

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13, 2025

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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.

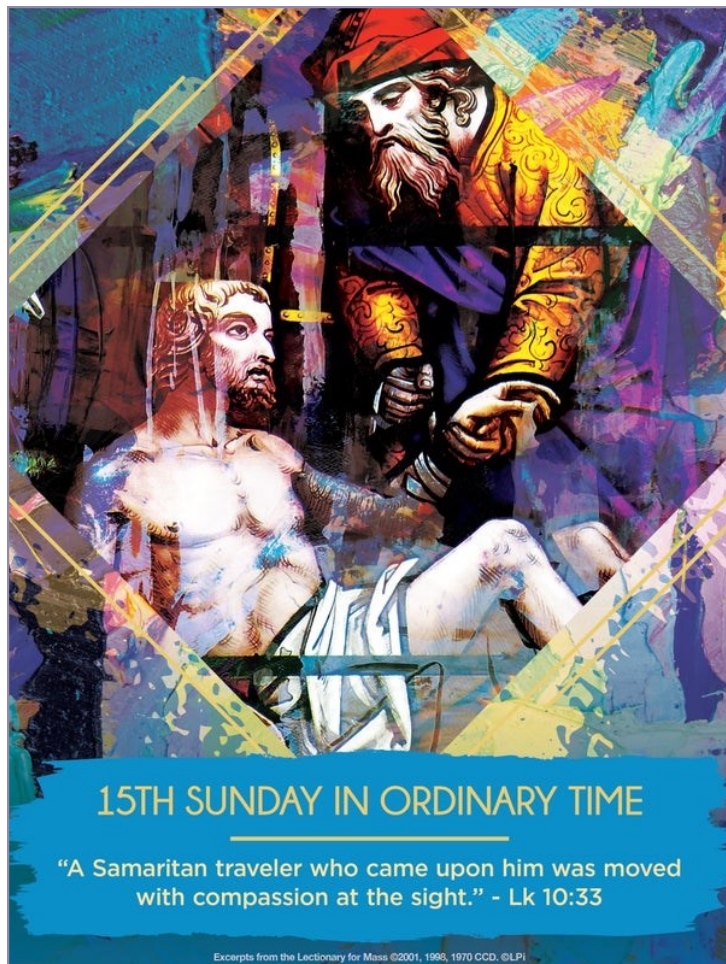
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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:	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, 7/12 Vigil of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

4:00pm

† Rose Siga N'Dour

Priest: Fr. Mark Payne

Sunday 7/13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

9:00am

† Charles Carvalho & Helene Cabral

Rosary at 8:15 am

Priest: Fr. Colman Nwokoro

Monday, 7/14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

9:00am

Parishioners

Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi

Wednesday, 7/16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

9:00am

† Rita Hohensee

Priest: Fr. Mark Payne

Saturday, 7/19 Vigil of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

4:00pm

† Luckett Family

Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi

Sunday 7/20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

9:00am

† Floyd & LK Chinn

Rosary at 8:15 am

Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi

Joe and Marilyn Ratke invite all parishioners to the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on **July 27th**. It begins with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a catered social in the hall afterwards. Please join us for one or both! Instead of presents or cards, there will be a guest book to sign and anyone who wants to do so is invited to bring food items for the Blessed Savior Food Pantry. We would also welcome side dishes from those who like to cook. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway at the front entrance so that we can get an idea of how many chairs to set up and how much food to order. Please let us know if you are able to attend; thank you!

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

Reflection on Luke 10:25-37: Who Is My Neighbor?

The Context and Question

The passage begins with a lawyer testing Jesus by asking, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" When Jesus redirects the question back to him, the lawyer correctly identifies the Great Commandment: to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. But then comes the crucial follow-up question that drives the entire parable: "And who is my neighbor?"

This question reveals a fundamental human tendency to limit our circle of concern. The lawyer wasn't asking out of genuine curiosity—he was seeking to justify himself, to find boundaries that would make his obligation manageable and comfortable.

