

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2025

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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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 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.

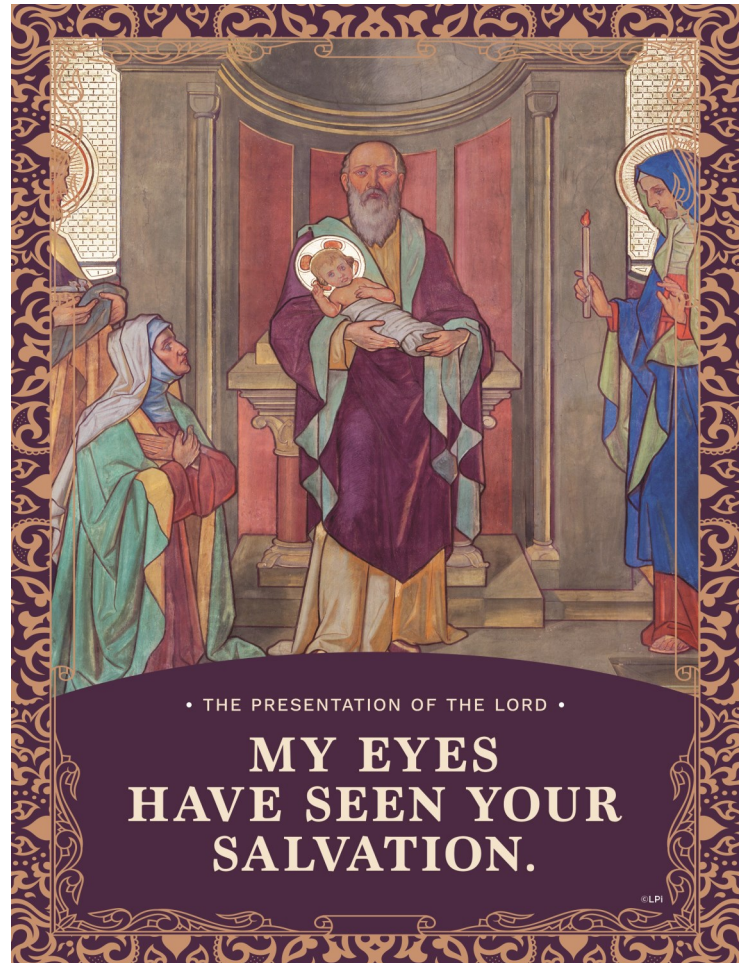
**Communal Penance:** Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

**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

<b>Pastoral Council Officers:</b>	<b>Parish Trustees:</b>
Kevin Senfleben, Chair	Larry Kalbas, Treasurer
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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

## West Campus

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

**Natalie Galloway, Principal**

## East Campus

5140 N. 55th St., 53218  
414-438-2745

**Erin O'Donnell, Principal**



## South Campus

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

**Paula Dixson, 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, 2/1 Vigil of The Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**4:00pm** † Frances & Edward Kupkowski

St. Blaise blessing after mass



**Sunday, 2/2 The Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**9:00am** † Ervin Bonds

Rosary at 8:15am

St. Blaise blessing after mass



**Monday, 2/3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

**9:00am** Thanksgiving Birthday: Rosemary Mmekam

**Tuesday, 2/4 School Mass - East Campus**

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

**9:00am** Intentions of the priest

**Wednesday 2/5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

**9:00am** † Dominique Corva

**Saturday, 2/8 Vigil of The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**4:00pm** † Dorothy Clemente

Mass of Thanksgiving of African Heritage

**Sunday, 2/9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**9:00am** † Walter Gabrich

Rosary at 8:15am

SCHOOL MASS DIRECTIVE

East Campus: 5140 N. 55th St.

Enter through the front center door of the church.



This weekend, Feb. 8-9, we are holding an in-pew solicitation for the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We have envelopes available and ask you to consider making a pledge to support the ministries supported by the Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

**Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry**

For the weekend of **Feb. 8th and 9th** the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Spaghetti Sauce/Spaghetti Noodles**

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

**Gospel Meditation — ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

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**Everyday Stewardship — RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands.

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I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The Black Catholic Ministry Commission (BCMC)  
of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee invites you to a

# MASS OF Thanksgiving

Black & Catholic: Celebrating African Heritage and Giving Thanks

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**  
**4 p.m.**

**Blessed Savior Catholic Parish**  
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI

*Presided by*  
**Fr. Romanus Nwaru**

*Dinner and fellowship immediately following Mass*

*Free will offering greatly appreciated to support local ministry.*

Register here ▶  
(<https://tinyurl.com/y3c52njz>)



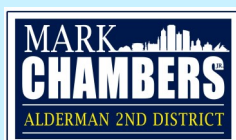
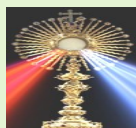
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## Eucharistic Adoration

*Every Friday in the Chapel, 11am-2:30pm.*  
Use the east church door entrance.

From 5pm-6:30pm, use the west church door entrance.



## Alderman Chambers' Town Hall Meeting

Alderman Mark Chambers will be having a town hall meeting at the Blessed Savior Parish hall on

Tuesday, February 11th from 5:30pm-7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

## 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, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,  
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,  
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,  
Allan & Lorraine Rischman,  
Jeanne Rossner, Thomas Schmid,  
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,  
Mary Frances Williams, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,  
Lucia Rivera**

*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.

## Masses of Welcome WITH ARCHBISHOP GROB



## Celebrate with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's New Shepherd

Join in welcoming Archbishop Grob as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee! These Masses, held in gratitude to God, celebrate the bond between Archbishop Grob and the more than 500,000 Catholics now under his guidance in the 10-county archdiocese.



**Scan the QR code to see  
the full schedule of Masses.**

<https://www.archmil.org/Bishops/Grob.htm#welcome>

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**A message from your bulletin editor:**

*How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman?*

**By his net income.**

