

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

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Closed Fridays

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)**  
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.  
414-464-3817—Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am  
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"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Lk 6:43, 45

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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, 3/2 - VIGIL OF 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45*

4:00pm † Theresa Somers

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 3/3 - 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45*

9:00am † Milton Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 3/4 - ST. CASIMIR

*Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27*

9:00am † John &amp; Lois Van Derven

TUESDAY, 3/5 - WEEKDAY

*Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31*

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 3/6 - ASH WEDNESDAY

ALL SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS

*Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—  
6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

9:30am Intention of the Priest

6:30pm † Al &amp; Jean Siegel

SATURDAY, 3/9 - VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

4:00pm † Maurice &amp; 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

Daylight Savings Time Begins



This week's School Mass is **ASH WEDNESDAY, 9:30am at the EAST Campus**. Enter through the FRONT CENTER door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

*In Loving Remembrance*

Please remember in your prayers

**Robert Beine and Gerald Lofy,**

Father and uncle of Bethann Ambrose, 7th grade teacher at our West Campus School who recently died.

*May God grant them light, refreshment and peace in the Kingdom and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, we will have Mass with ash distribution at 6:30pm. Envelopes with ashes and a short prayer will be available in a basket near the baptismal font. If you are visiting sick parishioners, please consider taking one or more envelopes to distribute ashes to them.

Additionally, parishioners are invited to receive ashes during our All School Mass at the East Campus at 9:30am on Ash Wednesday.

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side.

Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren't physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness.

Jesus asked his disciples, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" If we aren't actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren't living a life with him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren't concerned with knowing the truth yourself?

Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



**LENT BEGINS March 6**—Since Lent begins on March 6 there are certain dietary considerations to be kept in mind that are meant to help us keep the spirit of the season. Fast and abstinence are the traditional considerations. We are strictly speaking obliged to keep the order of the abstinence (no meat) on two days --**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. If people choose to abstain on other Fridays during Lent, that is considered commendable, not necessarily obligatory. In preparing other meals during the season, they need to be meals that will sustain your strength and your health particularly if you are working, if you are elderly, or under a doctor's care.

Remember that it's the spirit of Lent that we want to participate in so that we remember those who have harder lives than ourselves, have less food than ourselves, and who struggle day by day. *Consider fasting from criticism and gossip. Consider fasting from negative thinking. Consider fasting from selfishness.*

*Consider fasting from complaining, whining and impatience. Consider fasting from your ego and pride. Isaiah says, "To rend your hearts, not your garments. That is the fasting that I seek, says the Lord."*



### LENT BEGINS MARCH 6, ASH WEDNESDAY

A day of fast & abstinence. Parishioners are welcome to attend the 9:30am Ash Wednesday All School Mass at the East Campus, located at 5140 N. 55 St. Enter through the front center door of the church. There will also be a Mass at 6:30pm at Blessed Savior Parish Church.

#### 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

**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

TALK ABOUT is flourishing. Topics keep coming in, but Deb needs YOUR HELP in finding speakers for these topics in 2020. Interested?? Call Deb @ 414-305-6270



The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

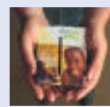
**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** — Please pray for the following parishioners and others with health problems and for all those in nursing homes and those with continuing health concerns:

Stanley Bruskiwicz, Diane Henry,  
Mary Ann & Charles Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler,  
Bob Leack, Ginny & Donald Naegele,  
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen,  
Anton Schleiss, Mary Slowinski, 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.

**Free Lenten reading resources** are available on the round table in the Villard hallway. Choose from daily reflections, prayers and Lenten practices.



**CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services**—During Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of Resurrection.

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.

### Thanks from the Multi-Cultural Commission

Close to 150 folks were in the Parish Hall on Saturday February 16 to enjoy learning about the traditional cultures of the Scottish & Romanian countries. To everyone who contributed to the dinner and to everyone who contributed to the special collection for the Congregation Of The Great Spirit food pantry and all who helped make the event a success thank you.

### Thank You from the Congregation of the Great Spirit

Dear Reverend Nwaru and parishioners of Blessed Savior Parish, Thank you for your generous donation. It's donors like you that give us the material and moral support needed to continue our mission of helping the people of our community.

*Thanks again, Chris Serio, Office Manager  
Congregation of the Great Spirit*



### Warm Your Heart Chili & Vintage Jewelry Sale

March 16, 9:00 am. – 1:00 p.m. St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, 2801 E. Morgan Ave. ,Come enjoy chili, vintage jewelry at super prices at St. Ann Center's popular fundraiser. **Got jewelry to donate?** Drop it off between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call Ross for pickup at (414) 977-5040.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8—ST. ANTHONY'S MENOMONEE FALLS' FISH FRY, DINE IN & CARRY-OUT, cod, coleslaw fries.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8—ST. AGNES in BUTLER** cod, coleslaw, rye bread, fries, or pancakes.



A message from your bulletin editor: Food for thought...Wouldn't it be ironic if Popeye's Chicken was fried in Olive Oil.

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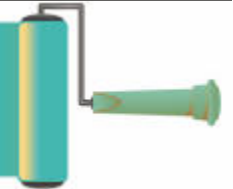
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