

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 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

<b>Pastoral Council Officers:</b>	<b>Parish Trustees:</b>
Kevin Senfleben, Chair	Larry Kalbas, Treasurer
Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair	Christian Nwonye, Secretary
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## Congratulations and Thank You, Rev. Dr. Romanus N. Nwaru



## 30th Anniversary Celebration of Priestly Ordination

**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org](http://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, 5/24 Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**4:00pm** † Maurice N'Diaye  
Fr. Romanus 30th Anniversary Celebration

**Sunday 5/25 6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**9:00am** † Marguerite Goudiaby  
Rosary at 8:15 am

**Monday, 5/26 Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, 5/27 School Mass – South Campus**

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
**9:00am** Intentions of the priest

**Wednesday, 5/28**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
**9:00am** † George Bachman

**Saturday, 5/31 Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

**4:00pm** Parishioners

**Sunday 6/1 The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

**9:00am** † Ramon L. Santiago  
Rosary at 8:15 am

Fr. Romanus, staff and parishioners express our sympathy to the family of

**Carl Ogas**



Brother of parishioner Diana Alioto. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31st at 11:00am.

*May God comfort those who mourn him and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**God's Blessings on your 40th Wedding Anniversary, Dennis & Sharon Eiffler!**

*May 25th, 2025*

**Pastor's Sunday Reflection**

The first reading this Sunday gives us a good idea of conflict resolution in the early Church. Paul and Barnabas had great success in their first missionary journey through Cyprus and the regions of Pisidia and Pamphylia, despite persecution. They returned to Antioch where their ministry to the Gentiles had been incredibly successful.

It happened that some Christian Pharisees (also known as 'Judaizers') from Jerusalem took it upon themselves to visit the church in Antioch. They had close ties to Judaism and required that Gentiles must first undergo circumcision in accordance with the Mosaic Law before becoming Christians. This was contrary to the teachings of Paul and Barnabas who strongly objected to this doctrinal position. As they could not come to an agreement on this important issue, they sent a delegation to the church in Jerusalem for consultation with the apostles and elders. It shows a clear recognition of the authority of the church in Jerusalem on matters of doctrine. That will be the equivalence of appealing to Rome. The delegation included Paul and Barnabas.

The deliberation that went on among the apostles and elders in Jerusalem constituted the First Council of Jerusalem. At the Council, both Peter and James, leaders of the Church in Jerusalem sided with Paul and Barnabas. Eventually, they sent a letter back to Antioch with another delegation that included Paul, Barnabas, Judas (also known as Barsabbas) and Silas, distancing the Jerusalem church from the position taken by the Judaizers.

The letter made clear that the Judaizers had no official mandate from the church in Jerusalem when they came to Antioch as doctrinal police. It also recognized that the Judaizers' teachings had been unsettling to the Gentile converts, disturbing their peace of mind. The letter stated, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep these, you will be doing what is right." Of course, the bottom line was that Gentiles were not required to become Jews before becoming Christians. Adult circumcision was a risky and painful experience that the Gentile converts had little interest in going through. Due to this timely intervention, the Gentile converts in Antioch rejoiced and felt encouraged in their new faith.

In the Gospel (John 14:23-29), Jesus reiterates that loving God means keeping God's words. Those who do not love God do not keep his words.

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Keeping God's words is the same as keeping God's commandments. Of course, the greatest of the commandments is the command to love God and neighbour. Loving our neighbour entails avoiding actions that would cause them unnecessary pain and hardship. It also means being understanding and flexible in dealing with situations.

Jesus also states that he would not be with the apostles much longer. He would be going back to the Father, but will not leave them home alone. He will send the Holy Spirit as a gift from the Father. The Holy Spirit would teach them everything they needed to know and dispel their fears. Obviously, the gospel is hinting at the upcoming celebration of Ascension and Pentecost. Ascension makes Pentecost necessary.

Have a great week!  
*Fr. Romanus*

## Appointment

As announced at the weekend Masses couple of weeks ago, Archbishop Jeffrey Grob has appointed me chaplain to the Archdiocesan Cemeteries and Mausoleums. The appointment falls under special ministries and is effective June 17, 2025. It is also published in the most recent issue of the Catholic Herald.

*Fr. Romanus*



Shorewood Memorial Day Program  
Sunday, May 25th at 3:00 pm  
Shorewood High School - Front Lawn  
1701 E. Capitol Drive, Shorewood WI

Event Occurs Rain or Shine  
Ample Parking in the SHS Parking Lot

Those attending should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

This program, sponsored by the North Shore American Legion Post #331, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #331 and the Shorewood Men's Club, will feature musical selections from the Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin, a bagpiper, soloist, Blessed Savior Catholic School - West Campus student speakers, remarks from local and state leaders and the keynote speaker, Mr. Mike Malloy, United States Army - Vietnam Veteran and parishioner of Blessed Savior Catholic Church. Mr. Malloy has previously been honored as a "Milwaukee County Veteran of the Year."

A free lunch coupon will be provided for anyone in attendance at the program. Lunch will be held at the Milwaukee Brat House-Shorewood, located at 4022 N. Oakland Avenue.

## 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

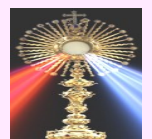
With warmer weather approaching, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with  
**Peanut Butter & Jelly**

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



## 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.

A message from your bulletin editor:

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

*There was something fishy about it*

