



On Sunday, April 29, 2018  
2:00pm at  
St. Margaret Mary Church  
Three of Blessed Savior's young  
people received the Sacrament  
of Confirmation.

(L to R) **Lucas  
Somtoo**  
**Bishop, Jeffrey R. Haines**  
**Allie**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your  
faithful and kindle in them the fire of your  
love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall  
be created. And You shall renew the face  
of the earth. O, God, who by the light of  
the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of  
the faithful, grant that by the same Holy  
Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy  
His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.*

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**Parish Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs. 8am - 4pm,  
Closed Fridays

**Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM—SUNDAY 9AM**

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON**

Carol Spychalski, Bulletin Editor

**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,  
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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, 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



**MONDAY, 5/7, TUESDAY, 5/8, WEDNESDAY, 5/9  
NO CHAPEL MASS**

**THURSDAY, 5/10 - SCHOOL MASS, NORTH CAMPUS  
FORMER ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH**

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

**9:00am** Intention of the Priest

**SATURDAY, 5/12 - VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**4:00pm** † James Weiser  
Rosary at 3:15pm

**SUNDAY, 5/13 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
MOTHERS DAY**

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**9:00am** † Milton Hohensee  
Rosary at 8:15am

**This week's School Mass is Thursday, May 10, 9am at the North Campus. Former St. Philip Neri Church. Enter through the WEST side door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION "I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."



In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship-new or old-becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread. *Liturgical Publications*



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

"Get Together" was a popular song in 1967 by the Youngbloods. I was not alive when the song was released, but it was a song I played frequently learning how to play guitar when I was younger. The song called for all of us to come together and "try to love one another right now." It was a song that came out in the Vietnam War era and during somewhat of a hippie revolution, but perhaps the words belong to no real moment in time. They are simply the commands of Jesus.

Sometimes we minimize the power of love by cute pop songs and slogans that mean little without action. However, we can never underestimate the power of love. Love can tear down barriers between people, change tears to laughter, and mend relationships torn apart by sin.

No option exists for disciples of Jesus Christ to not love others. Not only are we commanded to do so, but love is a gift we must pass on freely. If we give of our time, talent, and treasure, but choose not to love, we cannot claim to be truly committed disciples and good stewards. As this Easter season draws ever closer to an end, we must allow our love to bear witness to the source of all love, the Risen Jesus. This is our calling until, as the words of the Youngbloods' song states, "the one who left us here returns for us at last." *-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



Congratulations to Blessed Savior's three

First Communicants,

**Cruzcita Raynn Jenkins**

**Junior Barack Asaghalí Tabífor**  
**Chidindu Jed Nwadike**

who are receiving their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Along with their Catechist Martha Perez, to whom we owe great thanks for her dedication in preparing the children, the kids worked hard in preparing to receive the Sacraments of both Reconciliation and Communion. Please pray for and give thanks to the Lord for these young members of our congregation.



**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY**  
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**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 6<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms (found at the end of each pew) can be put in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office by May 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominees are expected to watch the Archdiocesan video before Discernment. See the Parish webpage ([www.blessedsaviorparish.org](http://www.blessedsaviorparish.org)) for a link to the video and more information on the role of Pastoral Councilors.

#### CRS RICE BOWL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

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The Holy Land Collection taken on Good Friday was **\$190.32.** This collection was also sent to the Archdiocesan Office for them to forward to the Holy Land. Thank you for your support.

**Bakery Needed**—Fellowship gathering after both Masses for Pentecost to Celebrate the Birthday of the Church.

**Saturday, May 19 & Sunday, May 20.** Please help out and bake or buy any type of bakery item you would like to share with all of your fellow parishioners. Muffins, bars, cookies, sweet breads, all are appreciated. Please place them on a disposable plate and bring to the Parish Hall before Mass.



**IF YOU ARE BAKING A GLUTEN FREE ITEM or MADE WITH P-NUTS ITEM, PLEASE WRITE "GLUTEN FREE," or CONTAINS P-NUTS ON THE PACKAGE.**

*Thank you and God Love You!*

**JOIN THE BOOK CLUB FOR THE MAY 20** discussion of the provocative book **REBUILT** concerning renewing and transforming parishes. See 4/29 bulletin for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**PARISH NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING JUNE 3rd**  
**AFTER THE 9AM MASS UNTIL 1:00pm.**

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

#### Prayer Garden Dedication

A prayer garden, complete with a statue of Mary, "Our Lady of Grace" and a water fountain will be dedicated and blessed after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, May 13 (weather permitting!)



These items have been purchased with memorial funds from the Karen Recklies family.

Additional funds collected will be used to beautify the space with a trellis, plantings and fresh flowers. Future plans will consider ways to create a more prayerful garden.

After Mass, please come to the east side of the Parish Center for a brief prayer, dedication and blessing. On this Mother's Day, take a moment to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and all mothers!

*Blessed Savior Prayer & Worship Commission*

Blessed Savior Parish participates in a coalition of Faith Based Organizations supporting Police District 4 and Police District 7. **On May 17th, our Parish is participating in an Officer Appreciation Day for the Police Officers in District 4, located at 69th & Silver Spring Dr. We are asking parishioners to stop in the Church Hallway and sign an appreciation poster or card after the Masses next weekend, May 12 & 13.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Malloy @ 414-464-3733 or Phil Kremreiter. @ 414-357-7506

Thank you.

#### The SVDP Empty Shelf is Back

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



**MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE**— ROSES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MAY 12 & 13 @ \$2 DONATION. PROCEEDS WILL BE USED BY THE WISCONSIN RIGHT TO LIFE-MILWAUKEE CHAPTER FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS.

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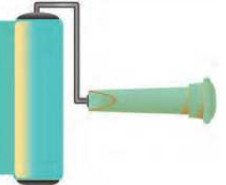
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