

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 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.

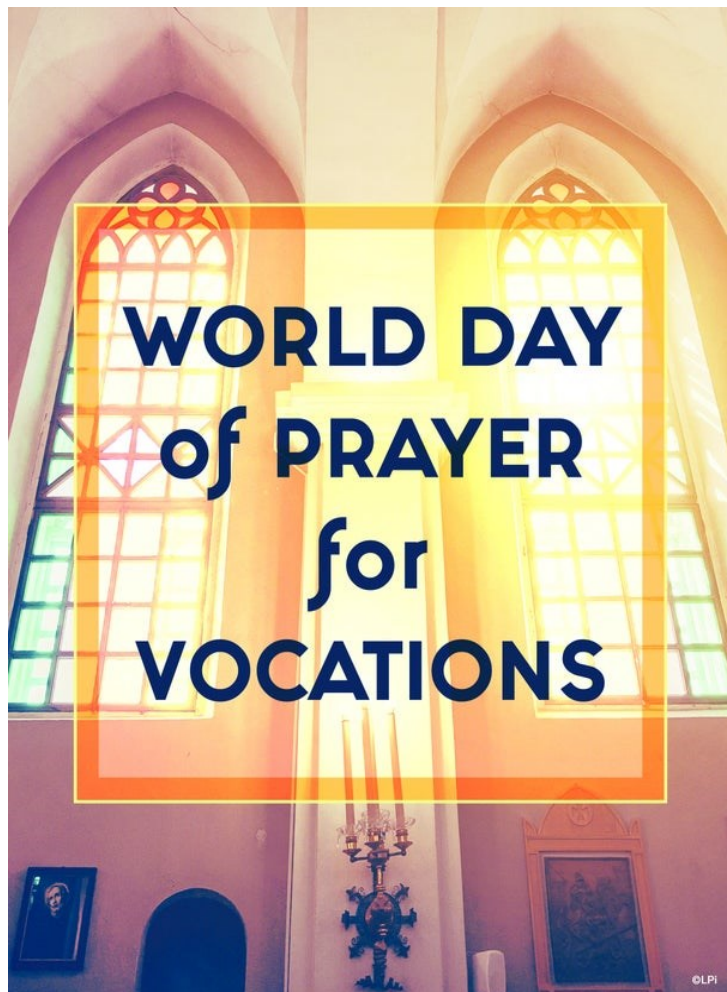
**Communal Penance:** Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

**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

<b>Pastoral Council Officers:</b>	<b>Parish Trustees:</b>
Paul Bina, Chair	Curt Kandel, Treasurer
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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

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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.*

## MASS SCHEDULE

**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**

**Monday, 4/22 Weekday**

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**9:00am** John Redig, Paul Redig

**Tuesday, 4/23 St. George & St. Adalbert**

**School Mass, South & West @ West Campus**

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**9:00am** Intentions of the priest

**Wednesday, 4/24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5,6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

**9:00am** Mary Lou & Paul Neuzil

**Saturday, 4/27 Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**4:00pm** Parishioners

**Sunday, 4/28 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

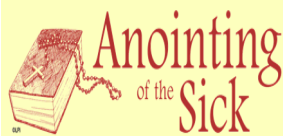
**9:00am** Marcella & Walter McCormick

**Rosary at 8:15 am**

Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of:

**Gloria Balistrieri**

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



**Anointing of the sick will take place in the chapel next Sunday, April 28, after the 9am Mass.**

**Anointing may also be done any time or by appointment. Please call the parish office.**

**We also remember in our prayers those who are sick and cannot attend Mass.**

**Pastor's Sunday Reflection:**

This Sunday's gospel from John strikes a familiar tone with the narrative of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In John's gospel, Jesus revealed his identity through the "I am" utterances. There are seven of these utterances. Namely: "I am the Bread of Life" (Jn. 6:35); "I am the Light of the world" (Jn. 8:12); "I am the Gate" (Jn. 10:9); "I am the Good Shepherd" (Jn. 10:14); "I am the Resurrection and Life" (Jn. 11:25); "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn. 14:6); "I am the True Vine" (Jn. 15:1). In the burning bush, God revealed himself to Moses as "I AM" (Ex. 3:14).

These sayings reveal the varied ways God provides for and safeguards his people. After experiencing the Holy Week and Triduum celebrations, it is not difficult to understand the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd. These celebrations highlight God's unconditional love revealed through his Son. They go to show how far God was willing to go for human redemption.

In today's gospel, Jesus compares the Good Shepherd with a hired hand. When wild beasts threaten, the Good Shepherd stands his ground to protect his flock. This often involves putting himself in harm's way, even to the point of sacrificing his life for the flock. On the other hand, a hired hand who has no investment in the flock abandons it and runs away when danger threatens. For him, the flock is not worth sacrificing his life.

The books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel contain condemnations of the bad shepherds of Israel – "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture" (Jer. 23:1). Under the leadership of bad shepherds, the sheep scatter and become prey to wild beasts. Rather than care for the flock, bad shepherds fatten themselves at their expense. This is typical of human shepherds in the ordinary sense where the flock is simply a means of livelihood. Due to the inability of the shepherds of Israel to care for the flock, God Himself took over the role of shepherding (Ezek. 34:7-11). It was an indictment of self-centered shepherding.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus laid down his life for his flock, as evident in our Good Friday service. Jesus reminds us that he laid down his life without coercion in order to pick it up again (the resurrection). Hence, the dying and rising of Christ manifest the supreme power of God and reveal a God who is always in control of destiny. One of the hallmarks of the Good Shepherd is a close bond with the flock. The Church helps to nourish that bond through the administration of the sacraments. A flock's survival is also dependent on its willingness to cooperate with the shepherd and follow where the shepherd leads. A flock that follows its own designs will hardly survive.

In the gospel, Jesus refers to other sheep that also depend on him for leadership and guidance. This recognition is important in establishing common grounds for Christian unity and inter-religious dialogue. The recognition that

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Catholicism is not the only path to salvation was one of the major accomplishments of the Second Vatican Council. Ultimately, the goal is to have one flock and one shepherd. Hence, the importance of continuous prayer for Christian unity.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus is the model of Christian leadership. We exercise leadership roles as parents, guardians, teachers, catechists, ministers, sponsors, et cetera. As Christian leaders, we have a responsibility to protect those entrusted to us. This is especially true in relation to the children entrusted to our care. We have to do everything to ensure their protection from abuse and danger. As we know, April is child protection month, when the Church places extra emphasis on the protection of children from abuse. Are we doing enough to ensure that those under our protection are safe?

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

**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.

Saint Francis de Sales  
SEMINARY



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**A message from your bulletin editors:**  
*Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips!*

### **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

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

### **Spring Into Culture Event**

April 27, after the 4:00pm Mass  
Come Join Us In The Parish Hall



### **Welcome to Blessed Savior Parish!**

If you are currently not a registered member of our parish and would like to join, complete the form on the table at the Church entrance and mail it to the parish office or drop it in the weekend collection. You can also call the parish office at 414-464-5033, or email us at parish@blessedsavior.org. We will follow up with a call.

We hope you decide to become a member of Blessed Savior. We welcome the chance to get to know you!