

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

May 2, 2021

## 5th Sunday of Easter

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Weekday Masses are suspended for now

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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.

**Baptism:** Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

**Confessions:** Call the parish office.

**Communal Penance:** Seasonal as announced.

**Funerals:** Please 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.  
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### Pastoral Council Officers:

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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.*

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Saturday, 5/1 - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter  
*Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a] / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8*  
 4:00pm † All Souls

Sunday, 5/2 - 5th Sunday of Easter  
*Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a] / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8*  
 9:00am † Bob and Terry Leack  
 Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 5/8 - Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter  
*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b] / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17*  
 4:00pm † Alfred Koeppen

Sunday, 5/9 - 6th Sunday of Easter  
 Mother's Day  
*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b] / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17*  
 9:00am † Lorraine Staniszewski  
 † Christiana Aromeh  
 Rosary at 8:15am

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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*May 6, 2021*  
 Turn to God in prayer  
 and meditation as we  
 remember our nation,  
 local communities and  
 the vulnerable.

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



*Marianne Meunier, 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*

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.







“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

“The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure.”



*Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger*

**Are You Vaccinated?**

Anyone dealing with small pox or polio recently? Of course not. These and several others have been eradicated when over 80% of Americans got vaccinated then and kids still get the shot in infancy/childhood.

The same can happen with Covid-19. The Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are effective and available. If you have already been vaccinated, thank you. If not, please consider doing so.

**The Seminary Golf Outing is Back!**

You are invited to support the formation of holy priests by attending Saint Francis de Sales Seminary’s Pallium Scholarship Benefit on Monday, June 14 at the beautiful Wisconsin Country Club. Golf away the afternoon and/or join Seminary supporters at the outdoor reception with cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres.

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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, Bernetta, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Alaina Chenow, Dennis Claas, Anna Emmerich, Catherine Felber, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Marie Miranda, Barb Moroder, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Beth Newton, Sr. Gina Redig, SSND, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Joyce Sachse, Anton Schleiss, Sharon Tym, Joseph Valent, Mary Frances Williams

*Lord Jesus, You 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.

Names remain on the Sick List for 4 weeks and then are given to the Prayer Circle. For names to be removed sooner, call the parish office.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of “Joys and Concerns” and all those who wrote them.

**PRAYER FOR TEACHERS**

MAY 4, 2021

Christ our Teacher, you conveyed your message through parables and proclamations, through mighty deeds and miracles, through silence, sacrifice, and love.

On this National Teacher Day, may all educators be inspired by your example of patient invitation to truth.

Grant them the grace to lead by example, to teach with wisdom and authority, and to treat every child with dignity.

May they be strengthened to continue in this necessary work for the Kingdom of God.

Amen.



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