

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through 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.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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

Confessions: Call the Parish Office.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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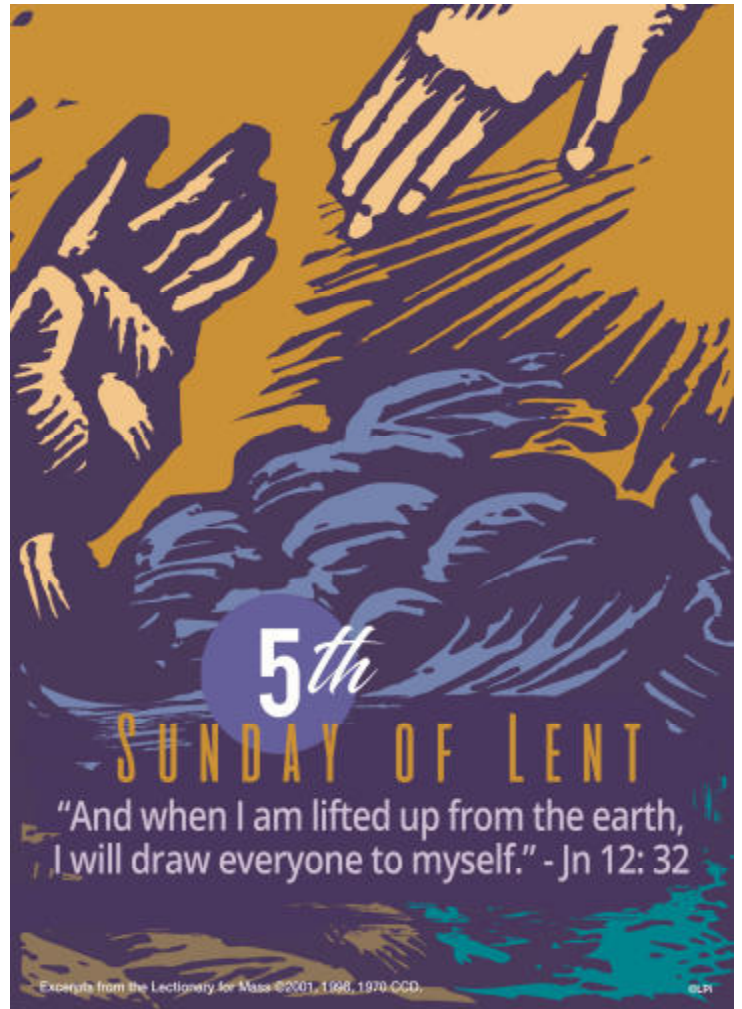
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Mission Statement



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, 3/20 - 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 † Vi Ciernik
 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
 9:00am † Ronald Lunford, Rusty Tym
 Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 3/27 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mk 11:1-10 OR Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a] / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-5:47 OR 15:1-39
 4:00pm Parishioners, both Living and Deceased
 Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 3/28 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mk 11:1-10 OR Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a] / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-5:47 OR 15:1-39
 9:00am † Hilda Sims, Leontine Coly
 Rosary at 8:15am



Blessed Savior Parish

Communal Reconciliation
 Wednesday, March 24, 6pm

Stations of the Cross
 March 26, 6:30pm

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
Easter preludes with handbells 8:45am



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.

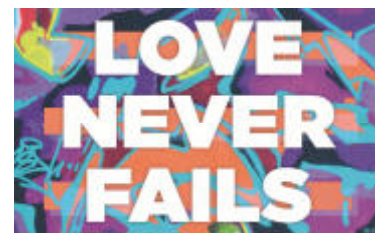
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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Wednesday, March 24, 2021

St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee
8am-8pm - English

Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee
8am-8pm - English & Spanish

St. Monica, Whitefish Bay
9:30am-8pm - English

For all locations and times, visit
archmil.org/pray-reconcile-rejoice

The Archdiocese is organizing a 'Day of Reconciliation' to be held at various locations in the Archdiocese on Wednesday, March 24. The site for our Deanery will be St. Margaret Mary Parish, 8:00am to 8:00pm. Bishop Haines, Fr. Romanus and other priests from the deanery will be hearing confessions at various times for the 12 hour duration. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to go to confession.

St. Margaret Mary Parish is asking for volunteers to help with being greeters and cleaners. You don't have to be there the 12 hrs. Just sign up for as many or as few time slots as you would like. Please call Mary at St. Margaret Mary Parish at 414-461-6073 if you can help. Thank you!

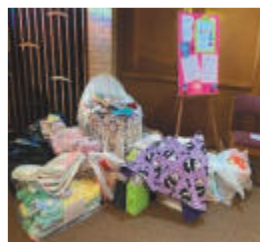
Blessed Savior's Charismatic Group will have **Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 26 at 6:30pm. Enter through the West side door of church. All are welcome.



CRS Rice Bowl - Community in Madagascar

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl contribution. Make all checks payable to Blessed Savior Parish and write CRS Rice Bowl in the memo line and place it the collection basket before Easter. Thank you for your generous support.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The layette collection was a fantastic assortment of items so deeply needed for infants. Hand made caps and exquisite blankets along with generously purchased items were received. Your giving hearts are so appreciated.

Human Concerns Commission

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.

SVDP Lenten Food Drive: Palm Sunday, 3/27 & 3/28

They could use your help filling their shelves with Knorr Rice, noodle side dishes, canned ravioli, canned Spaghetti O's, jelly or jam, hand soap.



They appreciate everything you donate to the pantry and thank all of you for your generosity!



Permanent Diaconate Inquiry for Discernment Sessions

Those considering the vocation to the Permanent Diaconate should first reflect on their qualities and qualifications, and decide whether they are suited to serve. For those men (married or single) interested, a series of sessions are being offered to help you discern the call to the Permanent Diaconate. This **"Inquiry for Discernment Sessions"** will be offered by region or through "Zoom." Please visit: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/Diaconate.htm> for more information on the Permanent Diaconate and information on future dates and regions. You can contact the Diaconate Formation Office at 414-758-2207.



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