

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site
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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.

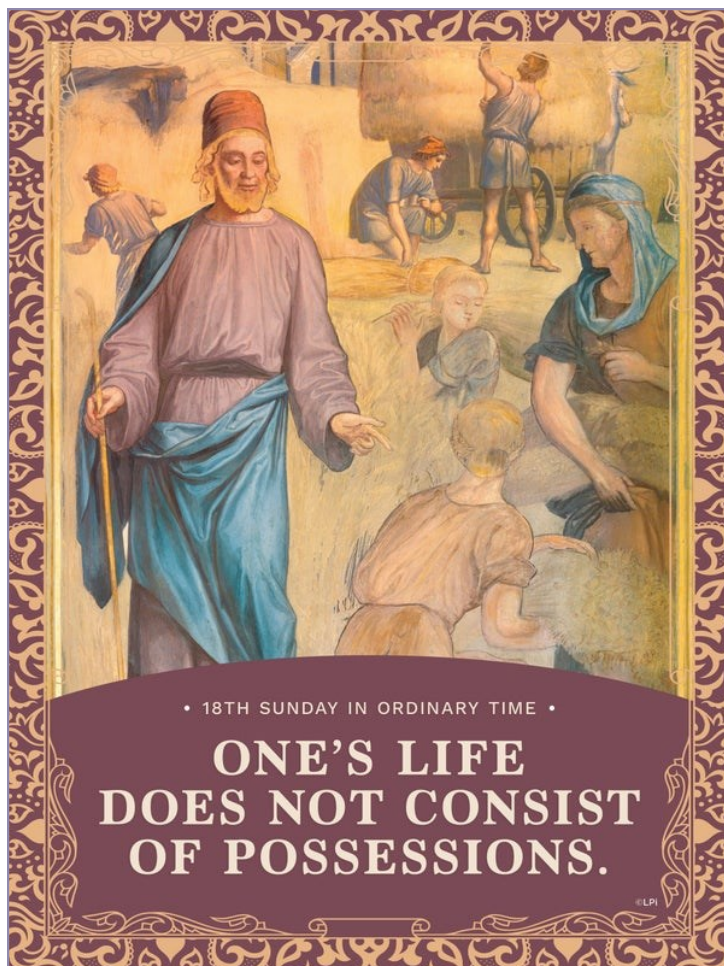
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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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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, 8/2 Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

4:00pm † Henry Posnanski
Priest: Fr. John Paul

Sunday 8/3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

9:00am † Mary Ann Gabrich
Rosary at 8:15 am
Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi

Monday, 8/4 St. John Vianney, Priest
Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
9:00am † Thanksgiving Birthday: Ihienna Helen Ephraim Mmekam
Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi

Wednesday, 8/6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
No Mass
10:00am **Funeral: Gayle Hanus**

Saturday, 8/9 Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

4:00pm **20th Anniversary Blessing: Edward & Cesaria DJiba**
Priest: Fr. John Paul

Sunday 8/10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

9:00am † Henry Goudiaby
Rosary at 8:15 am
Priest: Fr. John Paul

Fr. Mark, staff and parishioners express our sympathy to the family of parishioner

Gayle Hanus



Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 6th at 11:00am. Visitation at 10am.

May God comfort those who mourn her and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Weekday Masses are ongoing on Mondays and Wednesdays. Starting this week, the Holy Rosary begins at 8:30 AM before the Holy Mass at 9:00 AM. We invite all parishioners to be in attendance early to participate actively with the Rosary and Holy Mass as we journey with the Lord in prayer.

Pastor's Sunday Reflection

What Does It Mean to Be Rich Toward God?

A Reflection on Luke 12:13-21

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of a rich man whose abundant harvest leads him to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. "I will say to my soul," the man declares, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God's response is swift and sobering: "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

This parable emerges from a real-life moment when someone in the crowd asks Jesus to settle an inheritance dispute. Rather than playing judge, Jesus uses the opportunity to address something far deeper—our relationship with material possessions and what constitutes true wealth.

The Illusion of Security

The rich man in the parable isn't condemned for his prosperity itself, but for his response to it. His solution to abundance is purely self-centered: bigger barns, longer retirement, more comfort. He speaks only to himself and about himself. There's no mention of family, community, or God in his planning. He has confused having much with being secure.

How often do we fall into similar thinking? We work toward the next promotion, the larger house, the fuller retirement account, believing these will provide the security and satisfaction we seek. Yet Jesus reminds us that life is more than possessions, and our true security cannot be found in things that can be lost, stolen, or left behind.

Rich Toward God

The parable's punch line comes in verse 21: "So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." This phrase—"rich toward God"—invites us to consider what spiritual wealth looks like.

Being rich toward God means recognizing that everything we have comes from God's hand and is meant to be shared. It means investing in relationships, generosity, and service rather than just accumulating goods. It means finding our identity and security in God's love rather than in our bank accounts or possessions.

Living with Open Hands

This doesn't mean Jesus calls us to poverty or financial irresponsibility. Rather, he invites us to hold our resources with open hands—grateful for what we have, wise in our stewardship, and generous in our sharing. The question isn't whether we have much or little, but how we use what we've been given.

As we reflect on this parable, we might ask ourselves: What are the "bigger barns" in my life?

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Where am I seeking security apart from God? How can I be rich toward God in my daily choices, relationships, and use of resources?

The rich man's barns couldn't hold what mattered most—a life lived in relationship with God and others. May we learn to build treasures that truly last.

Questions for reflection: How do you define wealth? In what ways can you be "rich toward God" this week? What might it look like to hold your possessions with open hands?

Fr. Mark Payne

The parish would like to thank the Cameroonian community for their donations of food and other items during the July 27th Mass as they gathered to honor a special visitor from Cameroon. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary is celebrated on August 15th and is a Holy Day of obligation. As a five-parish collaboration, holy day masses will be rotated among the parishes. Each parish will host in turn. Masses will be held on:

Thursday, August 14th:

6:00pm at Blessed Savior

Friday, August 15th:

8:15am and 6pm at St. Margaret Mary

9:00am at Blessed Savior Parish

6:30pm at St. Bernadette Parish

Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of August 9th and 10th, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with
Spaghetti Sauce/Canned Vegetables
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

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.



Joe and Marilyn Ratke would like to thank all who gathered to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this past Sunday, both choir, parishioners, our family and other guests, who helped make it a very special day. Thanks to your generosity, food items and several hundred dollars were given to the Blessed Savior Food Pantry as we all gave thanks for the graces received

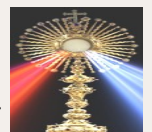
from God that have helped us reach this milestone!

We have been blessed by our parents who raised us in the Catholic Faith and were examples to us in their more than 50 years of marriage, our dear 3 children, 2 grandchildren, son-in-law, and soon to be additional family members, and finally by all the faithful, inspiring parishioners we have known and worked with at the parishes to which we have belonged. We appreciate all your love, prayers, and support!

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 does the sun drink from?

Sunglasses

