

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH THIRD AND FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4 & May 11, 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.

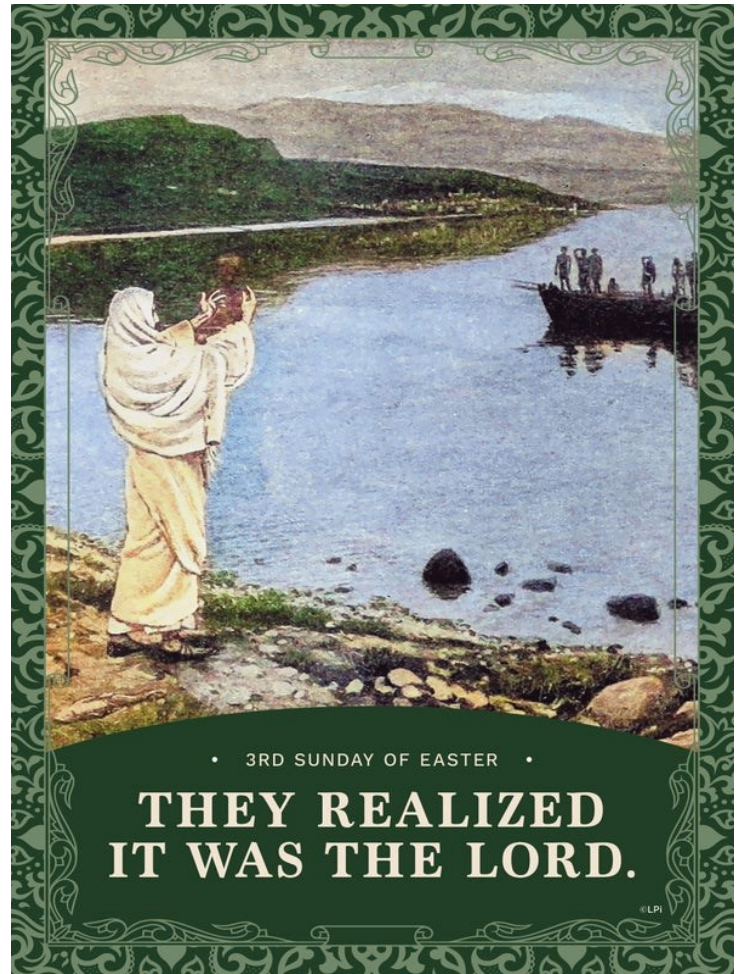
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

Pastoral Council Officers:

Kevin Senfleben, Chair
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414-464-5775

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414-438-2745

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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, 5/3 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

4:00pm † David Walden

Sunday, 5/4 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

9:00am Parishioners

No Weekday Masses

Saturday, 5/10 Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

4:00pm

Sunday, 5/11 4th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

9:00am † Gloria Ann Balistrieri

Rosary at 8:15 am

Monday, 5/12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

9:00am Parishioners

Tuesday, 5/13 School Mass – West Campus

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

9:00am Intentions of the priest

Wednesday, 5/14 St. Matthias, Apostle

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

9:00am † Rita Hohensee

Saturday, 5/17 Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

4:00pm † Geraldine Davie

Sunday 5/18 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

9:00am † François N'Dour

Rosary at 8:15 am

Masses During Priest Spring Assembly

There will be no weekday Masses at Blessed Savior during the first week of May. You may attend available masses at the following parishes in the area.

St. Margaret Mary Parish

3970 N 92nd St, Milwaukee, WI 53222

Tuesday, May 6 & Wednesday, May 7th at 8:15am.

St. Pius X Parish

2506 N Wauwatosa Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Monday, May 5th & Wednesday, May 7th at 8:00am

Pastor's Sunday Reflection

In this Sunday's gospel, we continue to read about the resurrection appearances of Jesus. These appearances underscore the reality of the resurrection and strengthen the faith of believers. With each appearance, the number of witnesses increased, making it more difficult for the opposition to refute. If the empty tomb was all we had, it would have been quite a challenge convincing even some of the disciples that he had risen.

Last week, Thomas stated flatly that he would not believe the story about the risen Christ's appearance unless he saw the nail marks and put his finger into the nail marks and his hand into his wounded side. Obviously, the story of an empty tomb alone would not have convinced people like Thomas, let alone the Pharisees and Sadducees. The opposition was already fabricating stories that the disciples came at night, took the body, and made up stories of his resurrection.

