

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4PM, Sunday, 9AM Weekday Masses are suspended for now



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again,  
"Peace be with you. As  
the Father has sent me, so  
I send you." - Jn 20:21

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**Sacraments:** Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick:**  
Communal - Suspended for now.  
Individual - Call the parish office.

**Baptism:** Contact 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.

**Ministry to the Sick:** When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call 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.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## SATURDAY, 3/30 - VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

4:00pm † Theresa Somers

## SUNDAY, 3/31 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

9:00am † Lorraine & Stanley Staniszewski

## SATURDAY, 6/6 - VIGIL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

4:00pm † Lorraine Schmidt

## SUNDAY, 6/7 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

9:00am † Robert & Terry Leack

Blessed Savior parishioners express their sympathy to the families of:

Marcella McCormick, sister of Paul Bina

Robert Bark, husband of Audrey Bark

Noritta Ballmann, wife of Harold Ballmann

Glen Thuring, husband of Janet Thuring

Eleanore Mishak, parishioner

Lawrence Kubisiak, parishioner

Norbert "Rusty" Tym, husband of Sharon Tym

Lorraine Schmidt, parishioner and sister  
of Mary Ellen Schmidt

Donald Bernacchi, parishioner



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



The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has created a video resource to help guide parishes as they slowly return to weekend Masses.

As Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI concludes in the video, *"We've missed you, and we're happy to begin this careful return to Sunday Mass. With your cooperation and observation of these guidelines and directives, we can ensure that, soon, all of us can be gathered together again."*

To watch this video, visit our website at [www.blessedsaviorparish.org](http://www.blessedsaviorparish.org) and click on "Resources for the Pandemic."

Dear Parishioners,

This Pentecost Sunday (with the Mass of anticipation) marks our official return to the celebration of the Eucharist since the shutdown orchestrated by the pandemic. While many of us cannot wait to see one another and celebrate as a community, many more are cautious, and rightfully so given the deadly nature of the virus. Obviously, the crisis the world has faced these last few months impacted some people more than others. Overall, there is a sense of fear/trepidation as we begin to gather once more to worship as Church.

Given the current environment of fear, it is most fitting that Archbishop ListECKI chose Pentecost Sunday as our comeback Sunday. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit now more than ever. We need divine inspiration to overcome fear while taking necessary measures to ensure everyone's safety. Our gathering is inspired by our strong faith in God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. For those who do not believe in God, it may seem like foolhardy (being foolishly bold) but we know better. We are audacious but not reckless. The at-risk members unable to join us at this time should not feel less courageous or less inspired. They should rest assured of our spiritual solidarity with them.

Pentecost is recognized and celebrated as the birthday of the Church. It was remarkable that the Holy Spirit transformed a bunch of petrified disciples into courageous and determined evangelists, ready to die for their faith. The sending of the Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise not to abandon his disciples. The Holy Spirit has sustained the Church's mission through the centuries, enabling her to navigate treacherous waters of uncertainty.

The Hebrew word for "spirit" is "*ruah*," which can also mean wind, breath or life force. People with asthma understand the importance of breath, something we often take for granted. A simple experiment like holding our breath helps us appreciate the need for air. In the second creation account, God's breath gave life to the first human he created.

The celebration of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection, goes back to the early fourth century. There was connection between the celebration of Pentecost and the celebration of the Jewish festival of "First Fruits," also known as the "Feast of Weeks," fifty days after the Passover. The separate celebration of Pentecost took place about the same time Ascension became a separate liturgical celebration forty days after the resurrection. This was in accordance with biblical presentations in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1-2).

Speaking in tongues was one clear evident of the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The inspired and intelligible utterances of the transformed apostles contrasted the unintelligible babble associated with the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-9. Notwithstanding the fact that people spoke different languages, they understood the apostles' message inspired by the Holy Spirit. This was a major improvement to the glossolalia or ecstatic and unintelligible pronouncements of Old Testament prophets. The Holy Spirit enables the breaking down of barriers to human unity and solidarity.

We can hardly speak of Pentecost without mentioning the traditional gifts of the Holy Spirit based on Isaiah 11:2. They are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and the fear of the Lord. We need them to overcome our current environment of fear.

The respected theologian, Hans Kung, once stated that before the Holy Spirit can truly take hold of our lives all contrary spirits must be exorcised (*Why I Am Still A Christian*). As we celebrate Pentecost, we pray that all contrary spirits in our lives and in our community will take flight, so that God's Spirit may dwell secure.

Happy birthday, Church!

*Fr. Romanus*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:** My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

These words will echo in parishes across the Archdiocese on Pentecost Sunday when we join together in the celebration of Mass after an 11-week absence. How appropriate!

As we cautiously and carefully emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, the descent of the Holy Spirit is commemorated.

**Come Holy Spirit, come!**

*Blessed Savior Parish needs you.*

Your gift of time is needed to help your parish put into place the proper precautions and accommodations to ensure the safety of all parishioners.

Your gift of talent is needed to assist at the parish in new and necessary ministries.

Your gift of treasure is needed to fund unexpected expenses. Your gift of ANY size will help!

Find our parish online at [www.blessedsaviorparish.org](http://www.blessedsaviorparish.org) where you can give online as well as find contact information.

**No matter the gift, it is needed and appreciated.**

The Catholic community always comes together in times of crisis.

*We can do more – and emerge stronger – together.*

**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:

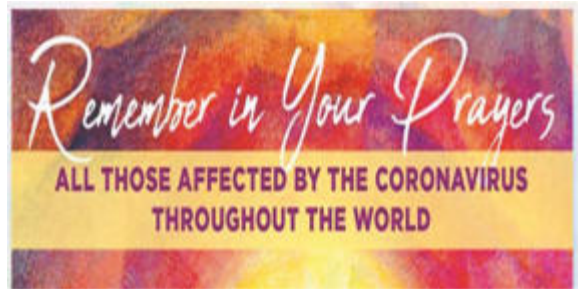
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Sharon Tym, Mary Frances Williams

*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, please 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, please call the parish office.

Please remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.



**New Members**

Welcome to our newest family who has joined Blessed Savior Parish.



**Rose Marie Schultz and Reagan Schultz**

Let's continue to make them and anyone else who walks through our doors feel welcome.



**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Summer Food Drive**

For the month of June, we could use your help filling our shelves with canned vegetables and canned fruit.

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