

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225  
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Barbara O'Donnell, Systems Coordinator  
Marilyn Ratke, Interim Director of Music  
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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm

### 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.

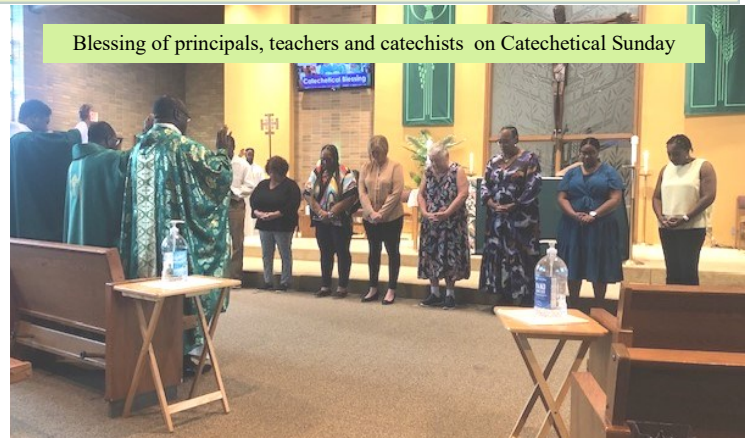
**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 5558 N. 69 St.  
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

### Pastoral Council Officers:

Kevin Senfleben, Chair  
Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair  
Bruce Mayer, Secretary

### Parish Trustees:

Larry Kalbas, Treasurer  
Christian Nwonye, Secretary



Blessing of principals, teachers and catechists on Catechetical Sunday



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

### West Campus

8545 W. Villard Ave, 53225

414-464-5775

Natalie Galloway, Principal

### South Campus

4059 N. 64th St., 53216

414-463-3878

Paula Dixon, Principal

### East Campus

5140 N. 55th St., 53218

414-438-2745

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, 9/21 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  
**12:00 pm** 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

**Monday, 9/23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**  
 Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18  
**9:00am** Parishioners

**Tuesday, 9/24 School Mass - South Campus**  
 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
**9:00am** Intentions of the priest

**Wednesday, 9/25**  
 Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6  
**9:00am** † Rita Hohensee

**Saturday, 9/28 Vigil of 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
**4:00pm** † Nancy & Amber Anderson

**Sunday, 9/29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
**9:00am** - Thanksgiving Birthday of Beatrice Ephraim Mmekam  
 - Baptism of Robert Bracken IV  
 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 rehearsals on Thursdays at 5pm; 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 IIII

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



Anointing of the sick will take place in the chapel Sunday, September 29, after the 9:00 am 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 Gospel Reflection

This Sunday's gospel is about one of the fundamental beliefs of the Church - the paschal mystery. The Second Vatican council often used the term *mysterium paschalis* (the paschal mystery) to designate the redemption accomplished through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. The paschal mystery is at the core of our liturgical celebrations. Contemplating the paschal mystery evokes the feeling of awe and gratitude among God's people. It is awesome to know that God loves us to the point of allowing his only Son to suffer and die for us. We respond with deep gratitude and renewed commitment to discipleship.

In the gospel, we learn that Jesus and his disciples began a secret journey through Galilee. On the way, Jesus had premonitions about those experiences he would be undergoing in his last days on earth. He was troubled by the heavy burden associated with suffering and death, and shared these thoughts with his disciples stating: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant, and were afraid to ask for clarification.

As one would expect, this sudden negative assessment of his future caught the disciples off-guard. They would have done themselves a favor by empathizing with their Master. It is also possible that they were afraid of getting it wrong and being reprimanded for being slow. Hence, they resorted to diversion. Rather than contemplate the meaning of dying and rising, they argued about who among them was the greatest. One lesson here is the importance of empathy. Of course, it is easy to blame the disciples for their lack of attention and empathy, but we often do the same. Sometimes, in our self-absorption, we fail to engage other people's problems for fear of saying the wrong thing.

Obviously, there is nothing wrong with taking care of one's own problems so long as it does not prevent us from caring about others. Rather than engaging Jesus, the disciples contemplated their individual positions and ranking in God's kingdom. Jesus ceases that opportunity to teach them about humility and service. Hence, being the greatest no longer means being at the head of the banquet table but rather being the servant of all. Furthermore, greatness no longer means associating with the rich and powerful, but rather being in the company of the lowly, the child-like.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus





## RESPECT LIFE CHURCH HALL *Meeting*

**Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9-11 a.m.**  
ST. MARY'S VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH (ATRIUM)  
1260 Church St., Elm Grove, WI 53122

*Optional Mass at 8 a.m.  
with the Sacrament of Reconciliation to Follow*

You're invited to an open forum to learn more about pro-life initiatives in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, listen to local pro-life leaders, and discover the many ways that your parish can make a difference. Admission is free, but RSVP is requested.



<https://qrco.de/bfJFi9>

Deacon Jim Matthias, *Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministry* | [matthiasj@archmil.org](mailto:matthiasj@archmil.org) | 414-769-3454

**ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE**



## *A Day of Healing:* Beyond Divorce

Whether you are still in the process of divorcing, or you have been divorced for years, this day of healing is offered to all. Explore divorce in a deeper, gentler way, including presentations that guide you in a relationship with yourself, with God, and with others.

**Saturday, November 2, 2024 • 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Schoenstatt Sisters Retreat House**  
W284 N698 Cherry Ln, Waukesha, WI 53188

**Presenter: Marianne Skrobiak, MS, MA, LPC.**  
*Marianne is a licensed psychotherapist with many years' experience in separated and divorced ministry, and author of the "Return to Life" series.*

**Cost: \$50 (includes lunch).** Financial assistance is available.  
**Note:** Adults only please. People of all faiths are welcome!  
**Pre-registration required:** <https://qrco.de/bfJt39>

REGISTER HERE:



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

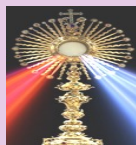


Questions? Contact: Edell Schaefer ([ballintra@wi.rr.com](mailto:ballintra@wi.rr.com))

### 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.



### 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.



## *Rosary* for Healing & Protection

*For those impacted by  
sexual abuse and the protection  
of all God's children.*

**Saturday, October 5, 2024 | 10 a.m.**

**Archdiocesan Marian Shrine**

**ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE**

### Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of Sept 28th and 29th, the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with  
**Pork & Beans / 1 lb. Rice**  
Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you.

**A message from your bulletin editors:**



*Why was the math book so sad?  
Because it had so many problems.*