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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am - 4pm,
Closed Fridays

Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM—SUNDAY 9AM
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.

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.

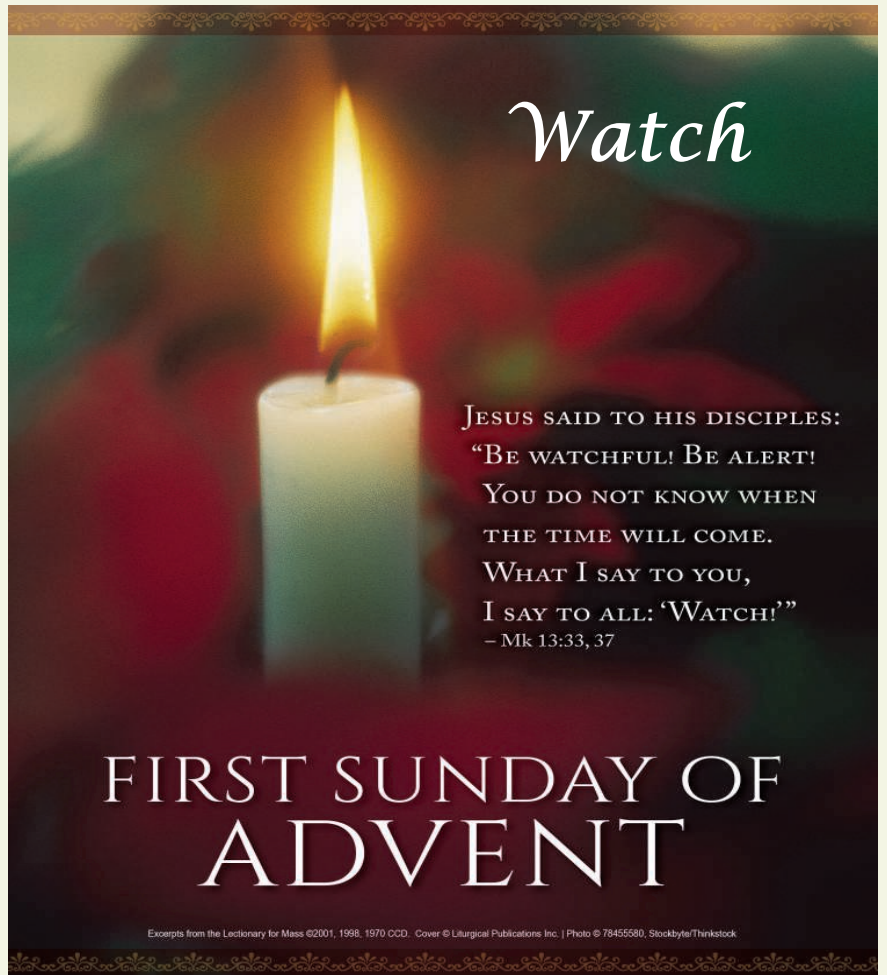
Anointing of the Sick (Communal) Monthly and also by appointment.

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

Interfaith Older Adult Programs: 414-466-8858



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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, 12/2 - VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 COR 1:3-9/MK 13:33-37

4:00PM † Leonard Sobiesczyk
† Ann & † Antone Blasczyk

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/3 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

9:00am † Kenneth Mueller

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 12/4 - ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

TUESDAY, 12/5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 12/6 - ST. NICHOLAS

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

9:00am † Elaine Ewe

**THURSDAY, 12/7 - SCHOOL MASS, SOUTH CAMPUS**

MASS OF THE DAY—*this Mass does not fulfill the obligation Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00AM Intention of the Priest

6:30PM VIGIL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

6:30pm Allen & Helen Engel,
59th Wedding Anniversary**FRIDAY, 12/8 - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-

9:00am † Carl Schuh

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

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 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

9:00am † Pierre Dasyuva

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is **Thursday, December 7, 9am at the SOUTH Campus.** Enter through the South side door of the church. **All parishioners are invited to attend.**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 VIGIL MASS WILL BE AT 6:30PM —FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 MASS AT 9A.M. IN THE CHURCH



Feast of the Immaculate Conception:
St. Margaret Mary Parish. 8:15am & 7pm Mass

Dear Parishioners, Advent Season begins:

A new liturgical calendar begins this weekend with the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *advenire* (to come to) and *adventus* (arrival). Hence, Advent has double meaning: first, as a season of preparation for Christmas when we remember and celebrate the first coming of Jesus. In this sense, it is understood as a time of joyous anticipation of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The second meaning of Advent is more eschatological, referring to a season when that remembrance of the birth of the savior moves the hearts and minds of believers to await his second coming at the end of time.

Some church historians trace the origin of Advent back to the fourth canon of the Council of Saragosa in 380. Advent was first observed by the middle of the 6th century after the Synod of Tours established a December fast in the year 567, and the Council of Macon ordered an Advent Fast for the laity in 581. The observance of Advent included forty days of prayer and fasting, just as Lent. Advent initially included the six Sundays leading to Christmas (approximating forty days), but was reduced to four weeks by Pope Gregory the Great, perhaps, to avoid confusing it with Lent. The Greek Orthodox Churches still retain the forty days of prayer and fasting leading to Christmas, almost in the manner of Lent but with lesser rigor.

