

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020

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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.

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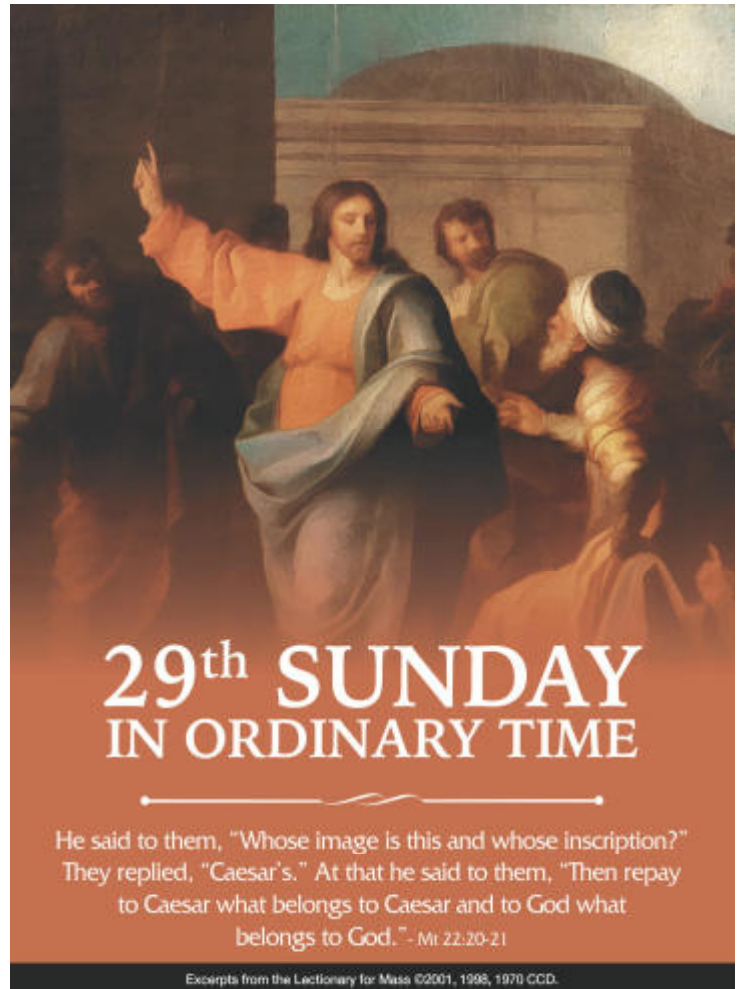
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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay
to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what
belongs to God." - Mt 22:20-21

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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, 10/17 - Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
*Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
 Mt 22:15-21*

4:00pm † Elsie Koeppen
 Rosary at 3:15pm



Sunday, 10/18 - 29th Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

*Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
 Mt 22:15-21*

9:00am † John and Mary Kozak
 Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 10/19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,
 Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

9:00am † Redonna Rodgers

Wednesday, 10/21 - Weekday

Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

9:00am † Vi Ciernik

Saturday, 10/24 - Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
 Mt 22:34-40*

4:00pm † Dorothy Gordon
 Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 10/25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
 Mt 22:34-40*

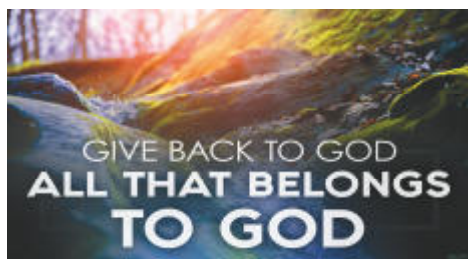
9:00am † Donald and Joyce Bernacchi
 Rosary at 8:15am

"We are not so much a community unless we enter into the Mass itself, gathered together with our Lord." Fr. John LoCoco (Holy Family Catholic Community Fond du Lac) shares with us his personal testimony on the joys and necessities of attending Mass.



The video link is posted on our website (www.blessedsaviorparish.org) and on the Archdiocesan website (www.archmil.org).

Click on "See You At Mass."



Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Reflection:

In this Sunday's gospel, we find Jesus uttering one of the most famous phrases in Scripture – "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." This statement is generally interpreted as summarizing the relationship between Christianity and secular authorities.

