

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 18 2024

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225
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Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel

Parish Staff:

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Sr. Bernadette Kele, Business Manager
Barbara O'Donnell, Systems Coordinator
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Doyin Aderele, Administrative Assistant
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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm

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 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:

Kevin Senfleben, Chair
Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair
Bruce Mayer, Secretary

Parish Trustees:

Larry Kalbas, Treasurer
Christian Nwonye, Secretary

Congratulations to Simon Biagui, our Interim Christian Formation Coordinator, on his induction into the newly created Order of Catechists!



School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org

West Campus

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414-464-5775

Natalie Galloway, Principal

South Campus

4059 N. 64th St., 53216
414-463-3878

Renee Manikham, Principal

East Campus

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414-438-2745

Erin O'Donnell, 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, 8/17 Vigil of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
4:00pm † **Sheila McCaffrey**

Sunday, 8/18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
9:00am † **Faustino & Eliza Piana**
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 8/19 St. John Eudes, Priest
Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
9:00am **Parishioners**

Wednesday, 8/21 St. Pius X, Pope
Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
9:00am † **Mary Lou & Paul Neuzil**
School staff Mass in Church, All are welcome.

Saturday, 8/24 Vigil of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
4:00pm † **Jose Valdivia**

Sunday, 8/25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
9:00am † **Omar Badji**
Rosary at 8:15am

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.

FAREWELL TO CHRISTY, OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

This is the last weekend for Christy Presser, our Music Director, who is retiring from active ministry. We thank Christy for her many years of service to our parish and wish her happy and relaxing retirement.

WELCOME MARILYN RATKE, OUR INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR

We welcome Marilyn Ratke, who has accepted to serve as Interim Music Director while I search for a permanent Music Director. She was Music Director at St. Anthony parish, Menomonee Falls, for many years.



A message from your bulletin editors:

What do you call a priest that becomes a lawyer?
A Father-In-Law

Pastor's Gospel Reflection

This Sunday's gospel begins with a repetition of the very last verse from last Sunday where Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). This constitutes the very climax of the sixth chapter of John's gospel we have been reading for the last three weeks. Since John's gospel has no account of the Last Supper, this verse represents John's version of the institution of the Eucharist.

Last Sunday, we learned that Jesus' audience murmured because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They wondered what happened to him, whether he was no longer the one they knew as the son of Mary and Joseph. Rather than toning down his rhetoric, Jesus escalates the situation by saying that the bread he will give is his flesh for the life of the world. This Sunday, his audience is beyond murmuring, they started quarreling among themselves. The situation was becoming too dangerous.

Rather than backing down, Jesus went on the offensive to say, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Obviously, this goes to the very core of what we believe about the Eucharist. The church teaches that during the consecration, God transforms the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ (transubstantiation). Hence, what we receive in Communion is no longer ordinary bread and wine but the body and blood of Christ.

Unfortunately, there are Catholics who do not believe this. Some might be inclined to say, "I don't care what the priest says, it's just a piece of bread!" Any Catholic who believes that he/she receives "just a piece of bread" in Holy Communion does not deserve to be Catholic. Think about this for a second, if Jesus did not mean what he said about his body being real food and his blood real drink, he had plenty of opportunities to rephrase it or correct himself. Rather than rephrase, he emphasized it beyond doubt. As a mystery, one does not have to understand transubstantiation in order to believe it.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote that the Eucharist is the Dynamic Presence that grasps us and makes us His Own. He used the word "fission" when explaining the Eucharist to young people at the World Youth Day. He asked rhetorically how ordinary bread becomes Jesus' Body and ordinary wine becomes his Blood. He likened it to a process of "inducing nuclear fission in the very heart of being."

In nuclear physics and chemistry, fission is either a nuclear reaction or a radioactive decay process involving the splitting of the nucleus of an atom into smaller particles, producing gamma rays

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and unleashing enormous amount of energy. Science teaches that one kilogram of uranium can produce as much energy as 1500 metric tons of coal. If a kilogram of uranium can give light and warmth to an entire city, imagine what God can do with us from the energy unleashed when we receive Communion. The combined energy generated in our hearts every time we receive Communion is enough to transform the whole world.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes Guest Speaker

Catholic Social Teaching: What is it and how do we implement it in our parishes?

Presented by William Lipscomb

Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:30 to 11:00AM

at St. Bernadette Parish

8200 West Denver Avenue, Milwaukee

Please R.S.V.P. to Simon:

414-365-2020, ext. 304 or biaguis@nwmcp.org



Bill earned a BA in history from the University of Virginia and a JD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served 35 years as a prosecutor, the last 32 of them as a federal prosecutor in Milwaukee. As a federal prosecutor, Bill led many violent crime and narcotics task forces, as well as collaborative violence reduction efforts involving law enforcement, business, academic, government, and community-serving agencies. He also served as a Board member of community-serving organizations including the YMCA, Safe and Sound, and Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Late in his law enforcement career, Bill went back to school and earned an MA in Systematic Theology from Sacred Heart and a certificate in spiritual direction from the Midwest Jesuits. Now, retired from prosecution, Bill serves as a spiritual director with the Ignatian Spirituality Center and the Church of the Gesù in Milwaukee. He also serves as an adjunct lecturer at Sacred Heart, teaching Catholic Social Teaching and leading lay graduate students in discernment of call. Bill's vocation is to help people become more attuned to how God is moving in their lives and calling them to serve God by serving others.

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.



Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **Aug 24th and 25th**, 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 Andriano, 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,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
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.

RAISING *Saints*

IN THE MODERN WORLD

PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS!

Join us for an inspiring evening with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia as they share their personal experiences of family and parish life to teach us ways to pray as a family. Whether you're new to family prayer or already have a deep spiritual life, this event will guide you in bringing your children and grandchildren closer to God.

Free, and no registration is required – bring a friend!

<p style="color: gold;">MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</p> <p style="color: gold;">6:30-8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="color: gold;">St. Mary Parish 9520 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners</p>	<p style="color: gold;">THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</p> <p style="color: gold;">6:30-8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="color: gold;">Lumen Christi Catholic Church 2750 W. Mequon Road, Mequon</p>
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St. Jude the Apostle Parish Announces St. Jude Novena Masses

St. Jude the Apostle Parish is holding their annual series of Masses for the St. Jude Novena next month. The parish will pray a St. Jude Novena for nine consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on Tuesday, August 27th and ending on Tuesday, October 22nd.

The novena will be prayed each Tuesday at 5:15 pm, followed by Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for Reconciliation will follow Mass. The feast day of St. Jude is October 28.

St. Jude the Apostle Parish is located at 734 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa. Please direct any questions to Katie at (414)258-8821 or kkearns@stjudetheapostle.net.