

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

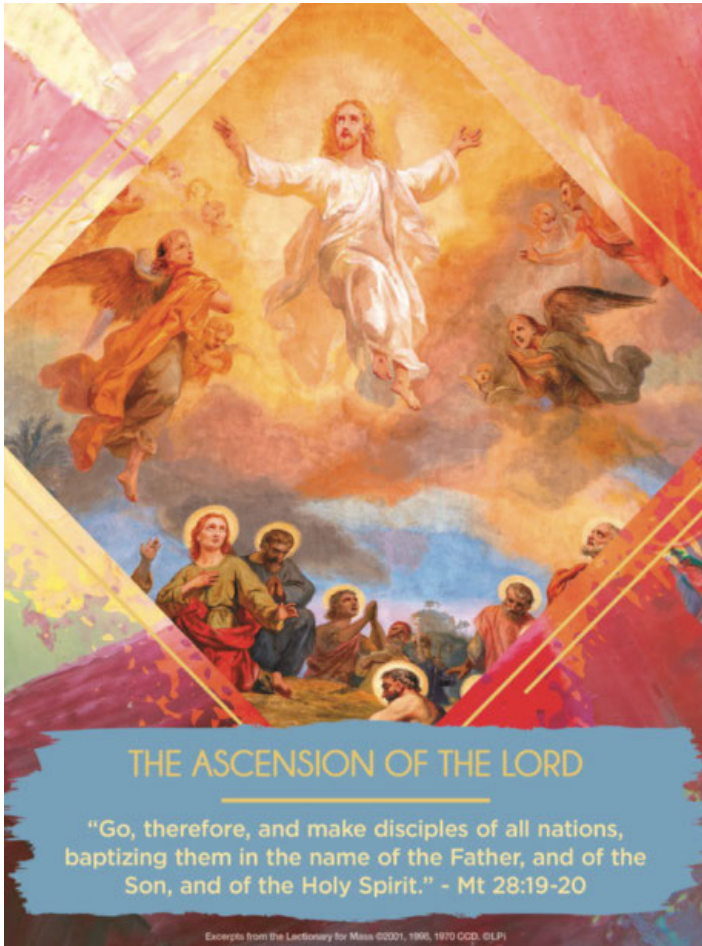
## The Ascension of the Lord

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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May 21, 2023

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



### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1986, 1970 GCD, GLPI)



*At the 9am Mass today, we celebrate  
Fr. Kenneth Anyanwu's first Mass at Blessed Savior.*

*May God's blessings be upon you as you begin your  
priestly ministry. May God grant you peace and  
happiness all the days of your life.*

#### 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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**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, 5/20 - Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord**  
*Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20*

4:00pm † Al and Jean Siegel

**Sunday, 5/21 - The Ascension of the Lord**  
*Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20*

9:00am Fr. Kenneth Anyanwu  
 Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 5/22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
*Acts 19:1-8 / Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab / Jn 16:29-33*  
 9:00am † Ervin Bonds

**Tuesday, 5/23 - Easter Weekday**  
*Acts 20:17-27 / Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 / Jn 17:1-11a*  
 9:00am West Campus Mass  
 Intention of the Priest

**Wednesday, 5/24 - Easter Weekday**  
*Acts 20:28-38 / Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab / Jn 17:11b-19*  
 9:00am Parishioners

**Saturday, 5/27 - Vigil of Pentecost Sunday**  
*Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (30) / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23*  
 4:00pm † Deceased Members of the  
 Francis and Helen Brunner Family

**Sunday, 5/28 - Pentecost Sunday**  
*Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (30) / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23*  
 9:00am † Joseph and Joan Trinkl  
 Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Tuesday,  
 May 23, 9:00am at the West Campus.  
 Enter through the east side door of  
 the church.



Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of

**Kathleen Dachs, parishioner**

*May she find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn her and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

Dear Parishioners,

### Feast of the Ascension:

This Sunday is The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Though the actual day of the feast was last Thursday, many ecclesiastical provinces in the United States, including ours, have moved the feast to the Sunday following Ascension Thursday. This is in synch with the trend of moving some solemn feasts that fall on weekdays to the weekend in order to encourage greater participation. Many people readily excuse themselves from these celebrations on weekdays due to work schedules, etc. Hence, celebrating them on weekends encourages greater participation.

The Feast of the Ascension is a celebration of our belief that Jesus ascended to heaven forty days after his resurrection. His ascension underscores the completion of his earthly mission of saving humankind from the clutches of sin and death, and opening for us the gates to heaven. Celebration of the Ascension goes back to the 4th century and is attested to by Sts. Augustine, John Chrysostom and Gregory of Nyssa. It is also mentioned by *The Apostolic Constitution* and the *Pilgrim of Egeria*.

Ascension is home-coming for Jesus as he reunites with the Father in heaven. It also ushers in the era of the Holy Spirit as the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to his disciples not to leave them orphaned. As with every separation, the ascension created a sort of separation anxiety for the disciples. Jesus quickly comforted them and reassured them that it was for their own good that he returned to the Father. Unlike the limited time the disciples had with their Master, the presence of the Holy Spirit will be for eternity. The Holy Spirit is a mark of continuity as we strive as Church to carry on the mission Christ entrusted to us.

Have a great week!

**Fr. Romanus**

### Roses for Mother's Day

Thank you Blessed Savior family for helping raise money for Pro-Life Wisconsin and bringing smiles to so many women on Mother's Day.



- Human Concerns Commission



All are invited to wear **RED** for worship next weekend at Mass on May 27 & 28 as we celebrate **PENTECOST**. By wearing red, together we can create a thrilling visual symbol of the fire of God's love.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Every Friday in the Chapel.  
 11am-2:30pm. Use the east church door entrance.  
 5pm-6:30pm. Use the west church door entrance.

**Charismatic Adoration followed by Charismatic Prayer** - Every Friday in the Chapel, 6:30pm. Use the west church door entrance.

## Five-Year Pledges

**Who is being asked to pledge to the Love One Another Campaign?**

All households in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be asked to prayerfully consider a five-year commitment.

### Why does the campaign request five-year pledges?

Pledges payable over five years allow families to budget their contributions in monthly or annual payments. Most of us can make larger commitments over time than we might be able to all-at-once. Five-year pledges help ensure we can meet our parish's campaign goal and fund the needs of the parish and important Catholic ministries in our 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin.

### When do pledge payments begin?

Each family determines the timing and frequency of their pledge payments and how payments are made.

**Updated on 5/17/23**  
**Parish Goal: \$439,905**  
**Parish 60% Share: \$257,943**  
**Total Pledged: \$342,060**  
**Percent Goal Pledged: 80%**  
**Number Pledges: 43**  
**Participation Rate: 11%**



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### Feast of Ugandan Martyrs

The Office for World Mission is collaborating with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Black Catholic Ministry Commission for the Feast of Ugandan Martyrs.

Saturday, June 3 - 2pm Mass  
 St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church  
 128 W. Burleigh St. Milwaukee, WI

Presider: Fr. Anthony Okore

Music Ministry: Sacred Voices of Africa Choir  
 Fellowship following Mass featuring African cuisine.  
 Register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/UgandanMartyrs>

## 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.**

### SVDP Summer Food Drive

Children will be home from school during the summer. The pantry could use your help filling the shelves with cold cereal and any canned food items. Thank you for your support. May God bless you in return.



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**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.**

414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

### Pastoral Council Officers:

Paul Bina, Chair  
 Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair  
 Mahalia Malone, Secretary

### Parish Trustees:

Curt Kandel, Treasurer  
 Christian Nwonye, Secretary

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

### West Campus

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 414-464-5775

**Sarah Radiske, Principal**

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**Renee Manikham, Principal**

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