

**BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH**

**MAY 12, 2024**

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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### **Parish Staff:**

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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.

### **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.

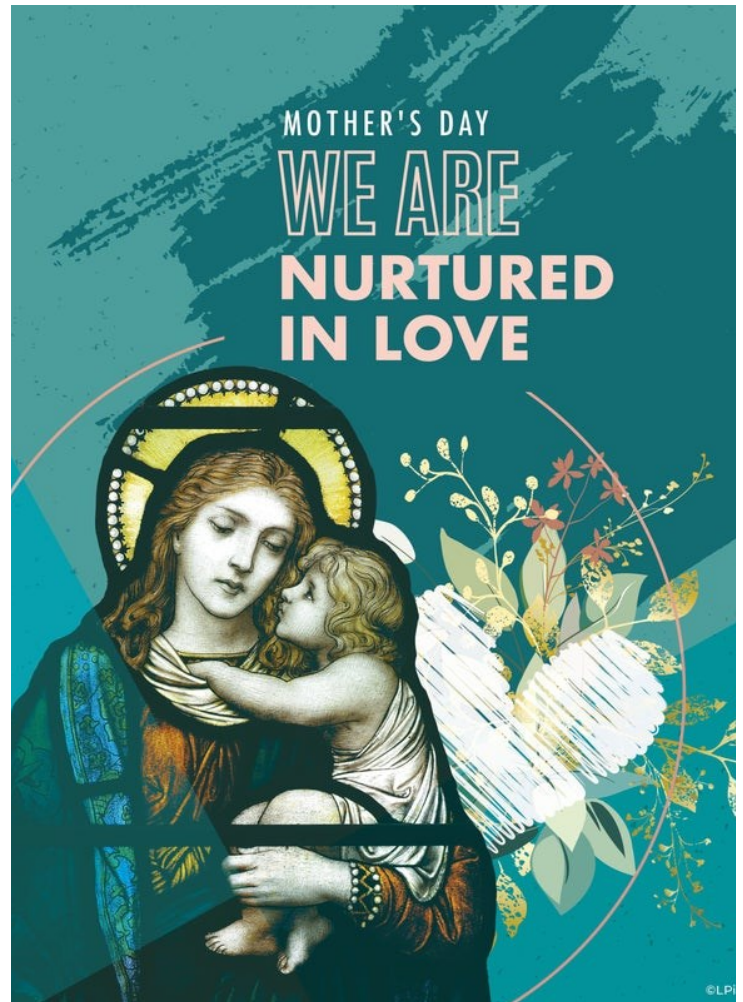
**Communal Penance:** Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

**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

<b>Pastoral Council Officers:</b>	<b>Parish Trustees:</b>
Paul Bina, Chair	Curt Kandel, Treasurer
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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

### **West Campus**

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**Natalie Galloway, Principal**

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**Erin O'Donnell, Principal**

### **South Campus**

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414-463-3878

**Renee Manikham, 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, 5/11—Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord**  
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

4:00 pm Parishioner

**Sunday, 5/12—The Ascension of the Lord**  
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

9:00am † Rita Hohensee  
First Holy Communion  
May Crowning (of Mother Mary)

Rosary at 8:15 am

11:30am Igbo Mass, followed by  
Mother's Day celebration  
in the Parish Hall

**Monday, 5/13—Our Lady of Fatima**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, 5/14—Weekday—St. Matthias, Apostle**  
School Mass—East Campus

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Jn 15:9-17

9:00am Intention of the Priest

**Wednesday, 5/15—Weekday—St. Isidore**  
Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

9:00am Isabel M. Piana

**Saturday, 5/18 Vigil of Pentecost Sunday**  
Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or J1 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 † Grant Breitsprecher

**Sunday, 5/19 Pentecost Sunday**  
Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

9:00am † Bob Mielke

Rosary at 8:15 am

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture.

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: Tutti dentro. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Truth We Cannot See

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door — but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting."

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to

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***Congratulations to Jonathan Valdivia, who was Confirmed on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at St. Agnes Parish.***

*May the Holy Spirit continue to bless you with the gift of faith and guide your life-long journey with God.*

*May God grant Jonathan the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.*

***Fr. Romanus and parishioners of Blessed Savior***



pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

*"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." John 17:14*

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi



*To All our Mother's living & deceased, Godmothers, Foster Mother's, Adopting Mother's, Grandmothers, Godmothers, and Aunties too.*

*Fr. Romanus and staff*



*You Are Invited!*  
FINAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING WITH  
**MOST REVEREND  
JEROME E. LISTECKI**  
11TH ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE

Join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving in gratitude to God for the bond between Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI — our shepherd for the past 14 years — and his flock, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Come wish Archbishop ListECKI well at a reception following this special Mass at our Mother Church as he prepares for retirement.

**Sunday, June 9, 2024, 11 a.m.**  
*Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist,  
Milwaukee*

Learn more about Archbishop ListECKI's retirement and details about the regional Masses at [www.archmil.org/ListECKI](http://www.archmil.org/ListECKI)



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### 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,  
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Wayne Ring,  
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.



The Human Concerns Commission! Says'

*Thank You!*

An extraordinary response to the layette collection!

Thank you all so very much for helping new mothers care for their precious angels. Please keep these women and their babies in your daily prayers.

May God richly blessed you all.

### Saint Vincent's DePaul's Food Pantry



For the weekend of **May 18th and 19th**, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with Breakfast Cereal and Hamburger



Helper.

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



A message from your bulletin editors:

What did the sheep receive as a Mother's Day gift?  
*A spaaaaaay!*