

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

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Aaron	Isaiah	Kingston
A'Laija	Ja'Den	La'Mariunah
A'moni	Jamier	Lolita
Anay	JaNayla	Marquess
Anthony	Jayden	Rashad
Azariyah	Jaylen	Robert
Cali	Jeremiah	Sariya
Christian	Je'Uan	Saveion
Christina	Justyn	Skye
Dante	K'Mari	Tashawn
Donovan	Kamariah	Trevon
Exavier	Kevin	



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, 6/15 Vigil of 11th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/
Mk 4:26-34

4:00pm † Jose Valdivia

Sunday, 6/16 - 11th Sunday In O. T. - Father's Day

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/
Mk 4:26-34

9:00am † Joseph Trinkl

Rosary at 8:15 am

Monday, 6/17

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

9:00am † Simon Idakwo

Wednesday, 6/19 St. Romuald - Juneteenth Day

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9:00am † Joseph & Rita Singer

Saturday, 6/22 Vigil of 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2Cor
5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

4:00pm † Gloria Ann Balistrieri
(Date of Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, 6/23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor
5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

9:00am † Elizabeth N'Diaye

Rosary at 8:15 am

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office.

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 an 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:
Paul Bina, Chair	Curt Kandel, Treasurer
Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair	Christian Nwonye, Secretary
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Pastor's Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus teaches about "the kingdom of God." "The kingdom of God," *Regnum Dei* in Latin, is one of those phrases unique to the New Testament. Often, people use the phrase interchangeably with "the kingdom of Heaven," *Regnum Caelorum* in Latin. The use of the phrase is limited to Matthew's gospel. It appears thirty-two times in Matthew's gospel and nowhere else. Some believe that Matthew preferred using "the kingdom of Heaven" because his Jewish background, imposed restrictions on the frequent use of God's name. The phrase, "the kingdom of God," does not appear in the Old Testament, though there are references to "His Kingdom" or "Your Kingdom."

There are two related eschatological approaches to understanding the phrase, "the kingdom of God." First, we can understand it in terms of "Realized Eschatology," which sees the Kingdom of God in non-apocalyptic terms as the manifestation of divine sovereignty over the world. According to this approach, Jesus' ministry implied the realization of God's divine sovereignty.

A competing approach sees "the kingdom of God" in terms of "Inaugurated Eschatology," which is often summed up as "already and not yet fully." It sees the Kingdom of God as already present in the ministry of Christ and the Church. However, the fullness of the kingdom would be realized when we meet God face to face to share his glory.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus explains the kingdom in agricultural terms. First, he invokes the image of a farmer who scatters seeds and goes about his daily routine. He sleeps and rises in the morning while the seed sprouts and grows without him knowing how. When it is harvest time, he proceeds to harvest the crops and reaps the benefits. It implies that the kingdom of God is not dependent on human efforts. The farmer in the parable simply scattered the seeds and went about his daily business while waiting for harvest time. There was no weeding involved, no watering, no fertilizing, et cetera. The germination and growth of the seeds scattered do not depend on his efforts, but on God who provides the soil, the sun and the rain. The parable also implies that the kingdom of God is dynamic, growing from simple seed to full crop.

Secondly, to underscore the dynamism of the kingdom of God, Jesus compares it to a mustard seed, described as "the smallest of seeds on the earth," that grows to become one of the tallest trees. Well, it may not actually be the smallest seed on earth, but that is beside the point. Jesus wants us to imagine how something so small could grow to become "the largest of plants" (exaggerated to drive home a message). The point is that the kingdom of God is alive and grows like the mustard plant to provide shelter to animals and birds. We contribute to the growth of the kingdom through personal faith, evangelization, charitable works, and pursuit of peace and justice.

The kingdom of God grows when people respond to the gospel message and turn their lives around. The kingdom

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grows when we embrace love and forgiveness and teach the same to our children and grandchildren. That the Church is where it is today despite years of persecution is evidence of the growth of the kingdom. The kingdom will continue to grow as long as people of faith are committed to living the faith and passing on the gospel message by words and deed.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

The North-West Milwaukee Catholic Parishes Vacation Bible School July 24th -26th 2024

The North-West Milwaukee Catholic Parishes Vacation Bible School is a partnership between the North-West Milwaukee Catholic Parishes and the Office of Urban Ministry of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We are extending this collaboration to include Blessed Savior Parish and St Francis of Assisi parishes. Our hope is to enroll the catechists of those parishes who are already Safe Environment certified as our volunteers. The Vacation Bible school goal is to support our children in their understanding of our Catholic identity through biblical stories and skits. So, they willfully embrace the virtues like the saints, evangelize, are good stewards, intentional disciples. Our hope is they will make friends along the way and be able to use the same skills to serve their parishes and their Catholic college community later on.

Dates and Locations

July 24th Day 1 @ Our Lady of Good Hope 9am to 2pm

July 25th Day 2 @ Blessed Savior Parish 9am to 2pm

July 26th Day 3 @ St Francis of Assisi Parish 9am to 2pm

The vacation Bible School is open to children from age 7 and older.

The office of Urban Ministries will provide the kit and material needed, a Bible for each participant as well as daily snacks and lunch.

Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not give up.

We hold up in prayer, our fathers who serve as models to others. Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. Grant that we may love and appreciate their sacrifices. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless all our Fathers, Stepfathers, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers, Godfathers, Foster Fathers, Fathers-to-be, Uncles and Reverend Fathers!

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:

**Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering,
Gene Brunner, David Cheever, Rhey Clemente,
Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn,
Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Sue Kremsreiter, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Mark Preston, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeanne Rossner,
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec
Mary Frances Williams**

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.

Announcement:

The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.

Catholic Young Professional Women and students are invited to a By the Seaside-By the Beautiful Sea Retreat on July 7-13 at Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. For more information fsc-calledtobe.org or text Sister Julie Ann at 920-323-9632.

Social media link: [Young Catholic Professional Women and Students: Discern By the Sea - Franciscan Sisters \(fsc-calledtobe.org\)](https://fsc-calledtobe.org)

Peace and all good,
Sister Julie Ann



Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **June 22nd and June 23rd**, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with packaged/boxed **Mashed Potatoes** and **Mac & Cheese**.

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



**A message from your bulletin editors:
TEAMWORK:**

*Means never having to take all the blame
yourself!*