The symbol of Advent is the circular evergreen with four candles interspersed. The evergreen is an ancient symbol of immortality, life, and growth. For Christians, it symbolizes the everlasting love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath originated in pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia as people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. The circle itself symbolizes God's eternity as the one who is, who was, and always will be. The four candles symbolize the four Sundays of Advent. A fifth candle (the Christ-candle) is often inserted at the center of the wreath to symbolize Christmas Eve. The 'light' of Advent candles represents Christ the light who comes to disperse the darkness of sin and death. As we know, the liturgical color of advent is purple/violet, but rose/pink is permitted on Gaudete Sunday.

For people of faith, Advent is a special time to prepare for God's gift of his Son to the world. The scripture passages emphasize the importance of readying our hearts and minds to receive the Messiah. This theme of interior preparation is often lost on many in our society as frenzied external preparations for Christmas take hold. Thanksgiving week ushers in the shopping season as people rush in droves to the malls, especially on black Friday, to snatch up enticing deals before they are gone.

As Christmas draws near, anxiety kicks in - there are Christmas presents to wrap, house and yard decorations to finish, Christmas cards to write, parties to plan, more shopping to do, etc. Despite our best efforts we come to realize that all the time in the world would not be enough to accomplish all that needs to be done. Often, the joy and anticipation of Christmas turns into the anxiety of getting everything done and a dreaded realization that they would not get done anyway. However, if Advent is first understood in terms of spiritual preparation, all other preparations will find their proper contexts, leading to lesser anxiety and dread. Wishing you a prayerful Advent!

Fr. Romanus

**Thank you for the beautiful installation celebration:**

I agree with many of you who have expressed their appreciation for the beautiful and moving installation Mass. First of all, thank you to Archbishop ListECKI for doing such a wonderful job. Thank you to Very Rev. Jim Lobacz, the Archbishop's Master of Ceremonies, for

keeping things flowing and organized. Thank you to Christy Presser, our choir director, and members of the choir for the beautiful music. Thank you to the servers, lectors, communion ministers, ushers, gift bearers and everyone who played a role in the celebration of Mass. Thank you to my uncle, Rev. Bernard Nwaokeme for representing the family.

The reception following Mass was equally beautiful and heart-warming. Obviously, a lot of work went into preparation and the actual celebration. Thank you to the anonymous donors who made this possible. Thank you to all who helped in so many different ways and all who attended.

Thank you to all who prepared Food, namely: the Nigerian Community, the Senegalese members of our parish, the Cameroonian members of our parish, and Jeff Emmerich Catering. Thank you to our faithful servers of coffee and cake.

Thank you also to the Nigerian Community for the Dancers who entertained. Thank you to the Blessed Savior Staff: John Henry, Eileen Heck, Paul Pagac and Tom Pagac, for behind the scene efforts that made the event possible.

Thank you to the Parish Council's Ad hoc Committee and volunteers who put this together namely: Joe Ratke, Yolanda Coly, Deb Wuerl, Chilero Agwoeme, Judy Adrian, Phil Kreamsreiter, Mike Malloy, Paul Bina, Rusty Tym, Mary Franklin and PattyRose Schroeder. All your efforts are greatly appreciated. May God bless you all!

Fr. Romanus (Pastor), Joe Ratke (Parish Council Chair)

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

Advent begins December 3 — Small Advent Candles will be available on the round table in the Villard hallway. A free will offering is suggested.

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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Empty Shelf For the weekends of **December 9 & 10 and December 16 & 17 we are asking for items for Christmas Meals.**

Please don't forget to return your pledge cards next week during the Offertory.

December 8, Immaculate Conception—The Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, stands before us as an example and inspiration. Her place in salvation history was announced to her by the angel Gabriel: *Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you... Do not be afraid.* These words helped Mary embrace her unique mission. They can also help us. God's grace, his presence, is within each one of us. God is with us! There is no need to fear, especially those things that are not within our control. In the end, all things are possible with God. We, like Mary, need to trust.

Congratulations and welcome to our recently installed Pastoral Council. Chilero Agwoeme, Paul Bina and Yolanda Coly started a three year term in June. Ginny Ebert joined the Council just over a year ago and is completing the term of a former councilor who left Milwaukee because of an employment change. Welcome and thank you for accepting the call to serve on the Council.

Joe Ratke, Pastoral Council Chair

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, Joe Donahue, Diane Henry, Eleanor Mishak, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkle, Gloria Weinhold



HAPPY ST. NICK'S DAY!
DON'T FORGET OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO BRING IN YOUR GIFT.

There are still cards on the tree.

Won't you please take one.

Look for **red strings for children** or **green strings for adults.**

The tree will be up and waiting for your gifts now thru December 10th. All we ask is for you to give a new gift, wrap it up pretty and tape the tag onto the outside.

Human Concerns Commission



FABULOUS FISH FRY—St. Agnes in Butler Friday, December 8—4:00-7:00pm, Eat in or Carry Out. \$8 includes breaded cod, slaw, rye bread and your choice of shredded onions, potato pancakes



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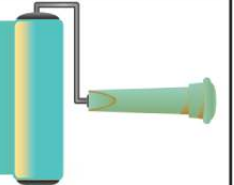
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