

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

1st Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4PM, Sunday, 9AM Weekdays: Mon. through Wed. 9am in the Chapel



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)
Individual: Any time and also by appointment.

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

Confessions: 3rd Saturday in church, 3:15-3:45pm and by appointment.

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

Funerals: Please call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

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, 2/29 - Vigil of 1st Sunday of Lent

*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11*

4:00pm † Frances and Edward Kupkowski

Rosary at 3:15pm

Anointing of the sick in the chapel after Mass

Sunday, 3/1 - 1st Sunday of Lent

*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11*

9:00am † Martin and Anna Minik

Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 3/2 - Lenten Weekday

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

9:00am † Frank Schmidt, Jr.

Tuesday, 3/3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

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

9:00am Parishioners

Wednesday, 3/4 - St. Casimir

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

9:00am † Kurt Hohensee

Thursday, 3/5 - Lenten Weekday

School Mass - South Campus

*Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/
Mt 7:7-12*

9:00am Intention of the Priest

Saturday, 3/7 - Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/
Mt 17:1-9*

4:00pm † Christian Goudiaby

Rosary at 3:15pm



Sunday, 3/8 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/
Mt 17:1-9*

9:00am † Robert Leack

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, March 5, 9am at the South Campus. Enter through the south side door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



Blessed Savior parishioners express their sympathy to the family

Geraldine Hayes

(mother and mother-in-law of parishioners Diane and John Henry)

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION: Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

The Disciple Maker Index Survey

Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index Survey. The survey allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which our parish effectively supports that growth.

The survey is LIVE and will be open until March 23. You can visit www.disciplemakerindex.com or contact Eileen Heck at the parish office for a paper copy.

We really need your help in making this a success, so please participate!

Fr. Romanus

Adopt-a-Bill Lenten Giving Tree

Thank you to all who kindly contributed to our Adopt-a-Bill Giving Tree during the Advent season. \$3,431 was collected to help fund parish expenses. We are truly grateful.

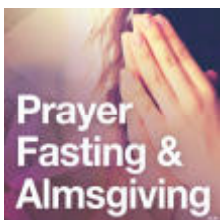
For the Lenten season, the Finance Council has set up an Adopt-a-Bill Giving Tree in the back of church. We ask you again to consider an extra gift to Blessed Savior to help with our heating, snow removal and liturgical supply expenses.

Please take a "Lenten cross" from the tree with the suggested donation for that budgeted item. 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.

Blessed Savior Parish Recognized

The annual Community Partners Recognition Program was held at the Wisconsin Club. Each police district and level of law enforcement recognized an individual or organization that was a significant partner helping to make a difference in the community.

Police District 4 recognized the Faith Based Initiative that works as a community partner to District 4. Blessed Savior Parish is an active partner of that initiative and was recognized by name at the program. If anyone would like to be part of that effort, please contact Mike Malloy of the Multi-Cultural Commission. Through that effort, we are involved throughout the year in many ways.



CRS Rice Bowl - Hunger in Our World

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Contribution envelopes will be available in the March 15 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.

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:

Jackie Ballering, Stanley Bruskiewicz,
Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler,
Karla Klaybor, Pat Lathrop, Ginny & Donald Naegele,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss,
Rusty Tym & Sharon Novak-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 Sick List with their permission, please 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, please call the parish office.

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

Come pray the **Stations of the Cross** and offer yourself as a living sacrifice like Christ, every Friday during Lent, 6:30-7pm. Enter through the West side door of church.



SVDP Lenten Food Drive: Week 2, March 8

Pancake syrup and mix, instant potatoes, soup, hamburger helper, toothbrushes.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2020

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Joseph Bowls Supper Fundraiser-School Sisters of St. Francis
St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee
Thursday, 3/12, 4:30-6:30pm

The meal includes a simple supper with a choice of soups (all-you-can-eat), breads, desserts and a one-of-a-kind hand-painted bowl. For details, contact Sister Kathy Chuston at (414) 385-5343.

Fish Fry

3/13, St. Agnes, 12801 W. Fairmount, Butler, 4-7pm
3/13, St. Bernadette, 8200 W. Denver, Milw., 4-7:30pm



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