

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 4th Sunday of Lent

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225  
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March 19, 2023

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 9am  
Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel

### Parish Staff:

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Website: [www.blessedsaviorparish.org](http://www.blessedsaviorparish.org)  
Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm

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### Download our App:

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.

### 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.

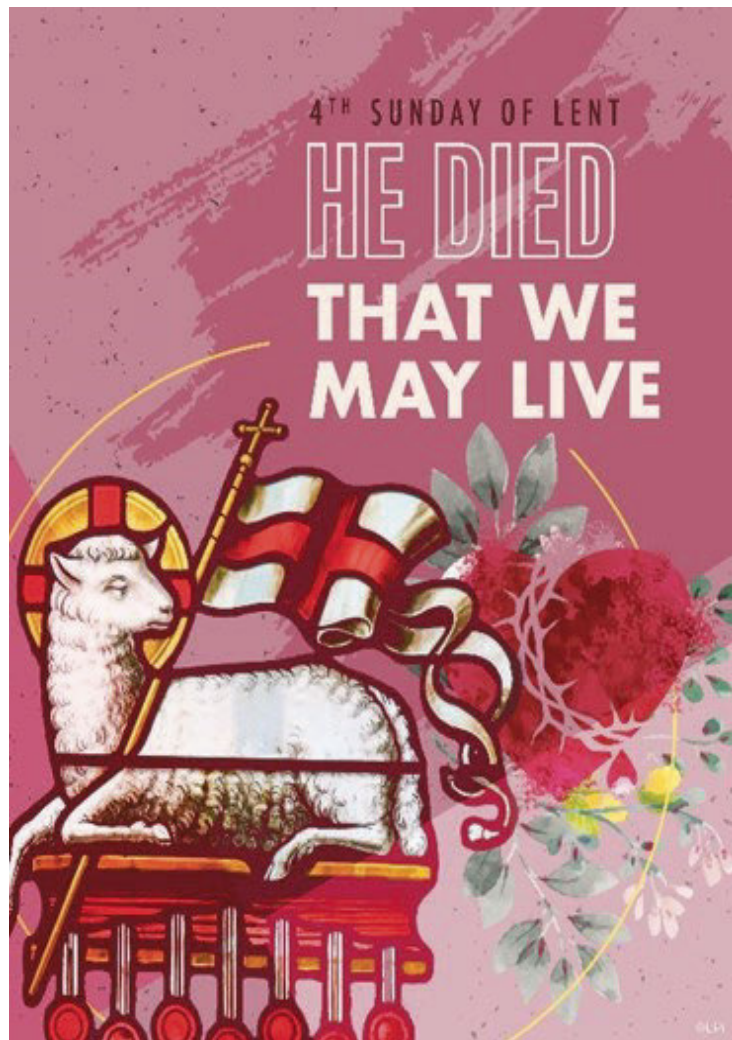
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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

### West Campus

8545 W. Villard Ave., 53225  
414-464-5775

Sarah Radiske, Principal

### South Campus

4059 N. 64th St., 53216  
414-463-3878

Renee Manikham, 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, 3/18 - Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent**

*1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 OR 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

4:00pm † Theresa Somers

**Sunday, 3/19 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

*1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 OR 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

9:00am † Marie Therese Sambou

† Gabriel Senghor

Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 3/20 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a OR Lk 2:41-51a*

9:00am In Thanksgiving (Serge & Sabine Memiaghe)

**Tuesday, 3/21 - Lenten Weekday**

*Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16*

9:00am West Campus Mass

Intention of the Priest

**Wednesday, 3/22 - Lenten Weekday**

*Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30*

9:00am † Mickey and Candy Posnanski

**Saturday, 3/25 - Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent**

*Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 OR Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45*

4:00pm Parishioners

**Sunday, 3/26 - 5th Sunday of Lent**

*Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 OR Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45*

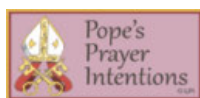
9:00am † Ervin Bonds

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Tuesday,  
March 21, 9:00am at the West Campus.  
Enter through the east side door of the church.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2023 - For Victims of Abuse**

*We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*

**Dear Parishioners,****Sunday Reflection:**

The miraculous healing of the man born blind took place on a Sabbath, near the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. It reflected the prevalent rabbinic teaching that saw correlation between sin and sickness. Jesus refuted that assumption and asserted that the blind man's condition was meant for the manifestation of God's glory, not punishment for personal sin. The emphasis is not so much on the miracle but on Jesus' ability to meet human needs.

