

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

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Download our App:

For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888

For Android Text: ParishApp2 to 555888

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

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Last Sunday of the month

Individual - Any time and also by appointment.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

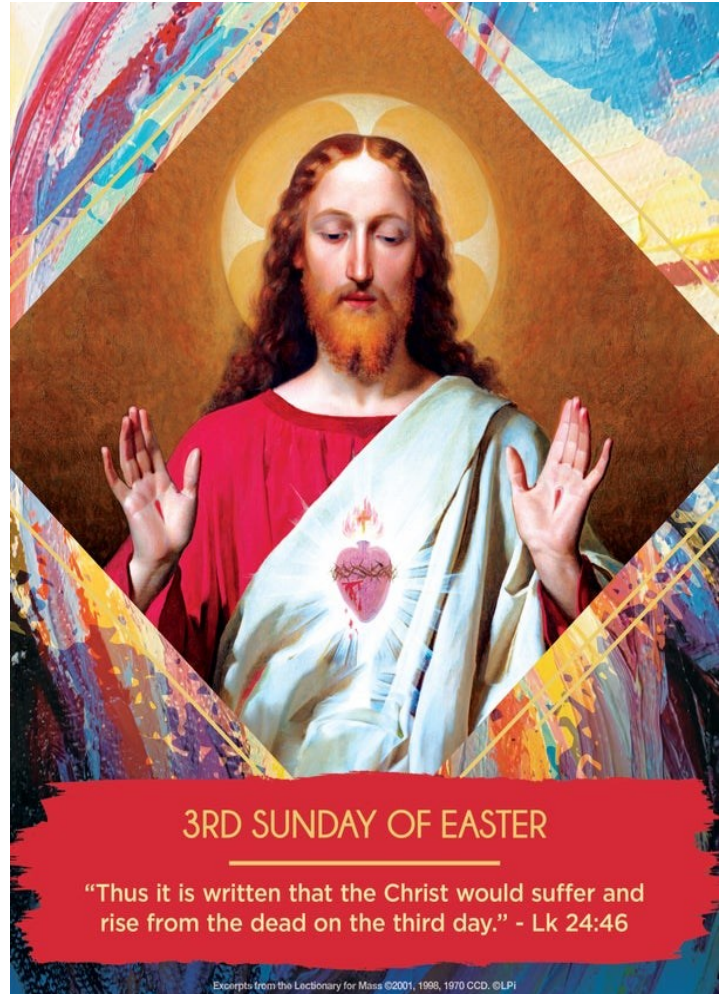
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

Funerals: Call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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| Pastoral Council Officers: | Parish Trustees: |
| Paul Bina, Chair | Curt Kandel, Treasurer |
| Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair | Christian Nwonye, Secretary |
| Mahalia Malone, Secretary | |



School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org

West Campus

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Natalie Galloway, Principal

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Renee Manikham, Principal



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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4/13 Vigil Mass, 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

4:00pm Goggins Family

Sunday, 4/14 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

9:00am Angie Friday, Joey Hegman
Rosary at 8:15 am

Monday, 4/15 Weekday
Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

9:00am † John Redig, Paul Redig

Tuesday, 4/16 School Mass, South Campus
Acts 7:51 - 8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

9:00am Intention of the priest

Wednesday, 4/17 Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

9:00am Parishioners

Saturday, 4/20 Vigil Mass, 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

4:00pm † Cornelia & Wencel Bina

Sunday, 4/21 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

9:00am † Faustino & Eliza Piana
Rosary at 8:15 am



Come join your parish family, friends and guests for an evening of fun. Taste food from many cultures
Be entertained by your friends from the Filipino community.
Sign up in the Villard Ave. Hallway this weekend and next weekend.

Saturday, April 27, 2024, after the 4:00pm Mass

Mass Intentions for 2024



We are still taking Mass Intentions for 2024. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, call the parish office, 414-464-5033.

The stipend for Mass remains at \$10.

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

The narrative about the empty tomb on Easter Sunday hinted that Jesus did not abandon his body when he rose from the dead. Moreover, his body did not lose its human qualities, but remained a fusion of his two natures, human and divine, in sync with the incarnation. The Church refers to Jesus' risen body as a "glorified" body (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, art. 999). Having no human limitations means Jesus could appear and disappear at will.

