

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 17, 2025

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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

<b>Pastoral Council Officers:</b>	<b>Parish Trustees:</b>
Kevin Senfleben, Chair	Larry Kalbas, Treasurer
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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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, 8/16 Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**4:00pm** † Charles Carvalho

**Priest: Fr. Mark Obeten**

**Sunday 8/17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**9:00am Parishioners**

**Rosary at 8:15 am**

**Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi**

**Monday, 8/18**

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**9:00am** † Karen Marie Lyons

**Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi**

**Wednesday, 8/20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**9:00am** † Anne & Maurice Brazell

**Priest: Fr. Mark Payne**

**Saturday, 8/23 Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**4:00pm** † Jose Valdivia

**Priest: Fr. Anthony Okore**

**Sunday 8/24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**9:00am** † Kingsley Ike

**Rosary at 8:15 am**

**Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi**

The Blessed Savior St. Vincent de Paul Conference extends a heartfelt thank you to Joe and Marilyn Ratke for their generous gifts to our Food Pantry. They graciously shared the money they received for their recent 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary along with the food items collected at their anniversary celebration. With their gifts, we can substantially extend our reach in the community we serve. May God richly bless you, Joe and Marilyn, for your Christ-like compassion, and may you enjoy many more years of married love.

Much gratitude,  
SVDP Conference, Blessed Savior Parish

**St. Margaret Mary Eucharistic Adoration**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday evening in September from 4:00–8:00 p.m.

**Volunteers Needed:** We ask for at least **two people per hour** to ensure that Our Lord is never left alone. Please consider signing up for one or more hours during the month.

**Sign up here:** <https://stmmmp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/41/responses/new>

**General Invitation:** If you cannot commit to a specific hour, you are welcome to come at any time during Adoration to pray and spend time with Our Lord.

Many interpret this invitation as echoing Jesus' words in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He asked His disciples, "Could you not keep watch for one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40).

**A Letter from Your Pastor: Beginning Our Journey of Collaboration**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write to you today, my heart is filled with gratitude for the warm welcome you have extended to me as your new pastor. In these first weeks among you, I have witnessed the deep faith and genuine love for Christ that characterizes both Blessed Savior and St. Margaret Mary parishes. Your devotion to your respective communities is evident, and it is a blessing to serve alongside you.

I want to address directly what I know is on many of your hearts and minds: the future relationship between our two parish communities. I have heard your concerns, and I want to assure you that any decisions regarding our parishes will be made through a process rooted in prayer, careful discernment, and genuine respect for both communities.

**A Journey, Not a Destination**

Today, I am announcing that Blessed Savior and St. Margaret Mary parishes will begin a collaborative relationship. This is not a merger – it is the first step in a thoughtful journey that will unfold over time, guided by the Holy Spirit and informed by your voices and needs.

Collaboration means we will work together while maintaining our distinct parish identities. We will explore opportunities to share resources, coordinate ministries, and support one another in our mission to spread the Gospel. This process allows us to discover how God is calling us to serve Him and our broader community more effectively together.

**Learning from Our Neighbors**

Our neighboring parishes of St. Bernadette, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and Our Lady of Good Hope have walked this path of collaboration for four years. Through their patient and prayerful journey, they have discerned that they are now ready to take the step toward merger. Their experience demonstrates that collaboration is not simply a waiting period before an inevitable merger – it is a meaningful process of discernment where communities genuinely explore how God is calling them forward.

Their journey has been unique to their circumstances, their needs, and their calling. Our journey will be unique to ours.

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### Your Voice Matters

I want to be absolutely clear: no decisions about the future structure of our parishes will be made without extensive consultation with you, our parishioners. This collaborative process will include opportunities for input through parish councils, town halls, surveys, and informal conversations. Your concerns, your hopes, and your insights will shape the path forward.

Most importantly, this entire process will be bathed in prayer. We will seek the Lord's guidance at every step, trusting that He will show us how to best serve His people and advance His kingdom in our community.

### Moving Forward Together

In the coming weeks, I will be meeting with both parish councils to establish a joint committee that will help guide this collaborative process. We will also schedule informational meetings where you can ask questions, share concerns, and learn more about what collaboration will mean in practical terms.

I invite you to approach this journey with open hearts and minds. Change can be challenging, but when we place our trust in the Lord and in one another, change can also be a source of growth, renewal, and deeper faith.

Please know that my commitment to you is unwavering: I will shepherd both communities with the same care and attention, honoring the unique gifts and traditions that make each parish special while exploring how we might serve Christ more fully together.

Let us pray for one another, for wisdom in this process, and for the grace to follow wherever the Lord leads us. May our collaboration be a witness to the unity Christ desires for all His people.

In Christ,

Fr Mark Payne

Pastor, Blessed Savior and St. Margaret Mary Parishes

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." - Matthew 18:20*

### Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of August 23rd and 24th, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with  
**Canned Meat / Canned Fruit**  
**Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you.**

### 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, Nadjah Hasan,  
 Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,  
 Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,  
 Allan Rischman, Thomas Schmid,  
 Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,  
 Mary Frances Williams, Richard Piana, Lucia Rivera, Rosina Vungo, Paul Bina, Lula Tate, Roby Luckett

*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.

### Living Affability The Virtue of Openness to Others

An Evening with Dr. Anne DeSantis  
**Tuesday, September 16th from 6:00-7:30 PM**  
 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
 1937 N Vel R. Phillips Ave, Milwaukee, WI



Dr. Anne DeSantis, ThD, is a nationally recognized Catholic speaker, author, and evangelist known for her authentic witness, theological depth, and heart for the marginalized. Through her personal journey, pastoral experience, and academic insight, Anne offers engaging presentations that inspire listeners to live the Gospel with joy, mercy, and purpose.

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 A Free Will Offering will be collected to support the CCR Office

For more information visit [CCRMilwaukee.org](http://CCRMilwaukee.org) or call 414-482-1727

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in the Chapel, 11am-2:30pm.  
 Use the east church door entrance.

From 5pm-6:30pm, use the west church door entrance.



**A message from your bulletin editor:**  
**What happens when it rains cats and dogs?**

*You might step in a poodle!*