

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 27, 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.

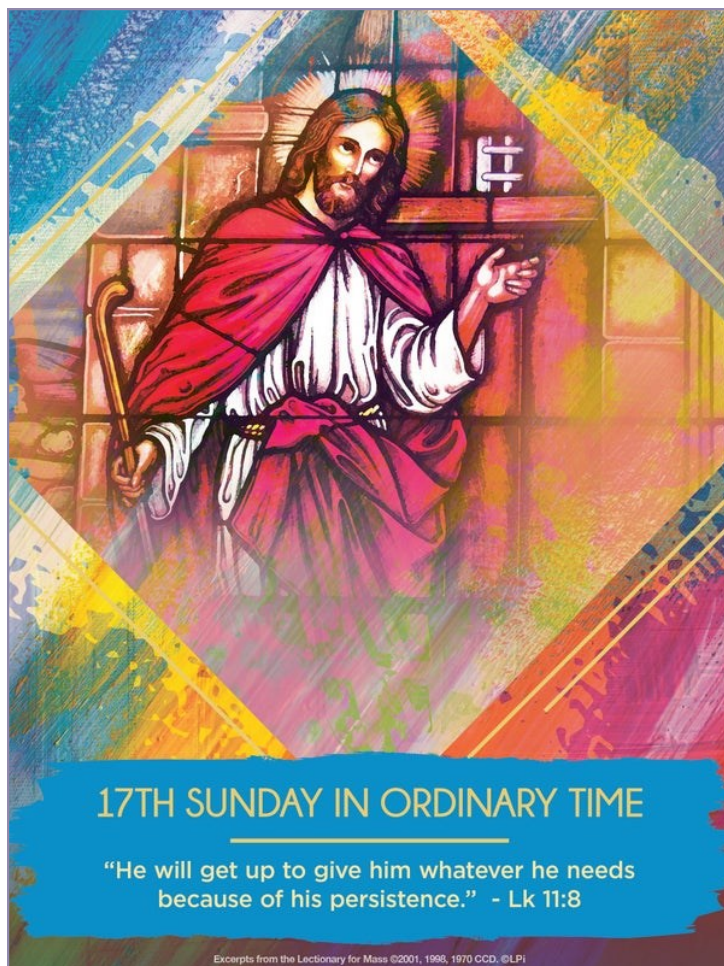
**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 5558 N. 69 St.  
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

### Pastoral Council Officers:

Kevin Senfleben, Chair  
Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair  
Bruce Mayer, Secretary

### Parish Trustees:

Larry Kalbas, Treasurer  
Christian Nwonye, Secretary



**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

### West Campus

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

**Natalie Galloway, Principal**

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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, 7/26 Vigil of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

**4:00pm** † Mark Gabrich

**Priest: Fr. Mark Payne**

**Sunday 7/27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

**9:00am 50th Anniversary Blessing: Marilyn & Joe Ratke**

**Rosary at 8:15 am**

**Priest: Fr. Mark Obeten**

**Monday, 7/28**

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

**9:00am** † Sr. Lucy Bruskiewicz

**Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi**

**Wednesday, 7/30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

**9:00am Parishioners**

**Priest: Fr. Mark Payne**

**Saturday, 8/2 Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**4:00pm** † Henry Posnanski

**Priest: Fr. John Paul**

**Sunday 8/3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**9:00am** † Mary Ann Gabrich

**Rosary at 8:15 am**

**Priest: Fr. Francis Assisi**

Fr. Mark, staff and parishioners express our sympathy to the family of parishioner

**Dolores C. Stahl**



Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 1st at 11:00am. Visitation at 9:30am.

*May God comfort those who mourn her and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**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

### Learning to Pray: Reflections on Luke 11:1-13

*"Lord, teach us to pray." These simple words from one of Jesus' disciples have echoed through the centuries, expressing a longing that remains as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago. In Luke 11:1-13, we discover not just a prayer to memorize, but a window into the heart of our relationship with God.*

### The Disciples' Request

The passage begins with Jesus at prayer, and when he finishes, a disciple makes this earnest request. Notice that the disciples didn't ask Jesus to teach them to preach or perform miracles—they asked to learn to pray. They recognized something profound in Jesus' prayer life that they wanted for themselves.

How often do we approach prayer as an afterthought or obligation rather than the vital communication with our heavenly Father that it truly is? The disciples saw prayer as essential, not optional.

### The Pattern of Prayer

Jesus responds by giving them what we know as the Lord's Prayer, though Luke's version is shorter than Matthew's account. This prayer provides a framework that addresses our relationship with God, our daily needs, our relationships with others, and our spiritual protection.

The prayer begins with "Father," immediately establishing the intimate relationship we have with God. We don't approach a distant deity, but a loving parent who desires to hear from us and provide for us.

### Persistence in Prayer

Jesus follows the Lord's Prayer with a parable about a friend who persistently asks for bread at midnight. The message isn't that God is reluctant and needs to be worn down by our requests. Rather, it's about the confidence we should have in approaching God and the assurance that he will respond to our needs.

The Greek word translated as "persistence" can also mean "shamelessness" or "boldness." We can approach God with holy boldness, confident in his love and willingness to hear us.

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**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



## The Father's Good Gifts

Jesus concludes this teaching with a beautiful comparison: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" This isn't about getting everything we want, but about trusting that God knows what we truly need and will provide it.

Notice that Luke specifically mentions the Holy Spirit as the ultimate gift the Father gives. While we may ask for many things, what we need most is God's presence and power in our lives.


## Living This Truth

This passage challenges us to examine our own prayer lives. Do we approach God with the confidence of children speaking to a loving father? Do we persist in prayer, not to change God's mind, but to align our hearts with his will? Do we trust that God knows our needs better than we do?

Prayer is not a religious duty to check off our list, but the lifeline of our relationship with God. In a world full of noise and distraction, may we follow the disciples' example and earnestly seek to learn how to pray—not just the words, but the posture of heart that makes prayer a transformative dialogue with our heavenly Father.

*As we reflect on this passage this week, may we approach the throne of grace with confidence, knowing that our Father delights to hear from his children and provide for our every need.*

Fr. Mark C. Payne



ARCHBISHOP JEFFREY S. GROB  
INVITES YOU TO THE 2025  
ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE  
**PALLIUM**  
*Lecture*

An annual event to foster conversation and engage the broader culture through the Catholic intellectual tradition.

*"Synods, Councils and Creeds –  
Treasuring Our Catholic Inheritance Today"*

Presented by  
Most Reverend  
Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Brownsville, Texas

Evening Prayer with St. Francis de Sales Seminary Schola

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 | 7 P.M.

Brookfield Conference Center  
325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

## Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with  
**Jelly / Hamburger Helper**  
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.



## 2025 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Pledge Update

Total Pledges Raised on a Goal of \$8.1 million: \$6,989,075.99  
Total Donors: 16, 207

7/1/2025

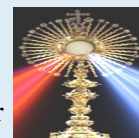
2025 Amount Raised: \$11,889.00  
2025 Goal: \$23,655  
2025 Percent of Goal Raised: 50.26%  
2025 Donors: 45  
2025 Participation Goal: 20.6%  
2025 Percent of Donors: 12.43%

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Your support for this annual appeal funds our Archdiocese and her ministries of education, formation, evangelization, outreach and others.

## 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:

Why are cows easy to find in hide-and-seek?

*Because they are spotted!*