

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2025

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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.

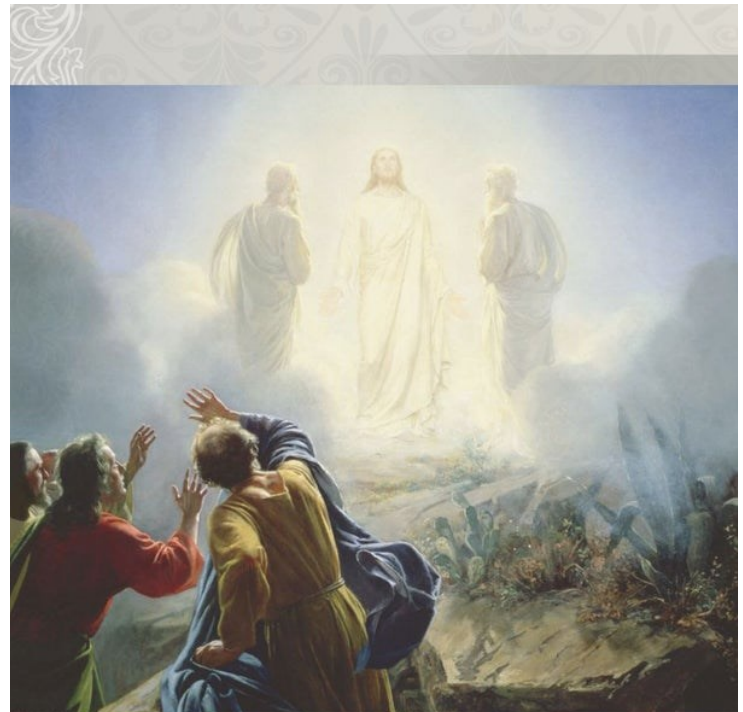
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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
Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair	Christian Nwonye, Secretary
Bruce Mayer, Secretary	



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While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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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, 3/15 Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

4:00pm † John Pankratz

Sunday, 3/16 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

9:00am † Bob Terry & Patty Leack
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 3/17 St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

9:00am † David Walden

Wednesday 3/19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

9:00am † Parishioners

Saturday, 3/22 Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 *Scrutiny*: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

4:00pm † Chris Blue

Sunday, 3/23 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 *Scrutiny*: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

9:00am † Joseph Quy Vu
Rosary at 8:15am

**SVDP Lenten Food Drive
Week 3, March 22nd & 23rd**

The pantry could use your help filling the shelves Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice (1 or 2lbs. Size), Tuna, Tuna Helper, and Toothpaste. Thank you for your support!



**CRS Rice Bowl
Catholic Relief Services**



During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

“Rice Bowl Boxes” will be available during Lent. You can find them on the round table in the Villard hallway.

Sunday Reflection:

The first reading presents us with an account of a remarkable covenant between God and Abraham. The covenant is typical of the ancient covenant practice of cutting animals in half and placing the halves opposite each other, creating a pathway. The parties to a covenant would walk through the pathway. It is a dramatic way of saying if one breaks the covenant, let happened to those animals happen to them. It is remarkable that God would enter a Covenant with Abraham in such a dramatic fashion.

Faith is a necessary condition (*conditio sine qua non*) for a covenant with God. We trust God to keep his side of a covenant, but we cannot say the same of humans. Fortunately, Abram’s strong faith enabled him to enter into an enduring covenant with God, and he trusted in the fulfilment of the promises made. Likewise, Lent presents an excellent opportunity for us to re-visit our faith and baptismal covenant with God. One of our major challenges involves ensuring that the unrelenting call for repentance does not fall on deaf ears or lead to boredom.

In the second reading, St. Paul tearfully and lovingly reprimands those members of the Philippine community who were conducting themselves as enemies of the cross. Embracing the cross is an essential part of the Lenten experience. Through his paschal mystery, Christ transformed an instrument of torture into a means of salvation. One has to choose between the difficult way of the cross and the easy way of the world. St. Paul states that those who are preoccupied with worldly wealth, power and glory make themselves enemies of the cross.

St. Paul also reminds the community that their citizenship is in heaven from where they await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we journey through Lent, we ought to be cognizant that our true citizenship is in heaven. We cannot afford to spend so much energy pursuing elusive wealth, power, and honor to the detriment of our spiritual wellbeing. There is nothing wrong with hard work and success so long as one does not sacrifice one’s integrity in the process.

The gospel presents the transfiguration narrative from Luke’s perspective. The narrative is actually found in all three synoptic gospels (Matt 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-8; and Luke 9:28-36). In this Sunday’s narrative, Jesus went up the mountain (believed to be Mt. Tabor) to pray with a select few of his apostles – Peter, James and John. That prayer session quickly turned into something otherworldly as they witnessed his transfiguration. The presence of Moses and Elijah points to Jesus’ connection with Israel’s past as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

The transfiguration was an awesome moment of revelation similar to Jesus’ baptism when the heavens opened, and God’s voice was heard introducing his Son to the world. This is known in theology as theophany, a special moment of revelation that manifests the glory of God.

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It gives us a peek through the windows of heaven. We could also sense the presence of the Holy Spirit represented by the cloud. One might wonder why God revealed his Son's glory to the Apostles this way. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that it meant to strengthen the Apostles for the cross by helping them glimpse the Resurrection. The transfiguration is so highly regarded as to be included among the "Luminous Mysteries" by Pope John Paul II, in 2002.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Lenten Revival 2025

"Create Tomorrow with Action Today"

Revivalist: Rev. Carl Gales, SVD

**@ St. Martin de Porres Church
3114 N. 2nd St. Milwaukee**

**Friday, March 21
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Devotion**

**Saturday, March 22
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Revival/Predaching**

**Sunday, March 23
Mass 9 am
Reception to follow**

Sponsored by:
The Black Catholic Men's Group of Milwaukee
Questions? Call Steve Teasley @ (262) 617-5485

ALL ARE INVITED!



Change A Child's Story

KIDS MATTER INC. is seeking volunteers for its Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. CASA volunteers commit a few hours each week to ensure that a local abused or neglected child has a chance to find a safe, permanent home. KIDS MATTER provides extensive training to volunteers, and our next class begins this October.



Learn more or sign up by visiting www.kidsmatterinc.org/casa, calling (414) 344-1220 or emailing us at volunteer@kidsmatterinc.org.

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.



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, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,
Lucia Rivera, Rosina Vungo

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.

Walk With One

Leading All
To
Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Revival
Continues
At
Blessed Savior Parish

Encounter **JESUS**

An Evening of
Praise and Worship

**ALL ARE
INVITED**

Saturday, March 22, 2024
After the 4:00pm Mass

"Come to me, all
who labor and are
heavy laden, and I
will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28

❖ Presentation By
Father Romanus Nwaru
❖ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
❖ Silent Adoration
❖ Eucharistic Procession
❖ Benediction

Lenten Season at Blessed Savior

Way of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm

Parish Lenten Reconciliation will be Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00pm



A message from your bulletin editor:

Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?

You don't want to press your luck.