

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 25 2024

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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### Parish Staff:

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Barbara O'Donnell, Systems Coordinator  
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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 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



**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

### West Campus

8545 W. Villard Ave, 53225  
414-464-5775  
Natalie Galloway, Principal

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### East Campus

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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, 8/24 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**

**Monday, 8/26**  
 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22  
**9:00am** † Monique Diatta

**Wednesday, 8/28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32  
**9:00am** † Joseph Trinkl

**Saturday, 8/31 Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,  
 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
**4:00pm** † Beatrice Smith

**Sunday, 9/1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,  
 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
**9:00am** Parishioners  
**Rosary at 8:15am**



**Anointing of the sick will take place in the chapel  
 Saturday, August 31, after the 4pm Mass.**

**Anointing may also be done any time by appointment.  
 Please call the parish office.  
 We also remember in our prayers those who are sick  
 and cannot attend Mass.**

**FAREWELL TO CHRISTY, OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Christy Presser, our Music Director, is retiring from active ministry. We thank Christy for her many years of service to our parish and wish her happy and relaxing retirement. **Join us in the Parish Hall after the 9am Mass on Aug. 25th to celebrate her service.**

**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](mailto:parish@blessedsavior.org).



**Pastor's Gospel Reflection**

A quote from Joshua's address in the first reading gives us something to reflect on. He states:

*"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."*

Joshua was getting older and weak. He was unsure when death would come knocking. At this point, the Israelites had taken possession of the Promised Land after the Lord cleared the way for them. With the long journey from Egypt behind them, and the land apportioned to the various tribes of Israel, there was a tendency to let down their guard. Joshua reminded the Israelites of all that God did for them, and left it up to them to choose which god to follow. If they mean to follow the God who led them out of the land of slavery, they would have to keep his commandments. He also made clear they understood where he and his family stood, stating, *"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."*

Fortunately, the people's memory was still alive – they had not forgotten the God who saved them and fought their battles. Hence, they replied, *"Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods ... Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."* This is a beautiful reaffirmation of faith in God. How tragic it would have been if the Israelites had chosen to follow other gods instead. They trusted the wisdom of their fathers in choosing and following the God of their ancestors.

We also find a similar dynamic working in the gospel passage. For the last five weeks, we have been reading about the *Bread of Life* motif in chapter six of John's gospel. These readings came to a climax last Sunday with Jesus stating, *"... and the bread I will is my flesh for the life of the world... 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."* The people thought he had gone crazy. It seemed like his camp was beginning to fracture. The crowd was no longer the only ones murmuring, his own followers were beginning to murmur. Sensing their discomfort, Jesus asked, *"Does this shock you?"* Of course, the teaching was shocking and many of his disappointed followers were returning to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

It was a critical moment in Jesus' ministry when his followers were compelled to make a choice to either follow or walk away. Faced with the growing rebellion around him, Jesus turned to the twelve apostles and asked, *"Do you also want to leave?"* Speaking for the Apostles, Peter stated, *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...."* Peter's response must have been reassuring to Jesus. Say all you want about Peter's weaknesses, but this was one of his greatest moments.

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His unequivocal statements of faith set him apart. Choosing to follow God is a personal decision we have to make. Some argue that the choice to be a Christian or Catholic was made for them when they were infants and had no say in the matter. However, as we grow older, we develop the ability to choose a different path for ourselves or reinforce the choices made on our behalf when we were infants.

Choosing to follow God involves a lifelong commitment of faith and trust. Karl Rahner, one of the greatest theologians of our time, called it a "fundamental option." This is not like choosing between chocolate and vanilla ice cream. It is a choice that determines the trajectory of one's life. Some choose to walk away when the going gets tough. That you are in church today is evidence of your choice to stay with Jesus. You have chosen wisely and God will commend you.

Have a great week!  
*Fr. Romanus*



### Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala

On Saturday, September 14th at the Brookfield Conference Center, we will raise the funds to

protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. Register by Monday August 26th at [ProLifeWI.org/gala](http://ProLifeWI.org/gala) or call our office at 262-796-1111.

### 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.



### 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!**

<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b> <b>6:30-8:30 p.m.</b> <small>St. Mary Parish 9520 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners</small>	<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b> <b>6:30-8:30 p.m.</b> <small>Lumen Christi Catholic Church 2750 W. Mequon Road, Mequon</small>
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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 27<sup>th</sup> and ending on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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](mailto:kkearns@stjudetheapostle.net).

# Welcome

## BACK TO SCHOOL



## To All the Students And Teachers In Our Community!



**A message from your bulletin editors:**

*What do a sword and piano have in common?*

***They can both B sharp***