

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent

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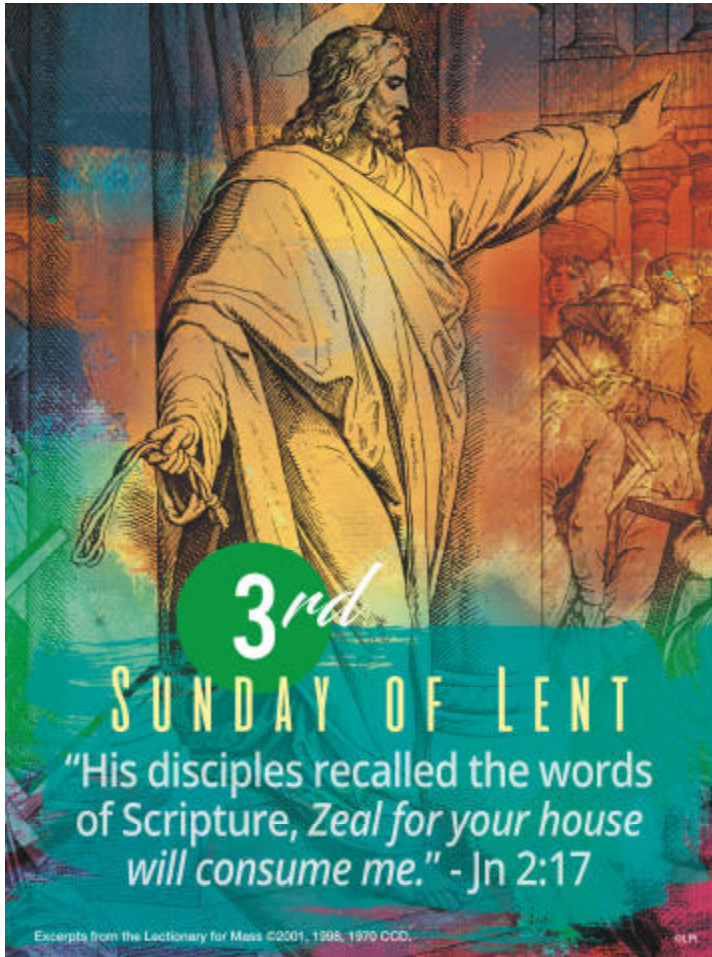
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Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm, Sunday, 9am

Weekday Masses are suspended for now

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The Rite of Election at the Cathedral on Sunday, February 21, 2021

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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: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Confessions: Call the Parish Office.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Saturday, 3/6 - Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 OR 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c] / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25 OR Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8] / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 OR 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 4:00pm † Anna Schaff, Marion Stoller
 Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 3/7 - 3rd Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 OR 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c] / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25 OR Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8] / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 OR 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 9:00am † Kurt Hohensee
 Rosary at 8:15am

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



Adopt-a-Bill Lenten Giving Tree

Thank you to all who kindly contributed to our Adopt-a-Bill Giving Tree during the Advent season. \$2,285 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, 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.



Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of

Ray Kaegler, husband of Gertrud Kaegler

May he find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn him and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Dear Parishioners,

This is our first bulletin in two weeks since our parish office building caught fire on Monday, February 15. The fire was a very devastating development that could not have come at a worst time. Like the rest of the world, we have been dealing with the challenges of the pandemic. This fire was like a double whammy no one could have seen coming. As people of faith, we trust that God will get us through these challenges.

The fire started in the south east corner of the second floor of the office building. You could imagine the shock of watching the thick dark smokes bellowing out of those windows. There was a feeling of helplessness and the fear of losing the building and everything in it. This horror scene could only be matched by the courage and determination of the brave firefighters doing their best to stop it. I watched as they climbed on top of the roof and started tearing up a section directly above the fire in a gallant effort to put out the stubborn fire. I prayed that the roof does not give in but also trusted their experience and expertise. Fortunately, their efforts paid off and we cannot thank them enough.

Despite their gallantry, the fire did plenty of damage to that section of the building on both floors. Some parts of the building had smoke and water damages. The damage on the roof is enough to warrant a new roof.

The good news in all this is that no one was hurt and no life lost. Properties could be fixed or replaced, but life has no duplicate albeit eternal life in heaven. We thank God that everyone is safe. This is another reminder that we cannot afford to take anything in life for granted. We ought to strive to do the most with the gift of life God has given us and resist the temptation of attachment to material stuff.

The other good news is that we have good insurance. The insurance company is working with us to take care of the damages. This will involve a gradual process of restoration until things are back to normal. Meanwhile, the parish offices will remain closed until they are considered safe to reopen. I ask for your continued understanding and cooperation as we strive to take care of the damages and return to normal.

In this Sunday’s gospel, Jesus shows a rare expression of anger directed at those who abused the house of God. It was certainly out of character for an otherwise gentle and docile Jesus to be chasing out all who were abusing the house of worship. When they asked him for a sign underscoring his authority, he said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” They thought he was out of his mind and wondered how he could possibly destroy in three days a temple that had been under construction for forty-six years. We are reminded that he was speaking about the temple of his body in reference to his death and resurrection.

For those dealing with the pain of losing a loved one and for all who are in the process of losing their lives, this gospel brings hope and comfort. Our faith in God and belief in the resurrection is a reminder that death does not have the final word. The life that truly matters is eternal life with God. For

those dealing with other kinds of crisis in life, including the pandemic and the destruction of property, it points to the light at the end of the tunnel.

One of the ironies of life is that we are made stronger by the adversities we face. As they say, “what doesn’t kill you only makes you stronger.” We are stronger when we put our faith in God knowing full well that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Have a great week! *Fr. Romanus*

In today’s bulletin you will find an envelope for your contribution to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Campaign. The envelope will enable you to make your contribution by check or cash. Please make your check payable to Blessed Savior Parish and write CRS Rice Bowl in the memo line and place it the collection basket before Easter. If you are using the Rice Bowl Box, make sure your name is on the box. Thank you for your generous contribution.



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!

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.

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, 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.

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: Week 4, March 13 & 14

They could use your help filling their shelves with Rice or Noodle Roni, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles (1 lb. pkg.), deodorant. Thank you for your continuing support! The pantry is located at 5558 N. 69th St. and is open Monday, Tuesday & Friday, 8-10am. 414-464-3817.



A message from your bulletin editor:

A friend is someone who knows all about you and still likes you!

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.

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