

5th Sunday OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and
my Father is the vine
grower." - Jn 15:1A

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM—SUNDAY 9AM

Weekdays: Mon. through Wed. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Sacrament of Christian Marriage:

Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Individual: Any time by appointment

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal) Monthly and also by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick

When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

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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, 4/28 - VIGIL OF 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

4:00pm † Charles, Dorothy & Kathren Henry
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 4/29 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

9:00am † Catherine Hoppe
Rosary at 8:15am

Anointing of the sick after Mass in the Chapel

MONDAY, 4/30 - ST. PIUS V, POPE

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

9:00am † Frances & Louis Prekop
Anna Emmerich

TUESDAY, 5/1 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

9:00am † Milton Hohensee

WEDNESDAY, 5/2 - ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

9:00am Parishioners

**THURSDAY, 5/3 - ALL SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS
FORMER MARY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH**

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 5/5 - VIGIL OF 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

4:00pm † Christian Goudiaby
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 5/6 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST COMMUNION SUNDAY

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

9:00am † Bernadette Thibault
Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, May 3, 9am at the EAST CAMPUS, FORMER MARY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH. Enter through the FRONT CENTER door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.



WITH SYMPATHY

In the hope of resurrection, we commend to the Lord the souls of **Bernice Nielsen, (parishioner)**
Ronald Lunford (brother of Yolanda Coly & Dr. Gerard Coly)

Who recently died.

May God grant them light, refreshment and peace in the Kingdom.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. "Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes." A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?

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Everyday Stewardship

When I was a teenager, I had an experience that truly changed my life and helped me to give Jesus all of myself. I had been baptized Catholic and always had faith, but it took a specific event to really shake me out of the comfort of my life and set me on a path devoted to God. I didn't get knocked off a horse or find an open tomb, but for me it was powerful enough to make a huge impact. Testimonies of how people came to live as intentional disciples have great power. Often the stories do not include singular events or people; instead they speak of a gradual unfolding of faith. It is often the culmination of several events and the work of more than one person that brings a person to the point of real decision.

Living as good stewards, we can help move people forward in their journey with God. Giving of ourselves freely can move human hearts like few other forces. God working through us can bring others to see that simply saying that Jesus is the Savior of the world does not mean we live our lives differently. It takes more thought and reflection on our part to move past words to intentional acts with intentional results. I don't know if all those involved in that event when I was a teenager knew what an effect their good stewardship would have on me, but I am so thankful they provided a way for God to touch me. I have spent my entire life trying to pay them back by allowing God to touch others through me. Just what person might God touch through you today?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





All Commissions Day

At their last meeting, the Pastoral Council postponed the spring **All Commissions Day** originally scheduled for May 5th. The ACD will be rescheduled for this fall. Most of those involved in the ACD are also working on the June 3rd Neighborhood Gathering. Thank You.

Nominations are open for Pastoral Council.

Councilors must be baptized, practicing Members of Blessed Savior Parish and over the age of 18. The term of office is 3 years. Nominations will be accepted until May 6th. Nomination forms (found at the end of each pew) can be put in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office by May 7th. You may nominate yourself or any other Parish Member. You may nominate more than one individual. The person making the nomination should also sign the nomination form. Unsigned forms will not be accepted. Discernment will be May 15th. Nominees are expected to watch the Archdiocesan video before Discernment. See the Parish webpage (www.blessedsaviorparish.org) for a link to the video and more information on the role of Pastoral Councilors.



**Congratulations and best wishes to Our New Confirmands:
Allie, Somtoo, and Lucas**

May the Holy Spirit inspire you in your adult faith and send you forth to renew the face of the earth.

The Parishioners of Blessed Savior Parish pray that you will be filled with the gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Courage, Knowledge, Piety, Wonder and Awe to you on your Confirmation!

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

Diane Henry, Mark Kuchta, Bob Leack, Connie Mueller, Eliza Piana, Anton Schleiss, Joan Wegner, Mary Frances Williams, Ginny & Donald Naegele

If you, a loved one, friend or neighbor are in need of prayer, please call the office **414-464-5033** so the name(s) can be added to the prayer list.

REMINDER...their permission or that of the family is needed to add a person to the list.

The SVDP Empty Shelf is Back

We always have a shelf or two empty. For those of you that want to help fill those shelves. Please look in the bulletin for our need. Thank You for the amount and variety of food you donate.

For the weekend of **May 5 & 6 and May 12 & 13** we need to fill those shelves with canned soup & crackers.



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Catholicism Today—Topic: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us this Wednesday night, May 2 at Blessed Savior in the Parish Hall from 6PM-7:15PM. The presentation will be repeated on Sunday, May 6 from 6:15PM-7:30PM at St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall. Hospitality will be offered. All are welcome.

The next book for the St. Margaret Mary/Blessed Savior Book Club will be the provocative best-seller Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter by Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran. It is available at Barnes and Noble and at Amazon on-line. Used copies are available for just a few dollars. The presentation, discussion, and hospitality session will take place at St. Margaret Mary in Sampon Hall on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 12:15PM-2PM. Please RSVP with Faith Formation Director Dave Liccione at 573-9292.



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Magnificat "A Ministry to Catholic Women"

Saturday, May 12, 9am-Noon, Hilton Garden Inn 11600 W. Park Place—Tickets, \$15 before 5/5, \$20 after. For information 262-853-3349

FISH FRYS—Last of the year, **St. Anthony in Menomonee Falls**, Friday, May 4 (dine-in & carry-out) 4pm-7pm
St. Sebastian, School Cafeteria 1740 N. 55—Last of the year May 4, dine in & carry out. 4:30pm-7:30pm



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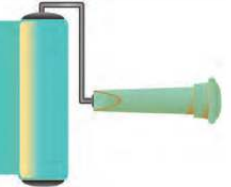
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