January 19, 2025

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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.

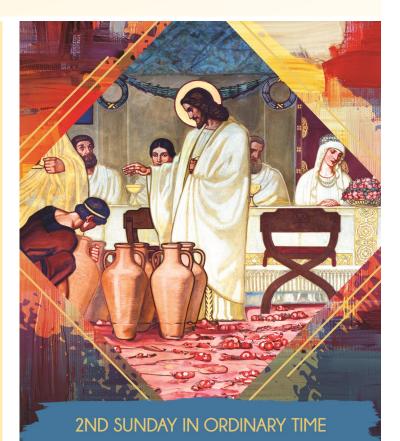
Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up appointment.

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

Pastoral Council Officers: Kevin Senfleben, Chair Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair Bruce Mayer, Secretary **Parish Trustees:** Larry Kalbas, Treasurer Christian Nwonye, Secretary



"They have no wine." - Jn 2:3

School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org

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

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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.

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Mass Schedule

 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

No Weekday Masses

 Saturday, 1/25 Vigil of The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/

 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

 4:00pm
 † John Pankratz

Sunday, 1/26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 9:00am † Joseph & Phyllis Budiac Rosary at 8:15am

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:

Reine Assana, (414) 614-4907 or Shanedra Johnson, (414) 758-2215 johnss@archmil.org



2024 Contribution Reports are ready

If you contributed in 2024, then your report for the year is available for pick up after the weekend masses. Please see any usher or volunteer to receive it. If you are unable to pick it up, it will be mailed to you by the end of the month.



MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Gospel Meditation — Encourage Deeper **Understanding of the Scripture**

John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship — It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

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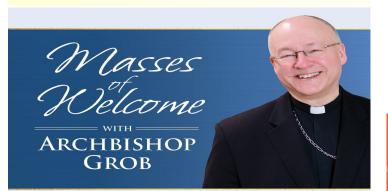
Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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

ARCHDIOCESE of **MILWAUKEE**

de Chantal Gatherings for Women

Women are invited to Saint Francis de Sales Seminary on Tuesday, February 18 to pray for vocations to the priesthood. The gatherings will be led by Fr. Rob Kroll, SJ. Gatherings will begin at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm at the Seminary, 3257 South Lake Drive, St. Francis. Please RSVP to lbrielmaier@sfs.edu or call (414)747-6463.

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.

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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.

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Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Andrew McNairy from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Andrew McNairy

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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.



A message from your bulletin editor: What bites but doesn't have teeth? Frost.