

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM-SUNDAY 9AM
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON
Carol Spsychalski, Bulletin Editor
Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Sacrament of Christian Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Individual: Any time by appointment
Communal: Seasonal as announced

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

Anointing of the Sick (Communal)
Monthly and also by appointment.
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, 7/28—VIGIL OF 17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

4:00pm † Dorothy Lanza

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 7/29 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

9:00am † Suzanne Carpentier

Rosary at 8:15am

Anointing of the Sick after Mass

**MONDAY, 7/30 - ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS
BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

11:00am Funeral Mass for Luella Musche

TUESDAY, 7/31 - ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

9:00am † Tom Schimmels

† Steven Lehman

**WEDNESDAY, 8/1 - ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI
BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 [17d]/Mt 13:44-46

9:00am † Julie Merner

**SATURDAY, 8/4 - VIGIL OF 18TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

4:00pm † George & Trudy Grall

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 8/5 - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

9:00am † Mary Presser

Rosary at 8:15am

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Reflection:

The feeding of the five thousand is one of those miracles recorded by all four gospels - Matthew 14:16-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:5-15. Matthew and Mark also record the feeding of the four thousand. Since the Church tries to cover all four Gospels in a three-year liturgical cycle, we end up hearing what appears to be the same Gospel passage about twice a year.

In John's gospel this Sunday, the feeding of the five thousand occurs immediately after a lengthy discourse on the last judgment, the testimonies of John the Baptist and the Father, and lack of faith in the Son of God (Jn 5:19-47). One of the unique things about John's presentation is that he put this miracle in proximity to the Jewish feast of Passover. Of course, the connection between them and the Eucharist is not lost.

In the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), the apostles urged Jesus to "dismiss" the crowd as evening drew on, so that they could find some food before it got too late. Jesus threw them a challenge – "You give them some food yourselves" (Mt 17:16; Mk 6:37; Lk 9:13). It was an opportunity for the apostles to put their apostolic skills to good work since they received power and authority as part of their commissioning (Mk. 6:7-13; Mt 10:1-16; Lk 9:1-6)). However, in John's gospel there is no mention of the apostles urging Jesus to dismiss the crowd. Instead, Jesus gives the apostles a test when he asked Philip where to buy enough food to feed such a crowd. Philip may have failed the test by stating, perhaps accurately, that two hundred days wages worth of food would not be sufficient to feed the crowd (Jn 6:5-7). It was another way of saying that the situation was beyond their control. The apostles were famous for keeping things real and underscoring the impossibility of the miracle from a human perspective. Rather than dwell on the failed test by Philip in not providing a personal solution, Jesus proceeded to feed the crowd with the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish.

It should be noted that the elements (five barley loaves and two fish) used for the miracle were provided by a boy present at the gathering. He is the hero of this story. His generosity made the feeding of such a great crowd possible. In the same way, God is capable of providing for other people's needs through our generosity. The boy's generosity did not deplete his resources. Neither would our generosity deplete our resources. To underscore this, the passage mentions that there were twelve wicker baskets of fragments left over. We recall that when God fed the people of Israel with manna in the desert, Moses told them not to gather more than they needed. This contrasts with Jesus' instruction in this passage to gather up what remains. Those remnants would feed those who were not present for any number of reasons. Likewise, we preserve the leftover communion at Mass for re-use and for communion to the sick who were not present.

In the Eucharist, Jesus continues to perform this miracle of feeding his followers. This is possible through the contributions of those willing to share their resources to keep our parish alive. It would be wonderful if everyone pitched in enough to continue to make the miracle of the sacraments possible in our parish.



