

2nd Sunday of Advent

*J*ohn the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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Weekdays: Mon. through Fri. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON—

Carol Spychalski, Bulletin Editor

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

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

St. Margaret Mary Mass Schedule: 3970 N. 92 St

414-461-6073 Tues., 8:15am, Wed., 7pm.,

Thurs., 8:15am., Fri. 8:15am.,

Sat., 5pm, Sunday, 9 & 11am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Any time by appointment

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal) Monthly and also by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick

When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

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

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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, 12/9 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

4:00pm † Catherine Hoppe

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/10 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

† Pierre Dasylya

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 12/11 - ST. DAMASUS I, POPE

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

9:00am † George & Trudy Grall

TUESDAY, 12/12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/dt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

9:00am † Raymond & Florence Haase

WEDNESDAY, 12/13 - ST. LUCY

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

9:00am Parishioners

THURSDAY, 12/14 - SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 12/16 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

4:00pm † Terry Leack

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/17 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

9:00am † Richard & Mary Presser

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, December 14, 9am at the EAST Campus. Enter through the **FRONT CENTER** door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**WELCOME**

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt. 25:35)

Blessed Savior Parish extends a warm welcome to Gwen Mather

We care about you and your family and we're here to help in any way we can.

May Holy Mary, the Angels and all the Saints welcome Joseph Donahue

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Amen

May your family find comfort in knowing that their loved one is safe in God's care now, and that his friends are praying for you in your time of sorrow.



FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Romanus**Sunday Reflection:**

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the Second Sunday of Advent, we hear that familiar resolute voice calling for repentance. Today's gospel introduces a quote from Isaiah fulfilled in John the Baptist as the voice calling out in the desert to prepare the way of the Lord. We hear so many voices every day competing for our attention. I have this image of stock traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shouting their orders all at once. I have wondered how anyone could possibly understand anything in the midst of so much chaos.

Likewise, in the midst of the many competing voices in our lives this Advent, it could be difficult to hear the voice of John the Baptist calling us to prepare the way of the Lord. Those fortunate enough to hear his voice might wonder what it means.

Preparing the way of the Lord is an invitation to renounce sin and avoid the occasions of sin. It is an invitation to address those behaviors that are incompatible with our Christian identity. It is an invitation to intensify our prayer life and find time to be with God, especially during this Advent season. It is an invitation to reach out to people in need, namely: the sick, the hungry, the naked, etc. We prepare the way of the lord when we learn to love one another unconditionally, promote peace and justice, learn the ways of forgiveness and reconciliation, and advocate for the less fortunate.

John the Baptist has a lot to teach us about humility. He had no problem declaring that one mightier than him was coming. He went as far as stating that he was unworthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. He made it clear that he was baptizing with water while the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit. John had no illusions about his role as the messenger, not the Messiah. His message was obviously compelling and as people flooded to him, he pointed them to Jesus. As we journey through Advent, we pray for humility and a spirit of true conversion. Hence, like John we should point to Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, who comes to restore the world.

Fr. Ramanus

Advent Reconciliation Services—Blessed Savior Parish-Saturday, December 16 @ 10AM



Faith Direct e-giving

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming New Year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Blessed Savior Church, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. You can eliminate your envelope usage and at the same time feel confident that your contribution will be taken care of. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **W1518**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You, John Henry, Finance Director



Thank You from the Scouts—We would like to thank everyone who ordered a Christmas Wreath, coffee, cocoa and/or popcorn from the Scouts this fall. All proceeds from these items are used for the Scouts to attend summer camp and to subsidize outings.

Troop 98 welcomes all boys in grades 6-12. Pack 98 welcomes all boys in grades 1-5. We meet on Monday evenings from 7:00- 8:30 PM, at the Blessed Savior East Campus, in the former Church Hall, through the 55th St. entrance.

(Any questions or comments, please contact Mike Malloy at 464-3733)



Bulletin Transmission Christmas/New Years. Once again we will be having a combined bulletin for **December 24 & December 31**. Please have bulletin announcements to me by Wednesday, **December 13**. Announcements may be bought to the office or mail to blessedsavior@archmil.org. Thanks, Carol



Thank you very much for your generous collection of \$207 for our ministry at the Thanksgiving Eve Mass. At this time of year, we know you have other uses for your money, but you chose to share some of it with the poor. We are truly grateful for that and for your ongoing support and prayers throughout 2017. Christ's peace to you and those you love this Christmas and in the coming year. Gratefully, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

The asbestos management plan is on file in the maintenance office for review during working hours of 8am to 3pm, Monday through Friday by appointment. Thank you, Paul Pagac, Maintenance

St. Vincent de Paul Empty Shelf For the weekends of **December 16 & 17** we are asking for items for Christmas Meals.



FRIDAY FISH FRY - - DECEMBER 15- - 4:00-7:30pm
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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:

Carmelo & Francisca Castro, Dennis Claas, Rhey Clemente, Kathy Dachs, Diane Henry, Eleanor Mishak, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkle, Gloria Weinhold
Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you, May Your healing Hand restore them to health.

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033. **PRAYER LIST.** *If you have a need you would like the entire community to pray for, please call the parish office. Your name will appear for 4 weeks and then be removed from the list and given to the prayer circle.*



Communion to the Sick and Homebound Would you be able to help out should someone who is sick or homebound ask for Communion? As parishioners age, it is so important that they continue to feel connected with our faith community. You can help this connection! Please call Eileen at the parish office 414-464-5033—if you are willing to be contacted. Thank you. Prayer & Worship Commission, Sr. Joan Penzenstadler, SSND

OPLATKI - This year we are once again selling Christmas Oplatki Wafers. The cost is **\$2.25 for a packet of 4 wafers**. They are available for purchase after Mass, see an Usher for help.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ In your monthly envelope pack for December, there is a special Christmas flower envelope. Extra envelopes are also on a table in the back of church.

2018 CALENDARS are available during Advent. You can find them in the pews in the front & back of church. Please help yourself to one or two. A BIG thank you to **JELACIC FUNERAL HOME** for being our sponsor.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for December. The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian Communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND, CHRISTMAS TV MASS, WCGV channel 24 at 9:00 a.m. on December 25, **SUNDAY TV MASS**, WCGV channel 24 at 9 a.m., WITI channel 6 at 5:30 a.m., **CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY MASS, ONLINE VIDEO** www.HeartoftheNation.org

For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.



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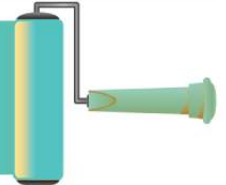
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