

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2, 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.

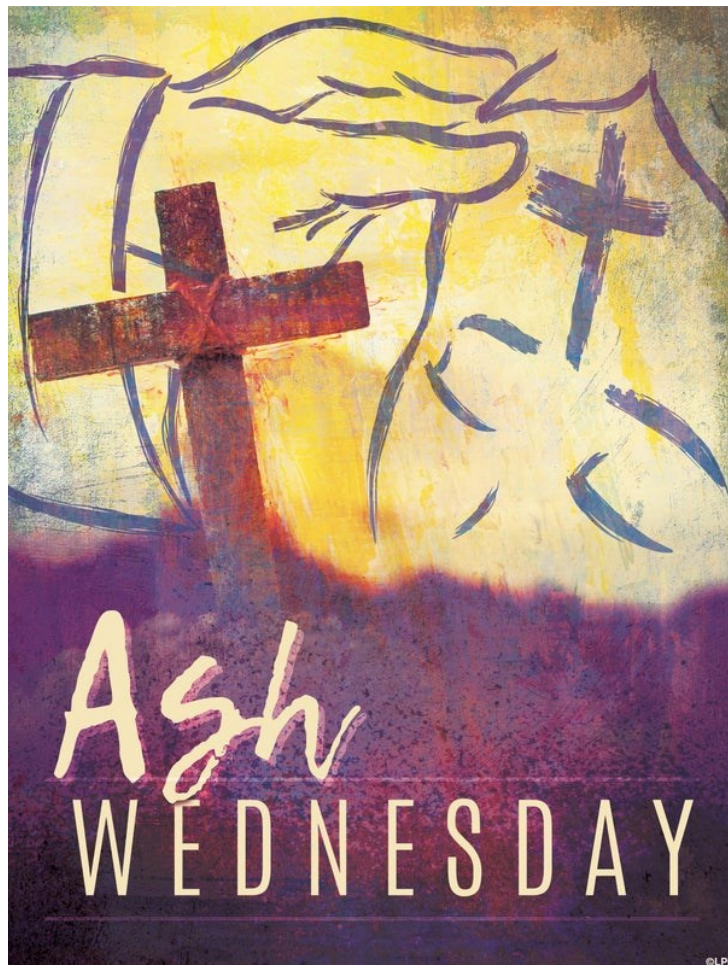
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

Pastoral Council Officers:

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

Parish Trustees:

Larry Kalbas, Treasurer
Christian Nwonye, Secretary



School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org

West Campus

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

Natalie Galloway, Principal

East Campus

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, 3/1 Vigil of The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
4:00pm † Dorothy & Sal Lanza

Sunday, 3/2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
9:00am † Harry Kolasinski
Rosary at 8:15am
Anointing of the sick after Mass

Monday, 3/3 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
9:00am † Parishioners

Wednesday 3/5 Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
9:30am All School Mass — East Campus
6:00 pm Evening Mass

Saturday, 3/8 Vigil of 1st Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
4:00pm † Christian Goudiably

Sunday, 3/9 1st Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
9:00am † Pedro Parra Garduño & Evira Rubio Hernández
Rosary at 8:15am



Lent Begins March 5
Ash Wednesday
A day of Fast and Abstinence.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the 9:30 am Ash Wednesday School Mass at the East Campus. (5140 N. 55th Street.) Enter through the front center door of the church.
There will also be a 6pm Mass at Blessed Savior Parish. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

**SVDP Lenten Food Drive
Week 1, March 8th & 9th**

The pantry could use your help filling the shelves with Canned Fruit, Pork & Beans, Canned Beef Stew and Hand Soap. Thank you for your support!



Blessed Savior Operating Financial Reports

	JULY - DEC 2024	JULY - DEC 2023
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 299,323.03	\$ 186,212.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 250,713.12	\$ 226,697.71
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ()	\$ 48,609.91	\$ (40,484.85)

MONTHLY REPORT

	Jan-25	Jan-24
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 42,976.82	\$ 50,450.16
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 15,358.18	\$ 39,728.47
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ()	\$ 27,618.64	\$ 10,721.69

2023 -2024 ANNUAL REPORT

	JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024	JULY 1, 2022 -JUNE 30, 2023
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 511,209.45	\$ 506,650.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 537,835.95	\$ 481,235.93
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ()	\$ (26,626.50)	\$ 25,415.04

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP—ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state. The only thing we can take with us? Our hearts and whether or not we loved.

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The Season of Lent

Since Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, there are certain dietary considerations to be kept in mind that are meant to help us keep the spirit of the season.

Fast and abstinence are the traditional considerations. We are strictly speaking, obliged to keep the order of the abstinence (no meat) on two days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If people choose to abstain on other Fridays during Lent, that is considered commendable, not necessarily obligatory. In preparing other meals during the season, they need to be meals that will sustain your strength and your health particularly if you are working, if you are elderly, or under a doctor's care.

Remember, it's the spirit of Lent we want to participate in so that we remember those who have harder lives than ourselves, have less food than ourselves, and who struggle day by day. Consider fasting from criticism and gossip. Consider fasting from negative thinking. Consider fasting from selfishness. Consider fasting from complaining, whining and impatience. Consider fasting from your ego and pride.

Isaiah says, "To rend your hearts, not your garments. That is the fasting that I seek, says the Lord."

Inspire
a concert and sing-a-long

At this concert, be inspired by an eclectic mix of beloved and well-known Christian songs and hymns from *Amazing Grace* to *Day by Day*, *On Eagle's Wings* to *How Great Thou Art* by singers from Christian communities throughout the Milwaukee area

Fuel your soul. Share your spirit!

March 16, 2025, 3:00 pm

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
3970 N. 92nd St, Milwaukee

Freewill Offering

Kurt Bardele, Musical Director

For details, contact

Marcy Stone, mstone@stmmp.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.

The Human Concerns Layette collection which used to be during Lent, has been changed a few years ago. We shifted it to April 12- May 4 so the mothers receive the collected items just in time for Mother's Day. Keep your eyes open for the bassinet at the back of church starting April 12th. New items for babies are greatly appreciated.



Thank you,
Human Concerns Commission

SAVE THE DATE 🎉
COME CELEBRATE

BLESSED SAVIOR'S GRANDPARENTS & FAMILY DAY

Bring your grandchildren and your entire family to come join us for a special Mass and celebration of families. All faiths are invited to be part of this special celebration and blessing.

This will be followed by fellowship in the hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 9:00 MASS



A message from your bulletin editor:

What is it called when a priest is sick the night before

Mass?

A vig-ill.