We remember with prayerful respect

*Eliza Piana, parishioner
mother of Isabel Piana, usher*

*Hilda Sims
mother of Yolanda Coly parish
council & Lector*

*Luella Musche, parishioner
who recently died.*

*May they find peace and happiness
with our Lord Jesus in heaven and may their souls and
the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy
of God rest in peace. Amen*



One big lesson from this Sunday's gospel is the importance of having greater awareness of the needs around us. Irrespective of what might be going on in our lives, we still have to find time to care for others. Our pains and anxieties may be unwarranted but should not blind us to the sufferings of others. We should not be too quick to dismiss people's needs because they seem overwhelming, for nothing is impossible for God.

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:

**Stanley Bruskiwicz, Rhey & Connie Clemente,
Diane Henry, Ginny & Donald Naegele,
Anton Schleiss, Joe & Joan Trinkl,
Mary Frances Williams**

*Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you,
May Your healing Hand restore them to health.*

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033. **The name will remain on the list for 4 weeks and if you wish to have it on longer please call the parish office.**

Please remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who have written them.



HUMAN CONCERNS WILL BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE BLESSED SAVIOR SCHOOL ON WEEKENDS OF SEPTEMBER 15 & 16 and SEPTEMBER 22 & 23.

SALES HAVE STARTED IN THE STORES. DON'T FORGET THE KIDS.



Registration for students, ages K4-21 years old, for faith formation classes continues. Forms are available on the round table in the Villard hallway, on our website, and in the parish office. We are also looking for **five additional volunteer Catechists to join our growing program for this next school**

year. Training and on-going support are provided; classes are small; and, you'll always be working with another adult in the classroom. We need two people to help out with the 2nd Grade Sacramental year, two for the 5th-6th Grade class, and one to assist with the 7th-8th grade. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Dave Liccione at 414-573-9292 or dliccione@stmp.org. Serving as a Catechist is a wonderful way to serve Christ and His Church.



SVDP EMPTY SHELF for the weekend of August 4 & 5 **we need to fill those shelves with hand soap.**

Thank you for **ALL** the food items that you have been giving to our pantry.

We are always happy to receive whatever food, household cleaning, toiletries & clothing and household items that are given to us.



Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul Society
Dear Parishioners, I want to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution of \$2,714.72 on July 11, 2018, to the Southside Meal Program, and for remembering the families and individuals who struggle on a daily assist to meet life's most basic necessities; food, clothing and a bed to sleep in.

Your donation helps us fulfill those needs and further advance our mission to eliminate poverty and hunger in our community. Please know that we greatly appreciate your generosity.

Thank you all so much for your support of our meal program.

Sincerely, Deborah Duskey, Executive Director



Fast Friends Program at St. Camillus—Fun weekly opportunity that allows you to interact with others, stay active and have fun? St. Camillus NEEDS you! We are looking for volunteers to help for a 9AM-12:30PM shift or a 12:30-4:00 shift Monday Thru Friday and 10AM-1PM on Sundays. Please contact Lindsey Bartelt, Volunteer Coordinator, at 414-259-4610 or lbartelt@stcam.com for additional information. **Coffee Clutch Assistant- Enjoy a warm cup of Joe, a sweet treat and visit with St. Camillus residents.** Do you love visiting with others and indulging in a sweet treat? Then you will love to come in and be our Coffee Clutch Assistant. **Keepin' the Faith at St. Camillus** St. Camillus is in need for volunteers to help with transporting (pushing wheelchairs) our assisted living residents to Mass and from Mass on Sundays at Guardian Angel and Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel



Sacred Heart Annual Ethic Festival, August 5
917 N. 49th St. 10am-7pm
Barbecued Lamb, pork, chicken, silent auction, games, raffle, music.



In a few short weeks, Wisconsin will have its fall partisan primary (Tuesday August 14). Please remind people to get out and vote. Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC), the public policy voice of Wisconsin's bishops, is distributing two series of resources. Review the resources on the website, <https://www.archmil.org/offices/social-justice/Faithful-Citizenship.htm>.



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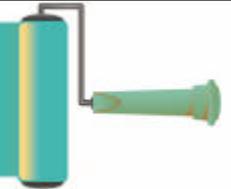
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