments, regular Mass attendance, etc. Most of what we do as church are aimed at discovering the kingdom. Proper use of earthly treasures could lead to discovering God's hidden treasures.

It is not enough to discover hidden treasures, one must make efforts to possess them. That is the idea behind selling everything to purchase the treasure field. It is about investment and risk-taking in anticipation of tremendous reward. How do we do this? We do it through generous use of our resources, time and talent in the service of God. We invest in the hidden treasures of heaven through generous financial support of our parish and the archdiocese, volunteering our time for service projects, and supporting human concerns efforts. Those who cling to their earthly treasures may find heavenly treasures rather elusive. To one who does not understand, efforts aimed at possessing God's hidden treasures may seem wasteful.

The parable of the net towards the end of our Sunday gospel deals with final judgment. References to final judgment are often unsettling and some tip-toe around them. Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a fisherman's net which collects fishes of every kind. When the net is full, it is hauled aboard and sorted out. You do not have to be in the fishing industry to understand the imagery of sorting good fish from bad. The fishes that were discarded convey a sense of worthlessness. They are not of value to the fisherman. What a tragedy it would be to invest all of one's time and efforts on worthless ventures. Our worth at the end-time will be measured by the things we invested our time, energy and resources. We pray that when that time comes, God will find us worthy catches and invaluable gems.

Have a great week! Fr. Romanus >





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, Kathleen Brunner, 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 "Joys and Concerns" and all those wrote them.



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The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Mat.13:44-46

Parish Staff:

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through

the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal Monthly) Currently suspended

Individual: Any time and also by appointment

Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an

appointment.

Funerals: Please call the Parish Office in the event of the death of a loved one.

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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