

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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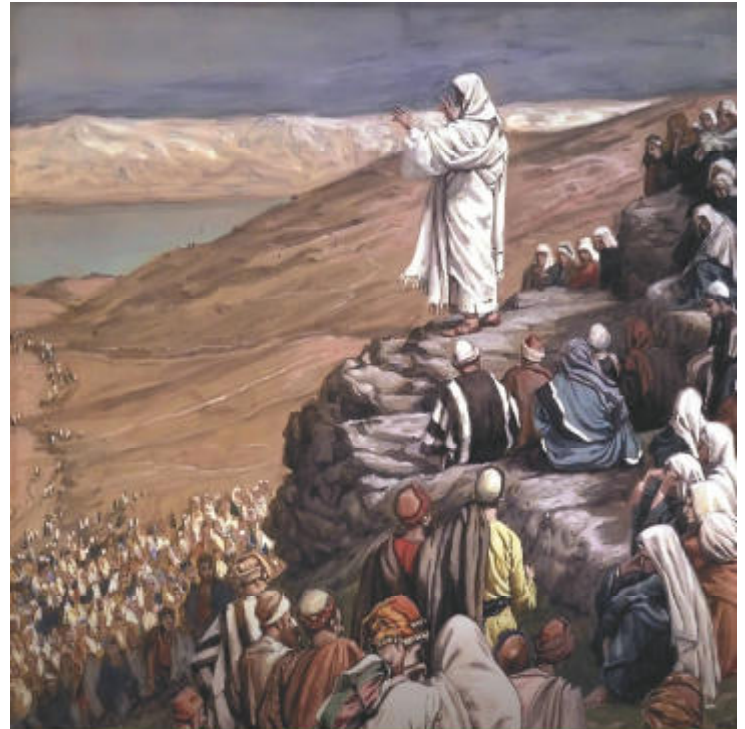
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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, 9/11 - Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Patriot Day

Is 50:5-9a / Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9] / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

4:00pm † Monique Diatta

Sunday, 9/12 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Grandparents' Day

Is 50:5-9a / Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9] / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

9:00am † Margaret and Eldred Harry
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 9/13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 2:1-8 / Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b] / Lk 7:1-10

9:00am † Therese Sambou

Tuesday, 9/14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
South Campus Mass

Nm 21:4b-9 / Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b] / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

9:00am Intention of the Priest

Wednesday, 9/15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 3:14-16 / Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2] / Jn 19:25-27 OR Lk 2:33-35

9:00am Parishioners, both Living and Deceased

Saturday, 9/18 - Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b] / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

4:00pm † Connie Clemente

Sunday, 9/19 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday

Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b] / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

9:00am † Pete Camden
Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Tuesday, September 14, 9am at the South Campus. Enter through the south side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.



Looking Ahead.....

Next weekend a special blessing will be given to all catechists and teachers as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday.

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus poses a question to his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" Jesus clearly understood who he was as the Messiah and often identified himself in relation to God the Father, but it was doubtful that the people knew his real identity. The "I am" in this question is reminiscent of God's self-revelation to Moses in the burning bush (Ex. 3:13-14). Could it be that Jesus deliberately included the answer in the question? He may have cued the disciples to understand his identity in relation to the Father, as the second person of the Trinity.

The responses show that some people thought that Jesus was the reincarnation of John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets. During their lifetime, these prophets manifested special qualities that led some to mistake them for the Messiah. The tendency to be mistaken for the Messiah prompted John the Baptist to declare unequivocally that he was not the Messiah. He went as far as stating that he was unworthy to untie the Messiah's sandals. The irony in play here is that not only were the prophets mistaken for the Messiah, the Messiah was mistaken for the prophets. As well intentioned as the people's responses were, they still missed the mark. Hence, Jesus turned to those closest friends, his disciples and asked, "But who do you say that I am?"

Speaking on behalf of the twelve, Peter responded without hesitation, "You are the Christ." It seemed like the months of training were beginning to pay off. In Matthew's account of this passage, this was Peter's greatest moment and Jesus did nothing to conceal his excitement, showering Peter with blessings. He assured him that he would be the rock upon which the Church will be built and gave him the keys to the kingdom, to bind and to loose (Matt. 16:18-20). However, in today's gospel from Mark, Jesus has no time to lavish accolades on Peter, but quickly invokes the Messianic secret. There is an implicit sense of urgency.

He proceeded to teach them about the paschal mystery, that the Son of Man must suffer greatly, be rejected by the leaders, killed, and rise after three days. Peter's love and admiration for the master moved him to pull him aside and rebuke him for references to suffering and death. In response, Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus ceases the opportunity to teach about the need for any would-be disciple to deny himself/herself, take up the cross and follow him.

Whereas Peter's revelation of Jesus' Messianic identity was his greatest moment in Matthew's gospel, it was one of his lowest moments in Mark gospel. Rather than the accolades and blessings he enjoyed in Matthew's gospel, he was scolded for trying to interfere with the divine plan. Obviously, Jesus did not mean that Peter was Satan in the literal sense but that he was acting like Satan who has a knack for putting stumbling blocks on the path of grace. Jesus was challenging Peter to focus on the good news that he would rise on the third day than on the bad news associated with suffering and death.

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What if Jesus poses the same question to you today as he posed to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" What would be your response, and how insightful would it be? We know Jesus to be the Christ, the Messiah. However, the best response would be through actions manifested in our works, as St. Paul states in the second reading. We affirm Jesus' identity when we feed the poor, clothe the naked, volunteer for ministries in the parish, attend Mass, commit our talent, time and treasure to support the church and her mission. We also affirm our faith in the Messiah when we take up the cross and follow him. In Catholic teaching, faith and works are not mutually exclusive but rather two sides of the same coin. Faith is manifested in works.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Grandparents Day Blessing

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.

Those of us who now pray to the Lord also seek His blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace.

We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen



May God bless all our grandparents!

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is thankful for your continued support through food and monetary donations. Through your gifts, we are able to bring "Good News" to the poor by assisting those in need in so many ways. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to pray for you.

SVDP Ministry

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



Anne Simone, parishioner

Therese Sambou, mother of Simon Biagui (Pastoral Council Vice-Chair) and mother-in-law of Francoise Biagui

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

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, Alaina Chenow, Dennis Claas, Rhey Clemente, Anna Emmerich, Catherine Felber, Robin Flynn, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Barb Moroder, Ginny Naegele, Beth Newton, Wayne Ring, 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.

St. Bernadette Fish Fry

8200 W. Denver Ave., Milwaukee, WI
Friday, September 17, 4-7pm. Takeout only with curbside pick-up. Included with the fish are coleslaw, fries, rye bread, butter, and tartar sauce. Pre-ordering is encouraged. Call 414-358-4600.



Holy Hill Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 10am-5pm
Refreshments, entertainment, free parking and shuttle service available. \$5 adults, children 12 & under are free.

19th Annual Seminary Dinner Celebrates Fidelity to the Lord

Friday, September 24, 2021
The Wisconsin Center, 400 West Wisconsin Ave., Milw.
5:45pm, Cocktail Reception; 7:00pm, Dinner
\$150 per person
For information, visit www.sfs.edu/Annual Dinner or call 414-747-6463.

Ballpark Day of Faith

Mass, tailgate and game at American Family Field
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