

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24, 2025

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm

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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21st Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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School Website: 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, 8/23 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

Monday, 8/25 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
9:00am Parishioners
Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi

Wednesday, 8/27 St. Monica
 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
9:00am † LeRoy Bley
Priest: Fr. Mark Payne

Saturday, 8/30 Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
4:00pm † Eileen Redig
Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi

Sunday 8/31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
9:00am † Marie Madeline Diadhiou
Rosary at 8:15 am
Priest: Fr. Anthony Okore

A Heartfelt Reflection on Luke 13:22-30

Walking Through the Narrow Door

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel passage may initially seem troubling—Jesus speaks of a narrow door and people being shut out from God's kingdom. But when we listen with our hearts, we hear something deeply personal and profoundly loving: an invitation to draw closer to our Lord.

Jesus isn't trying to frighten us or make salvation seem impossible. Instead, He's gently but firmly reminding us that our faith journey requires our whole heart. The "narrow door" isn't narrow because God wants to exclude people, but because genuine discipleship asks everything of us—our priorities, our time, our very selves. It's narrow because it leads us away from the broad path of indifference and toward the intimate relationship God desires with each of us.

How easy it can be to assume we're "in" simply because we attend Mass or grew up in the faith. Jesus lovingly challenges this complacency, not to condemn but to awaken. He knows that a faith lived on autopilot cannot sustain us through life's storms or transform our hearts with His love. We need more than familiarity with Jesus—we need friendship with Him.

The beautiful surprise in this passage is the promise that people from every corner of the earth will find their place at God's table. This reminds us that God's love reaches far beyond our expectations, embracing hearts that are open to Him regardless of their background. The "last" becoming "first" speaks to God's tender mercy for those who feel forgotten or unworthy.

As we reflect on this Gospel, let's ask ourselves: What does it mean for me to "strive" to enter through the narrow door this week? Perhaps it's choosing forgiveness over resentment, service over self-interest, or prayer over worry. The door remains open, and Jesus stands ready to welcome us home.



May we have the courage to walk closely with Christ, trusting in His boundless love for each of us.

Fr. Mark Payne

The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference expresses their sincere thanks to Blessed Savior Parish and Parishioners for your ongoing generous gifts of food, money and other donations. Every month, our Pantry helps 60 families with 180 bags of food. During the past year, we also helped 300 families with 360 beds, furniture, and other household items. All of this is possible because of your valued assistance. Please consider joining our Conference. We need volunteers and would greatly appreciate your help.

Blessings and Gratitude,
Blessed Savior St. Vincent de Paul Conference

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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PALLIUM Lecture

An annual event to foster conversation and engage the broader culture through the Catholic intellectual tradition.

"Synods, Councils and Creeds – Treasuring Our Catholic Inheritance Today"



Presented by
Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D.
Bishop of Brownsville, Texas

Evening Prayer with St. Francis de Sales Seminary Schola

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 | 7 P.M.

Brookfield Conference Center
325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

Free and open to the public, but registration is required.
Register at: archmil.regfox.com/pallium-lecture-2025

This Pallium Lecture will serve as the opening address for the conference "Legacies of Nicaea I and Vatican II: An Inheritance Unfolding," taking place September 4-7, 2025, in Milwaukee.

Find more information: legaciesconference.org

LUCA'S RIDE FOR AML



MILWAUKEE HARLEY-DAVIDSON
HARLEY-DAVIDSON'S HOMETOWN DEALERSHIP

EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MACC FUND

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

REGISTRATION 10:00-11:30AM
KICKSTANDS UP 11:30AM
POST RIDE PARTY: 1:00-4:00PM (ALL ARE WELCOME)

\$30 PER BIKE (CASH OR CHECK)

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Beverages
- Axe Throwing
- Raffles & More
- Car Show By Wisconsin Street Rod Assoc & Friends



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11310 W SILVER SPRING RD, MILWAUKEE, WI 53225 | (414) 461-4444 | MILWAUKEEHARLEY.COM

Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of August 30th and 31st, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with
Hamburger Helper/Pork & Beans
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.

HUMAN CONCERNS MITTEN, SCARF, CAP AND BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE FOR KIDS COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, OCTOBER 4 & 5, 11 & 12

(NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE)



Spiral notebooks (wide ruled), colored pencils, 16 count box crayons, ball point pens, #2 pencils, filler paper (wide ruled), rulers, blunt tipped scissors, markers, erasers (large pink), glue sticks/glue bottles (7.6 oz or larger), pocket folders (single colors), box of Kleenex

Please bring all items in a plastic bag.


MITTENS, SCARFS & CAPS (SPECIAL NEED FOR SCARFS)



ALL ITEMS ARE DONATED TO
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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY


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:



How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman?
By his net income