

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025

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For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888
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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 for communion and/or anointing.

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 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

Pastoral Council Officers:	Parish Trustees:
Kevin Senfleben, Chair	Larry Kalbas, Treasurer
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MAY THE SOULS of
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH *the* MERCY
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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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, 4/26 Easter Saturday

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

4:00pm † David Walden

Sunday, 4/27 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

9:00am † Cynthia Clemente

Monday 4/28 St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

9am † Janice Groffkreutz

Tuesday 4/29 School Mass — West Campus

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

9:30am Intentions of the Priest

Wednesday 4/30 St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

9am † Suzanne Kremsreiter

Saturday, 5/3 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

4:00pm † David Walden

Sunday, 5/4 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

9:00am Parishioners

Sunday Reflection

In the weeks after Easter, we will be reading from various New Testament passages about the resurrection appearances. These appearances seem to be God's way of strengthening the faith of those still not convinced by the empty tomb. In this Sunday's gospel, on the evening of the first day of the week, Jesus appears to his disciples. Fearing persecution in the aftermath of the Lord's crucifixion, they were huddling together, under locked doors. Suddenly, the risen Lord appeared and said to them over and over, "Peace be with you."

To underscore the resurrection, he showed them his hands and his side. You may be wondering why he would show them his hands and his side. Well, it is reasonable to assume that those were the most severe of his injuries on the cross. We recall that the nails pierced his hands and feet. It is conceivable that the pierced hands were the most painful of his injuries since they carried the bulk of his weight on the cross. We also know that he sustained a severe wound when a soldier thrust a lance into his side.

The disciples' response was just pure joy. They rejoiced in knowing that Jesus was alive again. Then, he breathed on them and gave them the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. He also gave them the power to forgive sins. If this passage seems familiar, it is because it is also used for Pentecost Sunday. It is one of those passages that serve dual purpose. It is most suitable for both Easter and Pentecost.

Unfortunately, Thomas, called Didymus, was not present when the Lord appeared. So, when they told him that the Lord appeared, he refused to believe. The story seemed like fairy tale as no one has ever been known to rise after being dead for three days. It was just too good to be true. However, we should not be quick to condemn Thomas. Most of us would also be skeptical. Nonetheless, the ever patient and understanding Lord did not hesitate to come back, ensuring that no one was left behind. He invites Thomas to feel his wounds and the nail marks, and to put his hand into his side.

Satisfied that it was indeed the Lord, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus asked if he had come to believe because he had seen, and then goes on to bless those who have not seen and have believed. Evidently, Thomas' skepticism led to the blessing of future generations of Christians who would not have to see to believe. In this regard, we are all beneficiaries of Thomas' skepticism.

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2025 - 2026 BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC CONGREGATION BUDGET

Income

Envelopes	\$	167,810.00
Offertory	\$	10,300.00
Memorial Fund	\$	16,280.00
Bequest Fund	\$	10,000.00
Property Rental Income	\$	147,500.00
Donations	\$	34,000.00
Love One Another	\$	45,120.00
Dividends	\$	27,000.00
Others	\$	42,620.00
Total Income	\$	500,630.00

Expenses

Administration Salary	\$	123,500.00
Support Staff Salary & others	\$	52,360.00
Pastor Housing	\$	35,000.00
Health ,Dental & Vision Benefits	\$	28,600.00
FICA	\$	12,600.00
Building repairs & Maint	\$	36,280.00
Equipment Repairs & Maint	\$	11,460.00
Utilities	\$	56,310.00
Property Insurance	\$	11,350.00
Property Taxes	\$	15,280.00
Arch_Diocese Assessment	\$	20,570.00
Bank fees & Other Charges	\$	20,500.00
General Expenses	\$	62,690.00
Total Expenses	\$	486,500.00
Surplus or Deficit ()	\$	14,130.00

Thomas let go of skepticism in the face of overwhelming evidence. How could he possibly remain skeptical with the risen Lord right before him? Unfortunately, there are some today who remain skeptical in spite of the accumulated and overwhelming evidence of God's love through the centuries, and each and every day.

Easter ministers and flower contributor:

Please, join me in thanking all the ministers who helped with the Triduum and Easter celebrations. Thanks to Marilyn Ratke, our Music Director, who also helped with liturgy planning and the Order of Worship. Thanks to the Choir for a beautiful, especially at the Easter Vigil and Sunday. Thanks to Gisele N'Dour, our Liturgical Environment coordinator and her team, for taking care of the liturgical background, the changing colors, and the Easter decorations. Thanks to those who contributed to the Easter flowers. Thanks to our lectors (readers) who helped with the dramatized readings the last several weeks. Thanks to Diana Alioto for putting together the video for the Easter vigil. Thanks to the servers, especially those who helped with the Easter Vigil. We also thank the Sacristans, Ushers and Communion Ministers.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Saint Vincent De Paul is looking for furniture that you no longer need.

We're Seeking Furniture Donations at Our Thrift Stores!

Your Donation Makes a Difference! Donating furniture (e.g. kitchen tables, chairs, sofas, dressers, recliners, etc.) to our Milwaukee Thrift Stores directly help our neighbors in need. Your contributions provide essential items to families and individuals who may be struggling to furnish their homes. By donating, you are not only giving furniture, but also offering comfort, stability, and a sense of home to those who need it most.

Condition of Furniture: We kindly ask that donated furniture be in good condition, free of rips, stains, and significant wear and tear. Refer to <https://www.svdpmilw.org/stores.aspx> for additional information.

Convenient Pick-Up Service: Our Thrift Stores offer a convenient pick-up service. We will come to the donor's home to collect the furniture, so all they need to do is be present at the scheduled time.

Contact Information: Donors can arrange a pick-up by calling Cindy at our Greenfield Store at 414-462-7863 ext. 113.

Your support in spreading this message will greatly help us in our mission to serve those in need. Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity.

With gratitude,
Your Friends at SVDPMKE

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:

Jantina Adriano, Jackie Ballering,
Gene Brunner, Rhey Clemente,
Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn,
Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Thomas Schmid,
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,
Mary Frances Williams, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,
Lucia Rivera, Rosina Vungo, Paul Bina

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.

Multi-Cultural Commission Spring Event.

Mark your calendars!

Join us in the Parish Hall Sat. May, 3rd, following the 4:00 Mass.

We will be offering an entertaining and informative presentation by our Parish East Campus students. In partnership with the Human Concerns Committee, we will be providing a pot-luck buffet. Bring any main dish, side dish or dessert, that might represent your culture, or just something to share. **Please use the signup sheets**, so we know what you are bringing.

We could also use help with setup, serving and cleanup.

We will have signup sheets in the Villard Ave. hallway after each Mass this weekend, and the next 2 weekends. For more information contact Mike Malloy (414-464-3733) or Phil Kremsreiter (414-405-7823). Thank You.

Masses During Priest Spring Assembly

There will be no weekday Masses at Blessed Savior during the first week of May. You may attend available masses at the following parishes in the area.

St. Margaret Mary Parish

3970 N 92nd St, Milwaukee, WI 53222

Tuesday, May 6 & Wednesday, May 7th at 8:15am.

St. Pius X Parish

2506 N Wauwatosa Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Monday, May 5th & Wednesday, May 7th at 8:00am



A message from your bulletin editor:

Why are flowers so popular?

They have a lot of buds.