Last Sunday we read about Jesus' appearance to his apostles, even though the doors were locked (John 20:19). When Thomas who was absent during the appearance refused to believe, Jesus visited a second time and invited him to touch his body and feel the marks of his wounds (vs. 27-28). After verifying that it was, indeed, Jesus, Thomas was overwhelmed and exclaimed, "My Lord and my God" (vs. 28). Before disappearing, Jesus cautioned him not to persist in doubt, but to believe.

This Sunday's gospel narrative from Luke follows on the heels of Jesus' appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. After taking them on a Scripture discourse, they recognized him in the breaking of bread. Then, he vanished from their presence. The two disciples turned around and headed back to Jerusalem where they narrated their experience of the risen Christ to the eleven apostles. As they were discussing the matter, Jesus appeared to them again. That is where this Sunday's gospel picks it up.

As with last Sunday's gospel, Jesus greeted them with peace, and asked why they were still troubled and skeptical. As with his proof to Thomas, Jesus invited them to touch his body and know that it is really him, not a ghost. He reasoned with them and reassured them since ghosts do not have flesh and bones. Then, he proceeded to show them his hands and feet that were marked with the wounds of the cross. Upon realizing that it was Jesus, they were overwhelmed with joy and their fears melted away.

To further eliminate any remaining doubt, Jesus asked for something to eat. They gave him a piece of fish, and he ate it in their presence. It shows how far Jesus would go to carry us along and ensure that no one is left behind. To question Jesus' resurrection is to question the veracity of the gospels. Though the resurrection narratives differ slightly, they contain overwhelming evidence of its occurrence.

This Sunday's gospel will be the last Sunday gospel proof of the resurrection immediately following Easter Sunday. If the resurrection was not such a big deal, Jesus would not have spent so much time convincing his disciples that he was alive and exercising so much patience with skeptics.

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The resurrection of Christ says a lot about our future with God. As people of faith, we have a vision that transcends this world and life on earth. While some believe that nothing follows after life on earth, we believe that real life begins after life on earth. The resurrection will mean an end to all impediments to happiness. It will mean an end to pain, suffering, and all the imperfections that besiege our earthly life. No wonder St. Paul postulated that if Christ had not risen, we would have been the most pitiful of all people (1Cor. 15:12-19).

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



SIX BLACK CATHOLICS ON THE ROAD TO Sainthood

Concert and Presentation Featuring Vallimar Jansen

Friday, May 3, 2024
7 p.m.

St. Martin de Porres
Catholic Church
3114 N. Second Street, Milwaukee



Celebrate the lives and achievements of the six Black Catholics currently on the road to sainthood.
Come for an evening of culture, song, stories and soul!

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact:

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Susan McNeil

(414) 758-2214, mcneils@archmil.org



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, Gene Brunner,
David Cheever, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber,
Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn, Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus,
Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Karla Klaybor, Ellen Malloy, Barb Moroder,
Bob Oettinger, Jr., Wayne Ring,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeanne Rossner,
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec
Mary Frances Williams**

Lord Jesus, who 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.

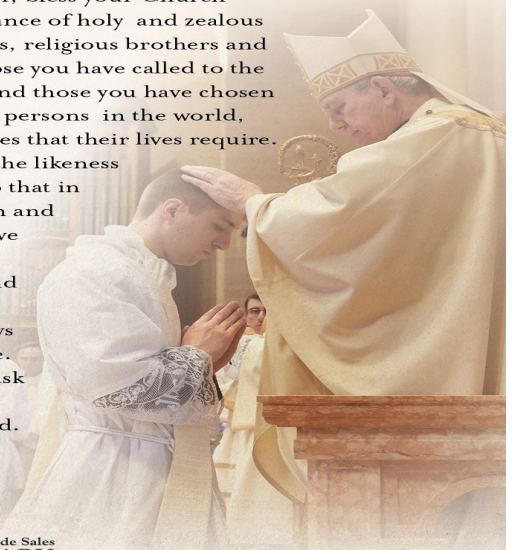
If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.

Join the Vocation Office on this
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 21, 2024 in praying
for an increase of Vocations in the
Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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A message from your bulletin editors:

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You never get a day off.