

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Communal - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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, 9/18 - 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

Monday, 9/20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Ezr 1:1-6 / Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3] / Lk 8:16-18

9:00am † Lucille Gardner

Wednesday, 9/22 - Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9 / Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b] / Lk 9:1-6

9:00am Parishioners

Thursday, 9/23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
West Campus Mass

Hg 1:1-8 / Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a] / Lk 9:7-9

9:00am Intention of the Priest

Saturday, 9/25 - Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 / Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a] / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

4:00pm † Amber Anderson

Sunday, 9/26 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 / Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a] / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

9:00am † Anna Thu

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, September 23, 9am at the West Campus. Enter through the east side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.



Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Which sacraments can only be received once?

- a. Confirmation, Holy Orders and Baptism
- b. Baptism and Matrimony
- c. Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders
- d. Matrimony, Reconciliation and the Eucharist

Gospel Meditation

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important: knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

(USCCB; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

May God bless our principals, teachers, staff, catechists, and all involved in the formation and education of our children, that this Catechetical Sunday may bring renewed commitment in their role as educators.

National Migration Week takes place September 20-26, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR)**, on September 26. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is *"Towards an ever wider WE"*. In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity."



Safe Environment Program in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Did you know...

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has a Victim Assistance Coordinator that assists survivors of sexual abuse to navigate through the process of reporting abuse and receiving counseling services. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at 414-758-2232.



First Day of Autumn - September 22, 2021

(Catholic Trivia - Answer: a)

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.

The Archbishop's Annual Vatican II Awards Fr. Romanus, staff and parishioners of Blessed Savior Congregation are proud to congratulate parishioner, Reine Assana, on being one of the recipients of this year's Vatican II Awards.



All are invited to the prayer service, awards ceremony and dessert reception at 7pm on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson, St., Milwaukee, WI

Annual Archdiocesan Jubilee Mass

For all couples celebrating their 25th (silver) and 50th (golden) anniversary and also couples married over 50 years are invited to join us for our annual Jubilee Mass at 10am on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at St. Mary's Parish, 9520 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners, WI. After Mass there will be a photo opportunity with Bishop Schuerman. This event is free to all jubilee couples and their families (up to 6 guests). Lunch will not be provided. **Please register by October 4, 2021** at archmil.regfox.com/2021-jubilee-mass. Questions? Call Emily at 414-758-2213.



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