

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

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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 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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YOU ARE THE CHRIST.

MK 8:29



School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org

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Erin O'Donnell, 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, 9/14 Vigil of 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3
4:00pm † Margaret & Eldred Harry

Sunday, 9/15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday
Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3
9:00am † Thomas Alioto
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 9/16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
9:00am † Dorothy Garity

Wednesday, 9/18
1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
9:00am † Bruno Gueye & Omar Badji

Saturday, 9/21 Vigil of 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
4:00pm † Suzanne Kreamsreiter
11:00 am Wedding of Samuel & Adaobi

Sunday, 9/22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
9:00am † Keith Alioto
Rosary at 8:15am

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

We invite all who are interested in sharing your vocal talents to join the 9:00 Mass Choir as we praise God through a variety of vocal songs.

Either contact Marilyn Ratke at the Parish Center, 414-464-5033, ext. 15, or come to our next rehearsal; enter through the West side door at the back of the church.

It is a wonderful way to both receive joy and give it as we serve God and our church community!



Wedding Banns III

Samuel Nnadi and Adaobi Goodness Obieze
Date of wedding: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Contribution Envelopes

If you have not been receiving your contribution envelopes, or need replacements, please send your name and phone number to parish@blessedsavior.org or submit it in the box on the table in the Villard hallway. If you have had a recent address change, please include that as well. Paper and pencils are provided. Thank you!

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Pastor's Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus poses a question to his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" Jesus clearly understood who he was as the Messiah, and often identified himself in relation to God the Father, but it was doubtful that the people really knew him. The "I am" in this question is reminiscent of God's self-revelation to Moses in the burning bush (Ex. 3:13-14). Could it be that Jesus deliberately included the answer in the question? He may have cued the disciples to understand his identity in relation to the Father, as the second person of the Trinity.

The responses show that some people thought that Jesus was the reincarnation of John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets. During their lifetime, these prophets manifested special qualities that led some to mistake them for the Messiah. The tendency to be mistaken for the Messiah prompted John the Baptist to declare unequivocally that he was not the Messiah. He went as far as stating that he was unworthy to untie the Messiah's sandals. The irony in play here is that not only were the prophets mistaken for the Messiah, the Messiah was mistaken for the prophets. As well intentioned as the people's responses were, they still missed the mark. Hence, Jesus turned to his closest friends and asked, "But who do you say that I am?"

Speaking on behalf of the twelve, Peter responded without hesitation, "You are the Christ." It seemed like the months of training were beginning to pay off. In Matthew's account of this passage, this was Peter's greatest moment and Jesus did nothing to conceal his excitement, showering Peter with blessings. He assured him that he would be the rock upon which the Church would be built and gave him the keys to the kingdom, to bind and to loosen (Matt. 16:18-20). However, in today's gospel from Mark, Jesus has no time to lavish accolades on Peter, but quickly invokes the Messianic secret, urging them to keep his identity secret. There is an implicit sense of urgency.

He proceeded to teach them about the paschal mystery, that the Son of Man must suffer greatly, be rejected by the leaders, killed, and rise after three days. Peter's love and admiration for the master moved him to pull him aside and rebuke him for references to suffering and death. In response, Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus ceases the opportunity to teach about the need for any would-be disciple to deny himself/herself, take up the cross and follow him. The message is clear – the way to salvation involves pain and suffering.

Whereas Peter's revelation of Jesus' Messianic identity was his greatest moment in Matthew's gospel, it was one of his lowest moments in Mark gospel. Rather than the accolades and blessings he enjoyed in Matthew's gospel, he was scolded for trying to interfere with the divine plan. Obviously, Jesus did not mean that Peter was Satan in the literal sense but that he was acting like Satan who has a knack for putting stumbling blocks on the path that leads to salvation.

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Jesus was challenging Peter to focus on the good news that he would rise on the third day than on the bad news associated with suffering and death.

What if Jesus were to ask you the same question he asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" What would your response be, and how insightful would it be? We obviously know Jesus to be the Christ, the Messiah, however, the best response would be manifested in our way of living. St. Paul made that point in the second reading by highlighting the relationship between faith and good works. We affirm Jesus' identity when we feed the poor, clothe the naked, volunteer for ministries in the parish, attend Mass, commit our talent, time and treasure to support the church and her mission. Moreover, we affirm our faith in the Messiah when we take up the cross and follow him.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Parish Hall A/C

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to inform you for the record that the air conditioning of the parish hall was completed about three weeks ago. The completion of this project makes the parish hall a very comfortable gathering space for summer celebrations. This was a major project given the size of the parish hall. As you know, it was one of our three projects for the Love One Another capital campaign organized by the Archdiocese. Every parish was obligated to participate in the campaign to raise \$150 Million.

We met our goal of raising \$429,905. Of that amount, \$257,943 (60%) would stay in the parish while 40% would go to the Archdiocese. We identified three major projects for our portion of the campaign money: 1. Air condition the parish hall; 2. Install new video and audio systems in the Church; 3. Install electronic sign in front of the Church.

The current total in our Love One Another account from fulfilled pledges is \$83,461.01. Of this amount, \$63,752 would be paid out to Kettle Moraine Heating and Air Conditioning LLC, for the installation of four air conditioning units in the parish hall. This project includes the installation of Bollards to prevent vehicles from hitting the a/c units outside and installation of fencing and gate for security.

Kudos to all who have fulfilled one hundred percent of their pledges and also to all who are following through with their pledge commitments on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. As you fulfill your pledges and funds accumulate, we would embark on the next project. Thank you again for your pledges and contributions to the Love One Another campaign. I strongly urge you to continue to fulfill your pledges to the campaign. Send your pledges directly to the Archdiocese in the periodic pledge fulfillment envelopes that arrive in the mail.

Blessings,

Fr. Romanus

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, 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.,
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.

Change the life of a Blessed Savior East child

Become a Rising Stars tutor and help at-risk students one-on-one strengthen their academic skills. The only requirements needed are care, compassion and patience. Contact **Laura Harvancik** at **262-787-1018** or at **director@risingstarsmilwaukee.org** to learn more.



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Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **Sept 21st and 22nd**, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Mashed Potatoes/Canned Vegetables**.
Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you.

A message from your bulletin editors:



Why did the frog take the bus to work?

His car got toad.