

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

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**Individual** - Call the parish office.

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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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, 9/4 - Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 35:4-7a / Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b] / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37*

4:00pm † Frances and Edward Kupkowski

Sunday, 9/5 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 35:4-7a / Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b] / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37*

9:00am † Danny Berres

Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 9/6 - Labor Day - No Morning Mass

Wednesday, 9/8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Mi 5:1-4a OR Rom 8:28-30 / Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10] / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 OR 1:18-23*

9:00am † Wencel & Cornelia Bina

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

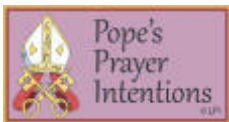
*Is 50:5-9a / Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9] / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35*

9:00am † Margaret and Eldred Harry

Rosary at 8:15am



Blessed Savior Parish is grateful for the generous donation on behalf of the estate of Amber Anderson who passed away on January 8, 2021. May Amber rest in the peace of the Lord.



### The Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2021

- Universal Intention

*For an environmentally sustainable lifestyle. We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

**Monday, September 6, 2021**

**Labor Day  
No 9am Morning Mass**

If you have an emergency, call the parish office at 414-464-5033 and leave a message.

Have a safe holiday!



**Dear Parishioners,**

### Happy Labor Day Weekend:

Our nation celebrates Labor Day this Monday in accord with an annual tradition that dates back over a century. The idea was first conceived by Peter J. McGuire, founder of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of New York. It was first celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882, sponsored by the Knights of Labor. Two years later, in 1884, the Labor Unions of New York held a parade on the first Monday of September and referred to it as annual Labor Day celebration. The agitation in New York soon spread to Labor Unions in other states who staged vigorous campaigns to establish Labor Day as a legitimate holiday that honors workers.

Faced with increased unrest from Labor Unions in an election year, Congress passed a bill declaring the first Monday in September a national holiday that honors workers. President Grover Cleveland reluctantly signed the bill in 1894 as an election-year compromise. By the time Labor Day was established as a national holiday, thirty states had already recognized and legitimized Labor Day as a civic holiday.

One of the events that directly impacted the recognition of Labor Day as a national holiday was the Pullman crisis of 1893, which took place in Pullman, Illinois. Caught in the economic depression of 1893, George Pullman, founder and president of the Pullman Company (a railroad sleeping car company) was forced to drastically cut wages and benefits and laid off many workers. Unable to endure the hardship, the remaining employees went on strike, demanding higher wages and better benefits. The American Railway Union joined the cause of the striking workers in Pullman.

President Grover Cleveland declared the strike a federal crime and deployed 12,000 troops to break it up. On August 3, 1894, the strike was declared over, but not before two men lost their lives when deputy marshals fired on protesters in Kensington, Illinois. A week after the crackdown, President Cleveland signed the bill establishing Labor Day as a national holiday.

The Church strongly supports the rights of workers and stresses the spirituality of work. Catholic social teachings on the rights of workers date back to an encyclical published in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII entitled *Rerum Novarum*. It advocates just wages for workers and the need for better conditions of work. Arguably, the encyclical emboldened workers to fight for their rights and may have contributed to the establishment of Labor Day. Other papal encyclicals have continued to advocate the rights and responsibilities of workers.

Work is essential in realizing human potential and fulfilling human responsibilities to self and others. Work provides opportunities to express oneself and put talents and skills to practice. The fruits of human labor come in the form of monetary compensation and other forms of payment. Human labor keeps society functioning but also creates gap between haves and have nots. Human labor is part of the cross we carry and could be redemptive when properly channeled. We also need to ensure that work does not impede our relationship with God.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with speech impediment by uttering the Aramaic word, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened." Daniel Durken wrote that we ought to make it part of our own vocabulary whenever we run into situations where people are uptight. We should say "Ephphatha" to the old who are closed to creativity and change; to all who have lost their sense of humor and turned sour and cynical; to co-workers so that they stay open to challenges and surprises; to ourselves so that we live with eyes open to God's wonders, ears open to God's wisdom, arms and hands open to hug, help and heal. What a word, "EPHPHATHA!" Wishing everyone Happy Labor Day Weekend!

*Fr. Romanus*

**Labor Day Prayer**

Good and Gracious God, You created human beings in Your image and likeness and gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom.



Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people -- whatever our state of life -- to follow you faithfully.

Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day. May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God. Amen



There are many ministries at Blessed Savior that are looking for new members, and each one requires members to attend regular meetings. Except one - Prayer Circle.

Prayer Circle is different. There are no meetings and those who pray for others only need to call the next person on their list with the person's first name and their intention. This ministry is perfect for those who want to do something worthwhile but are unable to get to church as well as those whose time is extremely limited. Interested? Call and leave a message for Deb at 414-305-6270.

**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. Saturday, October 9, 2021

10am

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](http://archmil.regfox.com/2021-jubilee-mass). Questions? Call Emily at 414-758-2213.

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**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. Luke Fall Festival**

Friday, September 10, 2021

4pm-11pm

18000 W. Greenfield Ave., Brookfield, WI

Fish fry, vendor market place, kids area, cash raffle.

Performances by Eric Diamond, 4:30pm-6:30pm and

Our House, 7pm-10:30pm

**Men of Christ - 9th Annual Holy Hill 5K Run/Walk**

Saturday, September 11, 2021

11am-2pm

Questions? Contact Tim Dunne at [tim@timthebroker.com](mailto:tim@timthebroker.com)

**Pilgrimage to Holy Hill**

Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians

Walking in the Journey of Faith with Venerable

Fr. Augustus Tolton - Past, Present & Future

Presider: Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Saturday, October 2, 2021

9:30am-3:30pm

Confession, Eucharistic Liturgy and Presentation

\$25 per person (includes lunch and refreshments)

**Register by September 20, 2021**

Contact: Fr. Fred Alexander, OCD, 262-628-1838



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