

1st Sunday of Lent

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON
Carol Spychalski, 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

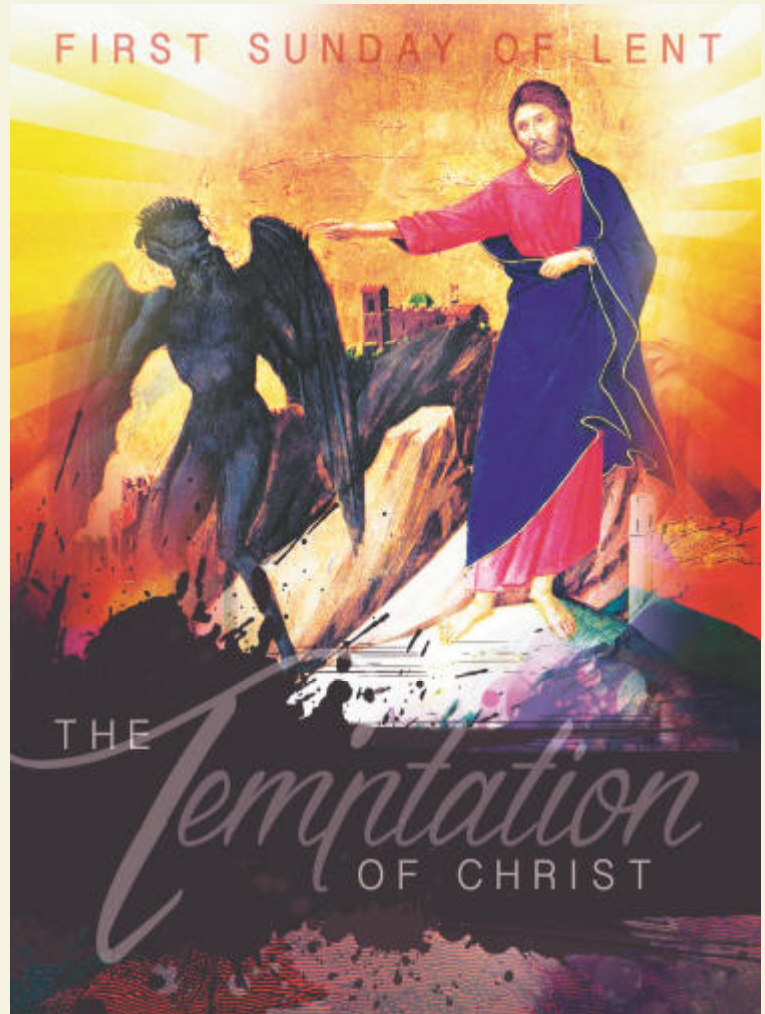
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)
Individual: Any time 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.
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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, 3/9 - VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

4:00pm † Maurice & Anne Brazell
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 3/10 - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

9:00am † Christian Goudiaby
Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 3/11 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

9:00am † John & Lois Van Derven

TUESDAY, 3/12 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 3/13 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

9:00am † Carl Schuh

SATURDAY, 3/16 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

4:00pm † Leotine Coly
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 3/17 - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

9:00am † Marie Therese Sambou
Rosary at 8:15am

St. Patrick's Day



Anointing of the sick will be in the chapel on Saturday, March 30 after the 4pm Mass. Prayer shawls will be available this weekend.



There will be Individual Confessions in church on Saturday, March 16th from 3:15pm—3:45pm.



WELCOME

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt. 25:35)**Blessed Savior Parish extends a warm welcome to Modesta Ugochuku**Angel Nwadike, Anthony Nwadike, Jr.**We care about you and your family and we're here to help in any way we can.***Catholic Stewardship Appeal In-Pew Weekend
March 16 & 17, 2019**

As you recall, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal kick-off was February 9 & 10. As a follow-up to the Appeal, there will be an In-Pew Solicitation next weekend after the homily. Each of us is called to share his or her gifts in support of the greater Church, supporting ministries outside of our parish community.



Dear Parishioners,

**Lenten Reflection:**

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on the forehead as a sign of repentance and humility before God. It is associated with the grief and death brought about by sin. The smudge of ashes on the forehead said a lot about us as we headed to work and carried on with daily activities on Ash Wednesday.

There is nothing glamorous about ashes on the forehead. Its appeal comes from the shape it takes. The cross on our forehead is a powerful statement about our identity as people redeemed by the cross of Christ. Moreover, it is an invitation to carry our crosses with patient endurance. In itself, the cross was both detested and detestable as a horrific ancient form of punishment used by the Roman authorities. The beauty of the cross derives from the glory of the resurrection.