The Parable's Revolutionary Answer

Jesus responds with the story of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho who falls victim to robbers. Three people encounter this wounded stranger:

The Priest - A religious leader who, despite his sacred calling, passes by on the other side. Perhaps he feared ritual defilement, or maybe he was simply too busy with "important" religious duties.

The Levite - Another religious figure who also avoids the wounded man. Like the priest, he represents institutional religion that has lost touch with its compassionate heart.

The Samaritan - A member of a despised ethnic and religious group who, despite having every cultural reason to ignore or even harm the Jewish victim, stops to help. He provides immediate care, takes the man to an inn, pays for his care, and promises to return.

Who Is My Neighbor?

Jesus transforms the lawyer's question. Instead of asking "Who qualifies as my neighbor?" (which seeks to limit obligation), Jesus asks "Who proved to be a neighbor?" (which focuses on action and character). The answer is clear: the one who showed mercy.

This redefinition is radical. Your neighbor is not determined by:

- Proximity or geography
- Shared ethnicity or culture
- Religious affiliation
- Social status
- Whether they can reciprocate

Rather, **you become a neighbor** by choosing to act with compassion toward anyone in need, regardless of their background or your relationship to them.

Why We Need to Be Neighborly

1. It Reflects God's Character

The parable reveals that neighborliness is an expression of divine love. God's mercy extends beyond all human boundaries, and we are called to mirror that inclusive compassion.

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2. It Breaks Down Barriers

The Samaritan's actions shatter the artificial divisions that humans create. In a world marked by prejudice, nationalism, and tribal thinking, neighborly love becomes a radical act of reconciliation.

3. It Addresses Real Need

The wounded man's need was immediate and life-threatening. Neighborly love isn't abstract—it responds to concrete human suffering with tangible help.

4. It Transforms Both Giver and Receiver

The Samaritan's act of mercy likely changed him as much as it saved the victim. Compassionate action shapes our character and expands our capacity for love.

5. It Creates Community

When we act as neighbors, we build the kind of society where everyone can flourish. Neighborliness is both a personal virtue and a social necessity.

Contemporary Applications

This parable challenges us to examine our own hearts:

- Who are the "Samaritans" in our context—the people we might be tempted to dismiss or avoid?
- What are our modern equivalents of "passing by on the other side"?
- How do we balance self-care with sacrificial love?
- What does it mean to be neighborly in a globalized world where need is visible everywhere?

The Cost and Reward of Neighborliness

The Samaritan's actions weren't convenient or cost-free. He used his own resources, disrupted his plans, and made an ongoing commitment to care. True neighborliness often requires sacrifice.

Yet the parable suggests that this kind of love is not burdensome duty but the path to authentic life. When the lawyer asked how to inherit eternal life, Jesus ultimately pointed him toward a life of merciful love—suggesting that in loving our neighbors, we find our truest selves and deepest purpose.

Conclusion

"Who is my neighbor?" turns out to be the wrong question. The right question is: "How can I become a neighbor to those I encounter?" The parable calls us to expand our definition of community, to see every person as worthy of our care, and to understand that love in action—not just good intentions—is what transforms the world.

In the end, we need to be neighborly not because it's a rule to follow, but because it's the way of love that leads to life—both for ourselves and for the world around us.

Fr. Mark C. Payne

Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of July 19th and 20th, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with
Canned Tuna/ Mac & Cheese

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, Gayle Hanus, 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.



Stained Glass. Mass. and Morning Bites

Join us for a morning of reflection, beauty, and community.

JULY 16 AT 10 AM

WEST RESIDENCE
10200 W. BLUEMOUND ROAD

We'll begin with a light breakfast and a presentation on the history of the stunning new stained-glass in our chapel, thoughtfully shared by our very own Father Naveen.

The heart of the celebration will be Mass followed by guided tours of Independent Living.

St. Camillus
A Life Plan Community

RSVP by July 11 by using the QR code below or by calling 414.259.6310.

The Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to individual parishioners every Saturday before the 4pm Mass from 3pm to 3:45pm. Please bring your children along with you

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 do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle.

