

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 4 2024

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225
Parish Office/Center (mailing address)
8607 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225
Phone: 414-464-5033

Rev. Romanus N. Nwaru, Pastor
Email: frromanus@gmail.com
Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 9am
Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel

Parish Staff:

Rev. Romanus N. Nwaru, Pastor
Email: frromanus@gmail.com
Sr. Bernadette Kele, Business Manager
Barbara O'Donnell, Systems Coordinator
Christy Presser, Director of Music
Doyin Aderele, Administrative Assistant
Simon Biagui, Interim Christian Formation Coordinator
Priest in Residence: Rev. John Paul Otanwa, VC

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by Noon

Bulletin editors: Fr. Romanus, Doyin Aderele

Email: parish@blessedsavior.org

Website: www.blessedsaviorparish.org

Webmaster: Bob Bracken III

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



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org

West Campus

8545 W. Villard Ave, 53225
414-464-5775

Natalie Galloway, Principal

South Campus

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

Renee Manikham, Principal

East Campus

5140 N. 55th St., 53218
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, 8/3 Vigil of 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35
4:00pm † Bob Mielke

Sunday, 8/4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35
9:00am † Henri Goudiaby
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 8/5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
9:00am Thanksgiving birthday: Helen Ephraim Mmekam

Wednesday, 8/7 St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
9:00am Parishioners

Saturday, 8/10 Vigil of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
4:00pm † Lucille Hanus

Sunday, 8/11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
9:00am † Henri Goudiaby
Rosary at 8:15am

Pastor's Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's gospel, we read about one of the "I am" sayings of Jesus in John's gospel where he states: "I am the bread of life." The gospel shares a common theme with the first reading where God fed the 'grumbling' Israelites with quail and fine flakes from heaven. It does not take a genius to see how these readings relate to the Eucharist in which we receive spiritual nourishment and participate in the divine life.

Though John's gospel does not include an account of the Last Supper, "the bread of life" discourse presents an impeccable teaching on the Eucharist as being truly the body and blood of Christ, while pointing to the cross. It had tremendous influence on Christian tradition through the centuries.

"The bread of life" discourse in John took place after the feeding of the five thousand. Recall the sequence of events. As the crowd was getting ready to force kingship on Jesus, he escaped to the hills by himself (recall last week's gospel). The disciples got into a boat to cross to the other side, and had a life-threatening experience on the rough lake. Jesus later caught up with them walking on water. If the intention was to get away from the crowd, it was not quite successful as the crowd got into boats and went looking for them. They found Jesus and asked when he got there.

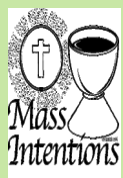
Jesus realized that the crowd's reason for searching for him lacked spiritual depth. He reminded them that they were not looking for him because they saw the signs he performed, but because they had their fill of loaves. The exchange that ensued underscored Jesus' suspicion. He told them not to spend too much time working for perishable food, but rather to invest their time working for food that lasts for eternity.

It seemed like the crowd was getting back on track, that is, not thinking too much about physical food but focusing on spiritual nourishment. Suddenly, they started asking for a sign. To be certain that Jesus understood what sign they meant, they gave him a good hint – "Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Jesus reminded them that it was not Moses who gave them the bread from heaven but His Father.

Instead of performing another miracle of multiplication, Jesus pointed to himself, stating, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Next week, we will see how the crowd took that statement.

Too many people are spending too much time these days pursuing earthly nourishment and pleasures, and spending little or no time on spiritual matters. As Jesus points out, earthly pleasures are temporal and mundane. They neither lead to true fulfillment nor are they guaranteed to last. In fact, they often lead to disillusionment and despair. Of course, the point is not to stop working for a living, but to learn to balance our commitments to ensure that we do not neglect our spiritual hunger. Work and entertainment should not be excuses for not attending Mass on Sunday/Saturday or being involved in parish activities.

Have a great week!
Fr. Romanus



Mass Intentions for 2024

We are still taking Mass Intentions for 2024. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, call the parish office, 414-464-5033.

Beginning July 1, the stipend for Mass intentions has been changed by the Wisconsin Bishops Conference to \$20. This does not affect Masses that are already booked.

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. We will follow up with a call.



We hope you decide to become a member of Blessed Savior. We welcome the chance to get to know you!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

©LPi

Get Connected to Catholic Campus Ministry and Save Your Faith

"So, where are you going?" This is probably one of the most asked questions of graduating high schoolers. We have the same question for you, but we also want to know where your faith life is headed. Do you need a little help in that regard? We can help you get plugged into Catholic campus ministry when you start college this fall. Fill out the form at <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com/> and with the partnership of Newman Connections you will be welcomed by the campus ministry at your school. God be with you!

TRANSFIGURATION



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.

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 10th and 11th**, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Breakfast Cereal / Canned Fruit**

Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you.

A message from your bulletin editors:



What did the man say when a calf entered the church?
Holy Cow!

