

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

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Communal - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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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, 3/13- Vigil of 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab] / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21 OR 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1] / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 OR 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

4:00pm † All Souls

Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 3/14 - 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab] / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21 OR 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1] / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 OR 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

9:00am † Samuel Vertelka

Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 3/20 - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a] / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33 OR Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7] / Jn 11:1-45 OR 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

4:00pm † All Souls

Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 3/21 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a] / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33 OR Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7] / Jn 11:1-45 OR 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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**Adopt-a-Bill Lenten Giving Tree**

For the Lenten season, the Finance Council has set up an Adopt a Bill Giving Tree, located in the back of church. Please help Blessed Savior by taking a "Lenten Cross"

off the tree and returning it with a donation to fund our heating, snow removal and liturgical supply expenses.

Feel free to be as generous as you can. Return the cross 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.

Easter Flower Offering

Please use the envelope from your weekly packet for your Easter flower memorials or pick one up from the table in the back of church. If you are participating in Faith Direct and wish to have a loved one's name in memory or honor of, please fill out an envelope or sheet of paper and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 414-464-5033 with their names and they will be recorded. Remember to print clearly, indicating the name of those whom the memorial or honor is intended for.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday's first reading was from the book of Exodus and it was about the Ten Commandments. The Third Commandment asks us to keep holy the Lord's Day. On March 3, 2021, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee held Lenten missions, and priests were sent forth to preach on the gift of Sunday. These men were like modern-day missionaries charged with raising awareness of the importance of Sunday in the spiritual lives of the faithful.

We have gone through a particularly difficult period and, for a multitude of reasons, people were discouraged from attending Sunday Mass. The pandemic isolates us from one another and, I would offer, that some in our society who do not hold worship as an essential activity have attempted to separate us also from our responsibility before God. Fear of COVID-19 overtook many people and our Sunday worship was limited to only a small percentage of those who could or desired to attend.

Before the pandemic, studies suggest that only 25 to 30 percent of those claiming to be Catholic attended Mass on Sunday. Now, remember, Sunday is a day of obligation for the faithful. There are legitimate excuses, such as illness, charitable responsibilities, impossibilities, travel, etc., but sloth is not one of them. We must challenge ourselves to live up to our responsibility before God. It is hard for me to imagine a person who claims they love someone and then arbitrarily fails to show up to a dinner that expresses that love. Imagine a person who gives a response that states, "I will do it on my time or when I wish." They feel no sense of obligation to acknowledge the love offered by the One who is far superior to us.

God placed the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to aid us in maintaining our focus in this world. Our lives are pulled in many directions, but there must be only one priority in all our lives, and that is the expression of our love for God. If that is not our priority, then all of our lives in this world are incomplete. The Church in her wisdom clearly stated that intentionally missing Sunday Mass is a grave sin.

We do not like to talk about sin, but we must because it concerns the salvation of our souls. Sin is the destruction of our relationship with God. Think of the First Commandment, "I am the Lord thy God; thou shall not have strange gods before me." What gods do we place ahead of our God?

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We do not fulfill the Sunday obligation with the participation of worship for an hour alone. The obligation includes setting aside Sunday as the Lord's Day. Sunday should be different from the other days of the week. It is a day that belongs to God; it is a day that He calls for us to rest and renew our spirits. Sunday should reflect the beginning of our lives with Him.

At the Lenten missions, the missionary preachers proclaimed their insights into the celebration of Sunday and the centrality of the Eucharistic Presence. Each preacher, in a manner unique to their priestly or episcopal experience, shared the importance of Sunday with the people in attendance and those who were viewing it online. Take a moment and go to www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions to listen to the various approaches to the *Gift of Sunday* that each presentation provides. I plan to listen to all of them. These missions began the first of a threefold presentation on the *Gift of Sunday*. The next presentation will occur in Advent, and the final one will be in Lent of 2022.

I am grateful for the cooperation of our preachers and their enthusiastic response. It was obvious to me that they love the people of the Archdiocese who they were ordained to serve. My gratitude also extends to Randy Nohl, Jenni Olivia, and Kim Mandelkow, who coordinated these missions along with the Archdiocesan staff. I believe that this will be a game-changing moment in our history.

Christianity reshaped the world by just a handful of disciples who were willing to proclaim Jesus. It is now up to us to ignite the flames of faith and become messengers of Christ to our families and communities. May Lent 2021 be the time when we take up the cross, renew our commitment to the Faith and, in Christ's name, LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Sincerely,

Archbishop Listecki



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2021

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Let us pray that we may experience
the Sacrament of Reconciliation
with renewed depth, to taste the
infinite mercy of God.*

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, Bernetta,
Stanley Bruskiwicz, Dennis Claas, Anna Emmerich,
Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
Mary Ann Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Larry Kenny,
Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda,
Barb Moroder, Ginny & Donald Naegele,
Beth Newton, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss,
Sharon Tym, Joseph Valent, 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.

Names remain on the Sick List for 4 weeks and then are given to the Prayer Circle. For names to be removed sooner, call the parish office.

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



LENTEN CALENDAR

Blessed Savior Parish

Communal Reconciliation
Wednesday, March 24, 6pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 27, 4pm Mass with Blessing of Palms
March 28, 9am Mass with Blessing of Palms

Holy Thursday - April 1, 6pm Mass

Good Friday - April 2, 6pm Service

Easter Vigil - April 3, 8pm Mass

Easter Sunday - April 4, 9am Mass

SVDP Lenten Food Drive: Week 5, March 20 & 21

They could use your help filling their shelves with mac & cheese, elbow macaroni (1 lb. pkg.), noodles, canned ham or spam, canned chicken, mouthwash (no alcohol).



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