

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 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

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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, 3/22 Vigil of 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

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

Monday, 3/24

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

9:00am † Gloria Ann Balistrieri

Tuesday 3/25 School Mass-- East Campus

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

9:00am Intentions of the Priest

Wednesday 3/26

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

9:00am Thanksgiving—Rosemary Mmekam

6:00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation

Saturday, 3/29 Vigil of 4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, 3/30 4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

9:00am † Rita Hohensee

† Rosary at 8:15am

SCHOOL MASS DIRECTIVE

East Campus: 5140 N. 55th St.

Enter through the front center door of the church.

**SVDP Lenten Food Drive
Week 4, March 29th & 30th**

The pantry could use your help filling the shelves with Rice or Noodle Roni, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles (1 lb. size) and Deodorant.



Thank you for your support!

Lenten Season at Blessed Savior

Way of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm

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

12 Hours of Reconciliation: Wednesday, April 9th at 11 different Parish locations. For details, visit: <https://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice>

Pastor's Sunday Reflection

In the first reading, God called Moses as emissary for his deliverance of the Israelites from the land of oppression. Moses' curiosity about the burning bush quickly turned into an awesome mystical experience. This event took place on Mount Horeb. Mountains were significant in the Scriptures based on the worldview that the higher you go the closer you are to heaven. In both the Old and New Testaments, it was common to encounter God on a mountain. Moses also encountered God on Mount Sinai where he received the Ten Commandments. Elijah encountered God on Mount Carmel where he defeated the 450 prophets of Baal. Jesus' transfiguration took place on Mount Tabor.

One of the most significant parts of Moses' encounter with God in the first reading was God's revelation of his name, I AM. It was a revelation of God's name as mysterious and eternal. In the new dispensation, Jesus revealed God as "Father" without diminishing the mystery of God. As God called Moses to liberate the Israelites from bondage, God calls us to liberate the world from poverty, disease, and injustice.

The second reading compares and contrasts the old and new dispensations. It reminds us that our baptismal relationship with Jesus parallels Israel's baptismal relationship with Moses. Just as they ate the spiritual food (manna) and drank spiritual drink (water from the rock), we eat and drink the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. However, not all who participated in the divine nourishment at the time of Moses survived. Some lost their lives in the wilderness as a lesson to future generations. Similarly, receiving the Eucharist may not be sufficient for salvation, unless we become what we eat.

Whereas coming to Mass and receiving the Eucharist are noble spiritual practices, they do not guarantee salvation. In other words, we need to take seriously the Lenten invitation to conversion. We need to be sincere about our obligation to love God and neighbor. The stark warning for the Corinthians serves as a rude awakening against presumptuousness. The reading concludes with the statement, "Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall."

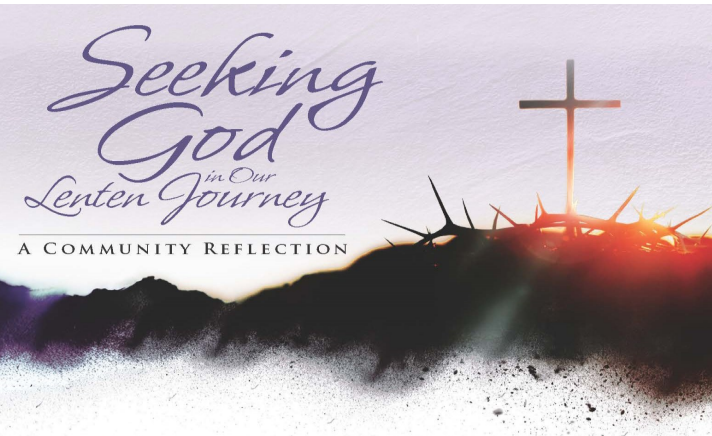
St. Paul's warning seems to echo Jesus' warning in the gospel. When he received the news of Pilate's horrendous act of mingling the blood of some Galileans with the blood of animals for sacrifice to the Roman gods, Jesus warned that those who fail to repent would perish like those unfortunate Galileans. He similarly cited the news of the eighteen people killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. He challenged the popular belief that bad things only happen to bad people, stating that those unfortunate victims were not the worst sinners of their time.

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The parable that followed underscores God's patience with sinners. He gives everyone opportunities to repent and bear good fruit. Sacraments nourish and sustain us spiritually, enabling us to be fruitful. In Lent, it is especially the case with the sacraments of reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. The parable highlights the unfortunate reality that those who fail to bear fruit would be cut down. It is also comforting to know that Jesus is able to plead on our behalf and buy us enough time to turn our fortunes around.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025
9:00 A.M. – NOON

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church | 3114 N. Second St., Milwaukee

Join us for a time of prayerful reflection as we move further into Lent, celebrating as a community during this sacred time.



Our reflection will be led by Sr. Vicki Chambers, S.S.N.D. Sr. Vicki is a Milwaukee native with over 30 years of ministry experience across the country, serving as a librarian, archivist, religion teacher, campus minister and a director of religious education. Sr. Vicki is currently on the board of directors for the St. Bakhita Catholic Worker House, a Milwaukee organization that offers housing and community to female survivors of sexual exploitation.

A continental breakfast will be served.



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.

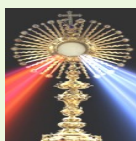
Thank you,
 Human Concerns Commission



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, Paul Bina

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.

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

April

Hello, Neighbor 2025 Series

Date: April 6, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. A light meal will be served.
Location: All Saints Parish and Food Pantry
 4051 N 25th St, Milwaukee, WI 53209

Facilitators: Amy Kroll and Martice Scales, Full Circle Healing
Description: Attendees will participate in a unique, interactive poverty simulation titled, *Shattered*. The simulation allows participants to experience the tradeoffs that people in poverty face every day like putting food on the table or paying a utility bill. This simulation is for participants ages 10 and up.

Registration is required, and the deadline is Sun., March 30.

RSVP REQUIRED

Hello, Neighbor is a partnership between All Saints Parish (Milwaukee), Holy Angels Parish (West Bend) and Lumen Christi Parish (Mequon) with support from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Office of Urban Ministry. The *Hello, Neighbor* series seeks to intentionally build community between the three parishes while also raising awareness on racial injustice within our area. *Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread* is the theme for the 2025 *Hello, Neighbor* series, which will focus on food insecurity as it relates to poverty and how it disproportionately impacts people of color. The three parishes support a number of local food pantries, which will be featured, throughout the series.

More information can be found online at www.lumenchristiparish.org/human-concerns.



The Hospitality Group would like to express our sincere thanks to Fr. Romanus, parishioners and volunteers for your meaningful contribution and support. Our Grandparents and Family Day, was great!

Thank you for your attention and time!



A message from your bulletin editor:

Why did the chicken go on vacation?

It was feeling cooped up