

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025

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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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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, 1/11 Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

4:00pm † David Walden

Sunday, 1/12 The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

9:00am † Mary Ann Gabrich

Rosary at 8:15am

No Weekday Masses

Saturday, 1/18 Vigil of The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

4:00pm † Suzanne Kremsreiter

Sunday, 1/19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

9:00am Thanksgiving Birthday: Anthony A. Nwadike Jr.
& Angel O. Nwadike

Rosary at 8:15am

Live Stream of Archbishop Installation | January 14, 2025

Join thousands of Catholics for the live stream of the Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist and Installation of the Most Rev. Jeffrey Scott Grob. Pope Francis appointed Bishop Grob, a Wisconsin native, as the 12th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Streaming begins here at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrw_JySXFU94eYPgE_ILokQ

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

Free will offering of dinner and fellowship immediately following Mass.

Register here:

For more information, please contact:

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Gospel Meditation—The Baptism of the Lord

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

Father John Muir

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Everyday Stewardship—Baptismal Grace Beckons You

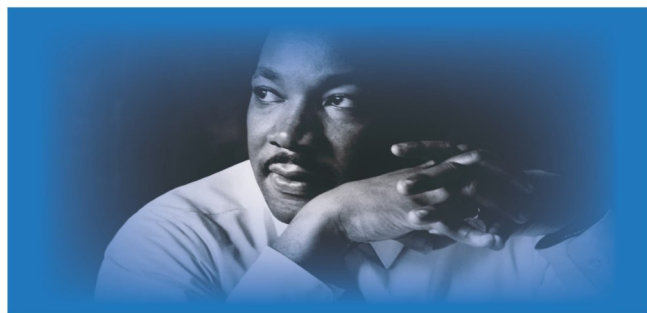
What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism. You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place.

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You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
34TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Guest Speaker: Rev. Fred Alexander, OCD

Saturday, January 18, 2025

1:30 p.m. – Musical Prelude

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1937 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave., Milwaukee, WI

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Mass Intentions for 2025

We've started taking Mass Intentions for 2025. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, call the parish office, 414-464-5033. The stipend for Mass is \$20. Please, do not pack several intentions into one Mass.

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 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, Kathy Zapfel

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.

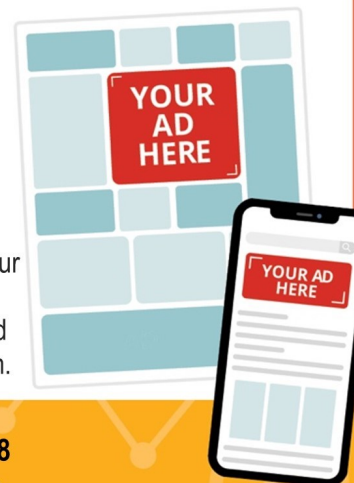
Check out the Jan. 9th Catholic Herald!

Blessed Savior is featured in the recent issue of the Catholic Herald in a welcome message for Archbishop-Designate Grob and his upcoming installation. Make sure to pick up a copy to see it!

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To spend less time on the web.