The opposition claimed that the man was faking it and not really blind. Therefore, he could not have been healed by Jesus. The man's parents were compelled to testify that the man was blind from birth. The opposition claimed that Jesus was a sinner by repeatedly violating the Sabbath law and could not have possibly performed the miracle.

The Pharisees had a difficult time refuting the blind man's account of his personal experience of healing. To the ridiculous idea that Jesus was a sinner incapable of performing such miracles, the blind man retorted: "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." (9:25). Fr. Robert Barron (now Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles) wrote a book based on this passage and entitled, "And Now I See." In the book, Fr. Barron describes Christianity as a way of seeing, and speaks about the Christian way of life as being rooted in the transformation of vision. Obviously, the blind man in our story experienced the transformation of vision, whereas the Pharisees remained blind. Christianity is essentially about looking at the world with different lens and able to see clearly what others miss.

Unable to convince the blind man to recant his miracle story, the Pharisees got rid of him. They threw him out of the synagogue and out of the community. It is a reminder that faith and persecution often go hand in hand, but God is always there with his reassuring presence. Thus, after the man's expulsion, Jesus came looking for him and led him to a deeper profession of faith.

The whole passage underscores two types of blindness, physical and spiritual. While the man in our story was physically blind, he had a distinctively clear spiritual vision. On the contrary, the Pharisees who claimed to see perfectly were spiritually blind. When some of the Pharisees in his company asked if he also considered them blind, Jesus responded, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains." Therefore, the issue is not whether one is blind, but whether the person is open to the transformation of vision through an encounter with Jesus, the true light of the world.

Have a great week!

**Fr. Romanus**

*St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!*

*Feast Day - March 20, 2023*





## Lenten Season at Blessed Savior

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday during Lent, 6:30pm

**CRS Rice Bowl** collection during Lent

**Communal Reconciliation**, Wednesday, 3/22, 6pm

**3rd Scrutiny**, 9am Mass, 3/26

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4/1, 4pm Mass with Blessing of Palms

4/2, 9am Mass with Blessing of Palms

**Easter Triduum** takes place from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.



**Holy Thursday**, 4/6, 6pm Mass

**Good Friday**, 4/7, 6pm Service with Communion

**Easter Vigil**, 4/8, 8pm Mass

**Easter Sunday**, 4/9, 9am Mass



*Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice*  
**12 HOURS of**  
*Reconciliation*

On **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**, area priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

[www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice](http://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice)



Scan the code for more information.

St. Margaret Mary Parish will be the host site for parishes in our Deanery on March 29.  
8am — 8pm

## Love One Another Capital Campaign Volunteer Report Meeting

Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



## SVDP Lenten Food Drive: Week 5, March 25 & 26

The pantry could use your help filling the shelves with mac & cheese, elbow macaroni, noodles, canned chicken, ham or spam, mouthwash. Thank you for your support!

## School Registration

Have you considered registering your children for Blessed Savior School? Seats are available in K3-8th grade.

East Campus at 414-438-2745  
West Campus at 414-464-5775  
South Campus at 414-463-3878

## 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, David Cheever, 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, Ellen Malloy, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Joe Ratke, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, 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.

## Palms

The palms you received on Palm Sunday last year will be burned in the fire at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8. Parishioners can bring their palms to church and place them in the baskets located at each entrance.

## Easter Flower Offering

Please use the envelope from your weekly packet for your Easter flower memorials or pick one up from the table in the back of church. If you are participating in Faith Direct and wish to have a loved one's name in memory or honor of, please fill out an envelope or sheet of paper and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 414-464-5033 with their names and they will be recorded. Remember to print clearly, indicating the name of those for whom the memorial or honor is intended.



## Late Nite Catechism - Gloriously Funny!

Staring parishioner **Diana Alioto**  
March 31, 7:30pm, Vogel Hall at Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.  
414-273-7206 or [marcuscenter.org](http://marcuscenter.org)  
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