

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

April 23, 2023

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225  
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Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 9am  
Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel

### Rite of Initiation at the Easter Vigil April 8, 2023



First  
Communion  
for Michael

Full Communion (Communion and Confirmation)  
For Jackie Bell-Brown



(left to right)  
Philomena, Michael  
Basil, Amarachukwu  
Fr. Romanus, Pastor  
Pat Novara  
Jackie Bell-Brown  
Mike Malloy



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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.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

**Communal** - Suspended for now.

**Individual** - Call the parish office.

**Baptisms:** Call the parish office to set up an 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.

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#### 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, 4/22 - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter***Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a) /  
1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35*

4:00pm † All Souls

**Sunday, 4/23 - 3rd Sunday of Easter***Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a) /  
1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35*

9:00am † Mary Hentz

Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 4/24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
Priest and Martyr***Acts 6:8-15 / Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / Jn 6:22-29*

9:00am † Paulette Bangura

**Tuesday, 4/25 - St. Mark, Evangelist***1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 / Mk 16:15-20*9:30am South/West Campus Mass  
Intention of the Priest**Wednesday, 4/26 - Easter Weekday***Acts 8:1b-8 / Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a / Jn 6:35-40*

9:00am † Joseph Valent

**Saturday, 4/29 - Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter***Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) /  
1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10*

4:00pm † Stanley Bruskiwicz

**Sunday, 4/30 - 4th Sunday of Easter***Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) /  
1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10*9:00am Young and Francisca Obinna  
25th Wedding Anniversary/Marriage Blessing  
First Holy Communion

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Tuesday,  
April 25, 9:30am at the West Campus.  
Enter through the east side door of the church.



**Congratulations to Noel T. who will be  
Confirmed on Thursday, April 27, 2023  
at St. Agnes Parish**

*May the Holy Spirit continue to bless you  
with the gift of faith and guide your lifelong  
journey with God.*

*May God grant Noel the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding,  
Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the  
Lord.*

**- Fr. Romanus and parishioners of Blessed Savior**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Sunday Reflection:**

In this Sunday's gospel, we read about Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The question is: Is it possible for one to walk with Jesus and still not recognize him? Absolutely! Certainly, the two disciples were preoccupied with the narrative about the events in Jerusalem pertaining to Jesus. The crucifixion and death of Jesus left them downcast and pretty burdened with sorrow. Their preoccupation with the passion prevented them from recognizing and celebrating the resurrection. Had they believed the report of the women at the tomb, their sadistic disposition would have given way to enthusiastic and spontaneous celebration. Nonetheless, they will join the esteemed group of eyewitnesses to the resurrection.

A popular theologian, Bernard Lonergan, wrote about a method for gaining true knowledge. This method consists of a four stage process he called the "fundamental imperatives," namely: 1. Be attentive, 2. Be intelligent, 3. Be reasonable, and 4. Be responsible. He said the first step is very important because it sets the stage for the others. Being attentive involves utilizing the senses to collect data from the world around us. It means paying attention to our surroundings and picking up information about people and things around us. Hence, if the two disciples on the road to Emmaus had taken this first step seriously, they would have recognized "the stranger" as the risen Lord.

Similarly, we have to be attentive to our surroundings to ensure that we do not miss opportunities to encounter the Risen Lord. We ought to pay attention to the stranger, the poor, the elderly, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, and all who are in need around us. Ministry to people in need hinges on our ability to recognize the Lord whom they represent. Take time to know them and listen to their stories in a compassionate and non-judgmental manner. We cannot afford to be so preoccupied with our personal problems that we fail to engage the people around us, especially those in need. If the two disciples had not been absorbed in their personal grief and feelings of loss at what happened to Jesus, they might have recognized the risen Lord as he engaged them on that road to Emmaus.

However, they deserve credit for their gracious hospitality to this stranger. Their hospitality was rewarded with a revelation of the risen Lord. During the breaking of bread, it was as if scales fell from their eyes and they recognized the Lord as he uttered those solemn words at their dinner table. It was then that they recalled the events of the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist. Likewise, we ought to be attentive during liturgical celebrations to ensure that we recognize the Lord with whom we break bread.

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As a community of faith, one cannot say enough about the importance of hospitality. It is clearly reflected in our mission statement which describes us as “a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ...” Our extended sign of peace during the celebration of the Eucharist is a good example. We also strive in many other ways to be a welcoming community. It is very important that we retain our welcoming disposition since in welcoming strangers we welcome Christ. If the two disciples on the road to Emmaus had not been hospitable to “the stranger” they would have missed the revelation that followed.

Have a great week!

*Fr. Romanus*

**Love One Another  
Capital Campaign  
Volunteer Report Meeting**

Thursday, April 27 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



**Safe Environment Week**

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 23–29 as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church’s efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.



**Mass of Blessing for Law Enforcement**

Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30pm.

All law enforcement, retirees and their families are invited to attend, as well as members of the general public.

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**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:

Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Edward Richard John Kurhajetz, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Joe Ratke, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeanne Rossner, Judith Scheible, Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Eleonore Ulik, 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.**

**Easter Environment Decorators**

We would like to thank all who helped with their valuable time and talent decorating for the Easter season this year. Job well done!



*Gene and Kathy Brunner*

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Mother: don't forget to use a coaster!

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