

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888  
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**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  
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### Parish Trustees:

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**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org)

### West Campus

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### South Campus



4059 N. 64th St., 53216  
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**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, 11/16 Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32  
**4:00pm** † Parishioners

**Sunday, 11/17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32  
**9:00am** † Faustino & Eliza Piana  
Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 11/18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**  
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43  
**9:00am** Parishioners

**Tuesday, 11/19 School Mass, East Campus**  
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10  
**9:00am** Intentions of the priest

**Wednesday, 11/20**  
Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28  
**9:00am** † Nelson & Mary Bellows

**Saturday, 11/23 Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
**4:00pm** † Rose Siga N'dour & Emile Bass

**Sunday, 11/24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
**9:00am** † Mary Ladi Idakwo  
Thanksgiving Birthday: Nonye Obiakor  
Rosary at 8:15am

SCHOOL MASS DIRECTIVE

East Campus: 5140 N. 55th St.

Enter through the front center door of the church.

2025 Mass Intentions

*The 2025 calendar is now open for Mass Intentions. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, stop by the Parish Office or call 414-464-5033.*

Reminder that the stipend for Mass intentions is \$20.



Anointing of the sick will take place in the chapel  
Saturday, November 30, after the 4pm Mass.

Anointing may also be done any time by appointment.  
Please call the parish office.  
We also remember in our prayers those who are sick  
and cannot attend Mass.

Pastor's Sunday Reflection

As we draw closer to the end of the liturgical year, eschatological themes dominate the readings. This Sunday is no different since we are only a week from the end of the current liturgical year and two weeks from the beginning of Advent and a new liturgical year. Eschatological themes serve to remind us that the end will come someday. Hence, the need for adequate preparation to ensure that one is not caught off-guard.

The very thought of the world coming to an end is quite a frightening proposition. In the first reading, Daniel describes the end of time as unsurpassed in distress since nations began. He says that the dead would be raised. Some shall live forever while others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. The good news is that the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament. Daniel describes the wise as people who lead many to justice and whom God will find worthy of his promises. We could extrapolate that embracing God and his Church would be the greatest proof of wisdom. Likewise, rejecting God and the Church would be the greatest act of foolishness.

This part of the book of Daniel falls under a literary genre referred to as apocalyptic writings. The genre makes extensive use of poetry and prose, and engages the imagination and emotions. The idea is to scare people into recognizing the horrors of sin and the devastation that sin brings. Contemplating the horrors of sin moves one's heart to seek redemption in God.

The description of the end of time contained in this Sunday's gospel is even more terrifying. It describes the darkening of the sun and moon, and stars falling from the sky. It is reminiscent of some predictions of the end-time by some scientists. One of the many theories involves the expansion, contraction, and implosion of the Sun. They make references to gamma rays and describe horrific consequences that will involve the termination of all life on earth. The accuracy of these predictions still remains to be seen, but who wants to stick around to find out what may happen in several million years?

Given the various predictions of doomsday, it is hard not to think that the world is generally consumed with eschatology. Some doomsday preppers have built bunkers they believe would withstand the impending doom. They stockpile water, food, and survival kits, and arm themselves to prevent intrusion from the "unwise" who failed to prepare.

Obviously, modern doomsday prophets never learn. Despite being proven wrong countless times over the centuries, they continue to make predictions with certitude and audacity. They cite the ancient Mayan calendar, Chinese calendar, astronomical and astrological calculations, etc. Recall the prediction that the world would end in December 2012. The world is still standing. It would be great if someone held them accountable for misleading people or at least compel them to publicly acknowledge that they were wrong.

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People of faith ought not be concerned about when the world would end. Rather, we ought to be more concerned with living our faith day-by-day. In the gospel, Jesus states: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Since we do not know when the end would come, the best we could do is to prepare ourselves spiritually than trying to save our skins like the doomsday preppers. We ought to be more concerned with saving our souls. A person's world comes to an end when they take that last breath. That is when the new world begins.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

## Welcome our new Archbishop-Designate



The Most Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob has been named the 12th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee today by Pope Francis. Archbishop-Designate Grob, a native of Cross Plains, WI, has been an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago since 2020. Archbishop-Designate Grob's welcome video can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/1026275084?share=copy>



### A message from your bulletin editor:

*Why did the apple pie cross the road?*

*It saw a fork up ahead.*

## Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of Nov. 23rd and 24th, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Canned Meat/Canned Fruit**

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

## 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,  
Jeanne Rossner, Thomas Schmid,  
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,  
Mary Frances Williams, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,  
Lucia Rivera**

*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.**

## MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest

Announcing the 2024-2025 MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest! The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) is a worldwide organization for Catholic youth, sponsored by the Pope through the Pontifical Mission Societies. The MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest is a way for participants to help others prepare for Christmas and share the Gospel through art. Within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee three winners will be chosen from grades PreK-8th grade.

Deadline is Jan. 31, 2025. For more info visit: [https://info.missio.org/2024\\_25\\_entryform](https://info.missio.org/2024_25_entryform)

The giving tree will be in the back of church, beginning **Nov 23rd and ends Dec 8th**. We hope this gives everyone a chance to select their tags before the Black Friday shopping begins.



Thank you in advance for your generosity

*The 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.

