

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8, 2025

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888  
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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.

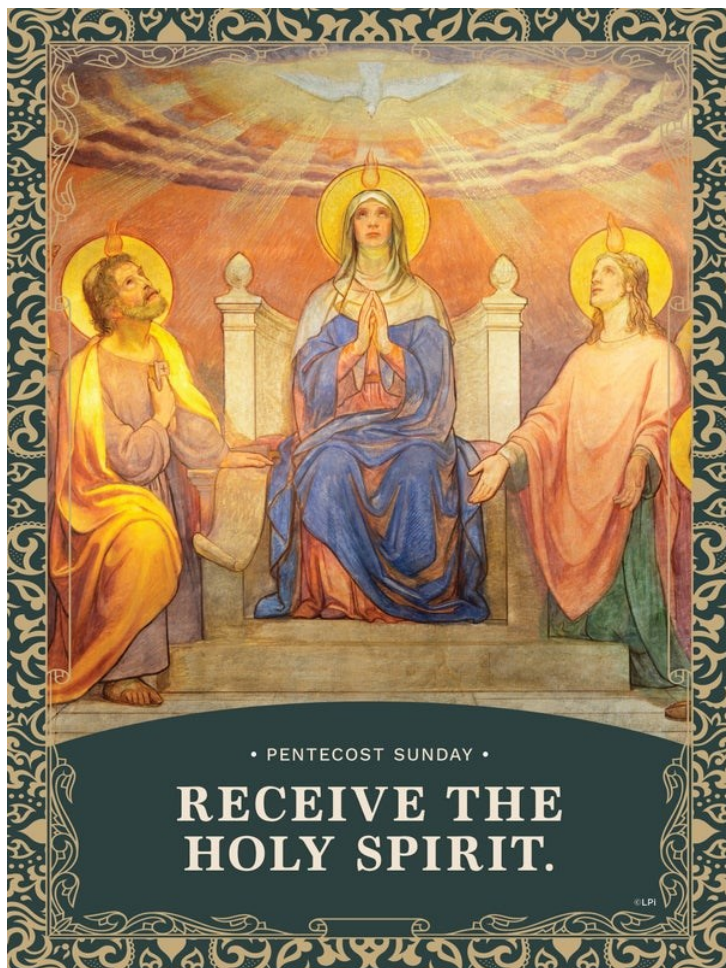
**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 5558 N. 69 St.  
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

## Pastoral Council Officers:

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

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**Erin O'Donnell, Principal**



## South Campus

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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, 6/7 Vigil of Pentecost Sunday**

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**4:00pm** † Walter Wymba

**Sunday 6/8 Pentecost Sunday**

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**9:00am** † Emile Bass

Rosary at 8:15 am

**Monday, 6/9 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**9:00am** Parishioners

**Wednesday, 6/11 St. Barnabas, Apostle**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

**9:00am** Thanksgiving Birthday Kosiochukwu Ephraim Mmekam

**Saturday, 6/14 Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity**

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

**4:00pm** † Jose Valdivia

**Sunday 6/15 The Most Holy Trinity**

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

**9:00am** † Charles Carvalho & Helene Cabral

Rosary at 8:15 am

God's Blessings on your 1 Year Anniversary, Rhey & Cynthia Clemente!

*June 15th, 2025*

Congratulations and God's Blessings on your 60th Wedding Anniversary, Paul & Linda Bina!

*June 19, 2025*

Paul & Linda have been Members of the Blessed Savior/Corpus Christi Parish since 1972.

**Altar Servers**

After Mass this weekend, there will be a signup sheet for those who are interested in joining altar servers. Mr. Michael will be at the church entrance to take the names of those who are interested in joining. If you feel called to be nearer to God's altar, you are highly welcome to join.

**Communion Ministers & Lectors Sign-Up**

It's time to establish the Communion Ministers and Lectors schedule for June 21st through August 17th. Please pick up an availability sheet in the Villard hallway after mass and return it to the Parish office as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Pastor's Sunday Reflection**

**Pentecost:**

Pentecost is recognized and celebrated as the birthday of the Church. It was remarkable that the Holy Spirit transformed a bunch of petrified disciples into courageous and determined evangelists, ready to die for their faith. The sending of the Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise not to abandon his disciples. The Holy Spirit has sustained the Church's mission through the centuries, enabling her to safely navigate treacherous waters.

The Hebrew word for spirit, *ruah*, also means wind, breath or life force. People with asthma understand the importance of breathing, something we often take for granted. A simple experiment like briefly holding one's breath helps us appreciate the need for air. In the second creation account, God's breath gave life to the first human he created.

The celebration of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection, goes back to the early fourth century. There was connection between the celebration of Pentecost and the celebration of the Jewish festival of "First Fruits," also known as the "Feast of Weeks," which took place fifty days after the Passover. The separate celebration of Pentecost took place about the same time Ascension became a separate liturgical celebration forty days after the resurrection. This was in accordance with biblical presentations in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1-2).

Speaking in tongues was one clear evident of the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The inspired and intelligible utterances of the transformed apostles contrasted with the unintelligible babble associated with the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-9. Notwithstanding the fact that people spoke different languages, they understood the apostles' message inspired by the Holy Spirit. This was a major improvement compared to the glossolalia or ecstatic and unintelligible pronouncements of Old Testament prophets. The Holy Spirit enables the breaking down of barriers to human unity and solidarity.

Blessed Savior parish is made up of people from various cultures and ethnic backgrounds. We often speak different languages but recognize English as our common language. The Holy Spirit brings us together and enables us to overcome obstacles created by our different cultures and backgrounds. We are not threatened by our differences, but celebrate them while emphasizing our common faith and Catholic culture. That is why we have Multi-cultural Commission and celebrate multi-cultural events.

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Those who are threatened by diversity may not be comfortable in our community. Pentecost is about celebrating the role of the Holy Spirit in bringing us together as one family of faith and appreciating the bond we share in Christ.

We can hardly speak of Pentecost without mentioning the traditional gifts of the Holy Spirit based on Isaiah 11:2. The following are the celebrated gifts or fruits of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and the fear of the Lord.

The respected theologian, Hans Kung, once stated that before the Holy Spirit can truly take hold of our lives all contrary spirits must be exorcised (*Why I Am Still A Christian*). As we celebrate Pentecost, we pray that all contrary spirits in our lives and community will take flight, so that God's Spirit may dwell secure.

Have a great week!  
Fr. Romanus

### 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, 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.

### Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of June 14th and 15th, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti Noodles

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



**COME TO THE TABLE**  
*Vacation Bible School*  
K4-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**JUNE 16-19, 2025**  
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | St. Catherine of Alexandria

**REGISTER HERE:**  


**TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**  
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June 3, 2025

**Congratulations to the 2025 Blessed Savior West Campus Kindergarten Class on their Graduation!**



A message from your bulletin editor:

*What do you call a sleeping bull?*

**A bulldozer.**

### 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.