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15), was one of the formulas for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. With these words, we began our Lenten journey in the wilderness of life. The Lenten season evokes the image of a rigorous spiritual journey involving forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Originally, Lent was solely a period of preparing catechumens for baptism at the Easter vigil. Over the years, the entire community became involved in the preparation for the celebration of the Easter resurrection of Christ. The word itself is of German origin *lente* meaning "spring season." We know that spring is a time most people do thorough house cleaning. Likewise, lent is a time we do thorough spiritual house cleaning in anticipation of the Easter glory, that is, Christ's resurrection. In Latin, Lent is translated by the word *quadagesima*, which itself means "fortieth." It is a reference to the forty days of Lent.

Lent is a wilderness experience. The wilderness is a harsh environment capable of pushing people to the limits of human endurance. Surviving in the wilderness requires every skill at one's disposal. Likewise, Lent will test the limits of our endurance. The disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will challenge us every step of this journey.

During Lent, God calls us to thorough self-examination, which is an indispensable part of true conversion. As hard as it might be to turn away from sin, the Church encourages us with biblical narratives of people who have done it long before us. The forty days of Lent is reminiscent of the forty years journey of the Israelites to the Promised Land (Deut. 8:2). It also reminds us of the forty days given the people of Nineveh to repent or face severe consequences for their sinful ways (Jonah 3:4). As today's gospel reminds us, the forty days represent the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in preparation of his temptation by the devil (Luke 4:2).

The Lenten call for conversion is rooted in the love of God than in the fear of punishment. Sin leads to separation at three levels: from God, from other people (the Church) and from our true selves. It leads to spiritual death for those who refuse to heed the call for conversion and reconciliation.

Through Jesus, we have come to know God as loving, compassionate, and forgiving.

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Like the people of Nineveh, we plead for God's mercy and forgiveness and have no doubt that he is capable of expunging our sins and reconciling us at all three levels.

Believing in the gospel entails listening attentively to the word of God proclaimed, understanding the word proclaimed, and modeling our lives on it. Lent is a special time to put the gospel message into action. It might be worthwhile to identify a particular weakness to work on. One could choose to work on patience, forgiveness, being less judgmental, empathizing more with others, etc. It is not enough to talk the talk; we must be willing to walk the walk.

Wishing everyone a holy Lent! Fr. Romanus



All liturgical ministers: ushers, greeters, servers, music ministers, Eucharistic ministers, and lectors are reminded to attend the Evening of Reflection, "To Be Christ For

Others," after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, March 23. Sister Joan Penzenstadler will lead us in a prayerful evening which begins with a dinner in the parish hall. RSVPs to the parish office are needed. Please don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and growth in our ministries!



A number of parishioners expressed an interest in having a TALK ABOUT session on HOARDING. Here's your chance!! Join us March 16 & 17 after Masses in the church hall to welcome CARLA ALEJO from Catholic Social services. Snacks

will be available. See you there!

Deb 😊



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE for St. Vincent de PAUL, March 10—April 14
HUMAN CONCERNS LENTEN LAYETTE COLLECTION,

begins March 23 through April 7.

CRS RICE BOWL COLLECTION, begins March 10

RITE of SENDING, March 10, 9am Mass

RITE of ELECTION, March 17, 1:30pm, St. John's Cathedral

1st SCRUTINY, March 24, 9am Mass

2nd SCRUTINY, March 31, 9am Mass

3rd SCRUTINY, April 7, 9am Mass

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION, April 10, 6:30pm

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, blessing of Palms, 4pm & 9am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18, 6:30pm Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 6:30pm Service, Parish Office closed

EASTER VIGIL, April 20, 8pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21, 9am Mass

EASTER MONDAY, April 22, No 9am Chapel Mass Parish Office closed

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: Diane & Ken Brown, Stanley Bruskiwicz,

Diane Henry, Mary Ann & Charles Janke,

Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Bob Leack,

Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman,

Sr. Gina Redig, Carol Runningen, Anton Schleiss,

Joe & Joan Trinkl, 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.

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

"Adopt-a-Bill" Lenten Giving Trees

Thank you to all who kindly contributed to our Adopt-a-Bill Giving Tree during the Advent season. \$3,085 was collected to help fund parish expenses. We are truly grateful.



For the Lenten Season, the Finance Council has set up three "Adopt-a-Bill"

Lenten Giving Trees located at each church door entrance. We ask you again to consider an extra gift to Blessed Savior to help with our heating, snow removal and liturgical supply expenses. Please take an "ornament bill" from the tree with the suggested donation for that budgeted item. Feel free to be as generous as you can. Return the ornament and your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. You can also use Faith Direct and indicate an additional donation. Thank you for your generous support of Blessed Savior.

WEEK 2: March 17th

Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry Food Drive



Pancake Syrup & Mix, Soups, Instant Potatoes, (small or regular size pkg.)

Hamburger Helper, Toothbrushes

CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services—Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.



Contribution envelopes will be available in the April 7 bulletin. If you prefer to use a "Rice Bowl Box" during Lent, they are available on the round table in the Villard hallway, along with some free Lenten reading resources.



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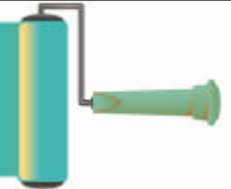
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