The Pharisees and Herodians came to Jesus as part of a plot to entrap him. They knew that the tax paid to the Roman authorities was unpopular among Jews, and that Jesus had no fear of secular authorities. Part of the plot was to set the stage with flattery, hoping that Jesus falls for it. They said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

His questioners expected a "yes" or "no" answer from Jesus. A "yes" answer would lead to the accusation that he was opposed to the Jewish resistance to Roman occupation and exploitation. Part of the argument was that Roman taxation was undermining their contribution of tithes to the temple. Hence, Jesus' support of Roman taxation would inflame public anger and might even lead to his execution. On the other hand, a "no" answer would give them reason to report him to the Roman authorities for inciting a rebellion. This would give them reason to make a scapegoat of him. They thought he was cornered with no way out. One could only imagine their amazement when Jesus stated, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

By his statement, Jesus refused to embrace the dichotomy between Church and State inherent in the question. One's obligations to the Church do not eliminate obligations to the State. By the same token, one's obligations to the State do not eliminate obligations to the Church. Those who benefit from societal programs should not excuse themselves from supporting those programs on the basis of religious obligations. Being a Christian is not an excuse for not paying taxes and living in accord with societal laws. People of faith ought to abide by the laws of society and honor secular authorities since every authority comes from God. However, they ought to work mightily to overturn bad laws and policies. For example, laws that fail to respect human life and dignity.

Tertullian, an early church writer interprets Jesus' response to mean that you give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, that is, material wealth (money), and to God what belongs to God, that is, yourself who bears the image of God. The creation account in Genesis states that God created humans in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). As people of faith, we are obliged to give ourselves to God at all times, and not to Caesar. Unfortunately, some have given themselves totally to Caesar, that is, to money and materialism, with little or no time for God or religion. It may explain why some Catholics do not go to Mass or get involved in parish life and ministries.

Giving to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God is not intended to suggest that there is an area of creation beyond God's control since God even created Caesar. What it does suggest is that there is an area of responsibility delegated to civil authorities for the good of society. Even Caesar is accountable to God.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus 

2020 MISSION APPEAL - October 17 & 18, 2020

Today we listened to Fr. Bernard Nwaokeleme from the Diocese of Ahiara in Nigeria as he told us about the ministry of his diocese.



The Diocese of Ahiara has about 207 priests, 173 lay religious, 163 nuns, 10 religious brothers and 64 seminarians. Their major projects include the completion of the Cathedral, renovation of the Seminary and building of a retirement home for priests.

Your generous contribution will be appreciated. Please return the Mission envelope included in today's bulletin to Blessed Savior by next weekend. Make your check payable to Blessed Savior Parish and mark the memo line "MCP." Thank you and God Bless.

All Souls Day Remembrance

The Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed will be celebrated on the weekend of Saturday, 10/31 and Sunday, 11/1. The names of the deceased from this past year, All Souls Day 2019 to All Souls Day 2020, will be read. Family members are welcome to attend one or both Masses and are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved one. A special candle displaying a picture of your loved one will also be lit throughout the Mass. This candle is for you to take home after Mass.



Bereavement Ministry

All Souls Envelope

In your November/December envelope packet, you will find an All Souls Day envelope with a space to **print clearly** the name(s) of those you wish to have remembered on All Souls Day and throughout the year. Extra envelopes are available on the side table in back of church. If you participate in Faith Direct, please use one of these extra envelopes. Or, call the parish office at 414-464-5033 with the name of your loved one(s).

Witness and Memorial Service for Black Lives Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 at 1pm. Gathering and Walk.

Meet in the parking lot of Our Lady of Divine Providence/ St. Casimir Catholic Church at 2600 N. Bremen St., Milwaukee. A memorial event hosted by Rev. Cecil Lacy, brother to Ernest Lacy.

This is a family-friendly and socially distanced event, perfect for those who have not stepped out in support of our brothers and sisters before. Masks are required, as they show your commitment to love of your neighbors. For ongoing details, refer to the Facebook event "Milwaukee Witness for Black Lives."

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:

Chad, Amber Anderson, Jackie Ballering, Bernetta, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Dennis Claas, Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss, Sharon 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, 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.



1,571 VOLUNTEER HOURS were completed by our parishioners from July through September, 2020.

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Food Drive

For the weekend of October 24 & 25, we could use your help filling our shelves with Soup.

**Human Concerns Annual Veterans Appreciation Day Card Signing**

Because of the need to quarantine the Veterans Day cards for 2 weeks before distribution, we will have cards in the pews in church on 10/24 and 10/25. Please bring a pen and come a few minutes early so you can fill out a card to be collected at each Mass, or bring your own card that weekend to be collected (no envelope please).

This is such an easy way to show our appreciation, love and respect for those who have served to keep America free. Thank you.



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