Today's appearance would make it the second time Thomas was encountering the risen Lord following his skeptical utterances. This episode of the resurrection encounter took place at the Sea of Tiberias. Simon Peter was with six other disciples when, suddenly, he wanted to go fishing. He may have been tired of sitting around waiting for what comes next. Being out of work could give rise to boredom. Going back to their former way of life as fishermen seemed like a great way to break the boredom. The other disciples also decided to go along. Moreover, going fishing is a beautiful metaphor for encouraging vocations and for evangelization. Both ministries are not the sole responsibility of priests and bishops, but of the whole Church. We all need to go fishing.

However, fishing together is no guarantee of success either. Peter and his companions fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus appeared to them at dawn without being recognized and suggests that they cast the net on the other side of the boat. They were amazed at the enormous catch of one hundred and fifty three fish. The lesson here is that skills and perseverance do not guarantee a good catch. Peter and his companions had both and yet were unsuccessful. The presence of the risen Lord made all the difference. Similarly, the presence of God in every human endeavor makes all the difference.

Like Peter and the other disciples, we have the tendency to keep fishing on the same side of the boat and getting frustrated at the pitiful result. Fishing on one side of the boat may start out well, but it is soon exhausted. Trying the other side of the boat makes a great deal of sense. Unfortunately, our environment, biases and idiosyncrasies often limit our desire to try the other side of the boat. However, the presence of God enables us to overcome these limitations and guarantees success.

It is fascinating to know that Jesus cared whether the disciples had breakfast. By the time they got on shore, he already had a charcoal fire going and prepared breakfast for them. Though they suspected it was the Lord, any further doubt dissipated when he took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. It was reminiscent of what happened at the Last Supper. Hence, as we continue our Easter celebrations, let us keep our eyes open to recognizing and celebrating the presence of the risen Lord.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Appointments:

Dear Parishioners,
Starting last Fall, the pastors in our cluster of parishes met with officials from the Archdiocesan Missionary Planning and Leadership Office regarding the future of these parishes. This was necessitated by declining population and shifting demographics, especially since the pandemic. The idea was to encourage the sharing of resources that would lead to savings on personnel cost, maintenance costs and other related costs. It was decided that the parishes would be served by two priests, a pastor and an associate pastor.

As announced last weekend, Archbishop Jeffrey Grob has appointed **Fr. Mark Payne** the **Pastor** of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Milwaukee, Saint Bernadette Parish, Milwaukee, Saint Catherine Parish, Milwaukee, Blessed Savior Parish, Milwaukee, and Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee. This appointment is effective June 17, 2025, and for a term of six years.

The Archbishop has also appointed **Fr. Francis Assisi** the **Associate Pastor** of the above parishes, also effective June 17, 2025, and for a term of two years.

Please, keep the new priests and the new parish cluster in your prayers as the transition date approaches.

Fr. Romanus


WOMEN'S Wellness Day

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Art Therapy
- Centering Prayer with liturgical movement
- Dialogue with a community of women
- Motivational resources

EVENT SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
Dr. Sushania Pryce, Family Medicine Resident
at North Side Milwaukee Health Centers
Delora Putnam-Bryant, Art Therapist, Educator
and President of the Wisconsin Art Therapy Association

*Light breakfast and lunch
will be served.*





**Saturday,
May 10, 2025
8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.**

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH
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TO REGISTER:



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.

BLESSED SAVIOR PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The nomination process to fill a position on the Pastoral Council commencing July 1, 2025, begins May 3rd and continues through the next two weeks.

All nomination forms are due by **May 12th.**

They can be turned in through the offertory collection at Mass (please fold form) or at the Parish Office. Additional nomination forms are in a basket on the table near the vesting room. All nomination forms must include the name of the person making the nomination.

Members of Blessed Savior Parish are invited to nominate yourself or other Parish Members whom you believe have the spiritual and leadership qualities to serve Blessed Savior Parish.

**GIFT MOM A ROSE THIS MOTHER'S DAY AND THANK
HER FOR HER "YES" TO LIFE!**

May 10th and May 11th Rose Sale: \$3.00 each,
sponsored by the Human Concerns Commission.
Proceeds benefit Life Wisconsin Right to Life.

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 was the strawberry sad?

Because her mom got into a jam.