

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

December 28, 2025 & January 4, 2026

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site

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Weekend: Sunday, 9am

Weekday: Monday, 9am in the Chapel

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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 for communion and/or anointing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Last Sunday of the month

Individual - Any time and also by appointment.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up appointment.

Confessions: Every Sunday, 8:00am-8:45am

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.

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

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

Pastoral Council Officers:

Kevin Senfleben, Chair

Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair

Bruce Mayer, Secretary

Parish Trustees:

Larry Kalbas, Treasurer

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THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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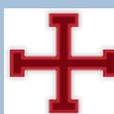


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Mission Statement

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

Sunday 12/28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

9:00am † Ken & Adele Marien

Confession: 8:15am

Presider: Fr. Mark Payne

Anointing of the Sick after Mass

Monday, 12/29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-3

9:00am † Sr. Mary Charleen Weiler, S.S.M

Rosary at 8:30am

Presider: Fr. Francis Assisi

Wednesday, 12/31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

4:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope

Presider: Fr. Mark Payne

Parish Office Closed Dec. 31st-Jan. 2nd

Thursday, 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

10:00am at St. Catherine of Alexandria

Presider: Fr. Mark & Fr. Francis

Sunday 1/4 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

9:00am † Josep Minh Ly & Anna Ngoc Pham

Confession: 8:15am

Presider: Fr. Mark Payne

Monday, 1/5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

9:00am

Rosary at 8:30am

Presider: Fr. Francis Assisi

Sunday, 1/11 The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

9:00am † Suzanne Kremsreiter

PPM Mass: St. Catherine

Confession: 8:15am

Presider: Fr. Tom Perrin

Pastor's Sunday Reflection

Feast of Mary Joseph and Jesus the Holy Family

In these profound verses, we witness the Holy Family's journey into exile—a reminder that even the Savior of the world experienced vulnerability, displacement, and uncertainty. Joseph's immediate obedience to God's warning in the night reveals a faith that responds without hesitation, teaching us that trust in divine guidance often requires courage to act even when the path ahead is unclear. The flight to Egypt transforms Jesus into a refugee, connecting Him intimately with all who have fled danger and sought sanctuary in foreign lands throughout history. This passage invites us to see Christ in the faces of displaced families today, recognizing that when we welcome the stranger, we may be welcoming the Holy One himself.

God's protection of the infant Jesus demonstrates His faithfulness to complete the redemptive work He began, yet this protection came through ordinary means—dreams, difficult journeys, and the sacrificial love of earthly parents. The family's eventual return to Nazareth, though born from caution and continued divine direction, fulfilled ancient prophecy in ways no one expected, showing us that God's purposes often unfold through humble and unexpected circumstances. Their settling in Nazareth, a place of little reputation, reminds us that God delights in working through the overlooked and ordinary to accomplish extraordinary purposes. May we, like Joseph and Mary, remain attentive to God's guidance in our lives, ready to trust and obey even when the journey leads through difficulty toward a future we cannot yet fully see.

Blessings,

Fr Mark

Fr. Mark, staff and parishioners express our sympathy to the family of parishioner

Gertrud Kaegler



Born to eternal life on December 14, 2025. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated privately with her family.

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

Pastor’s Sunday Reflection

January 4: The Epiphany of the Lord.

The journey of the Magi reminds us that seeking Christ requires both faith and persistence. These wise men traveled hundreds of miles, guided only by a star and the conviction that something extraordinary awaited them.

Their willingness to follow God’s signs, even when the path was uncertain, challenges us to trust in divine guidance through our own journeys.

What strikes me most is that these foreigners recognized the King of Kings while those closest to Him remained indifferent. The religious leaders in Jerusalem knew the prophecies but never bothered to make the short trip to Bethlehem. Sometimes we, too, can be so familiar with the story of Jesus that we forget to encounter Him afresh each day.

The gifts the Magi brought—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—weren’t just expensive presents but prophetic symbols of Christ’s kingship, divinity, and sacrificial death. When we come before the Lord, what do we offer? Our worship, like theirs, should be thoughtful, costly, and reflective of who we believe Jesus to be. May we have the wisdom to seek Him earnestly, the humility to bow before Him completely, and the generosity to offer Him our very best.

Blessings,

Fr Mark

In the back of the church, there is a giving tree that is set up by the finance council. Please take an ornament. Each of them has a set designation for a particular expense for liturgy, gas/heat or snow plowing. There is a recommended amount or you can designate your own amount. You can place your donation in the collection basket during offertory. Please be generous and make this an extra donation. If you use Faith Direct you can designate it as an extra donation. The tree will be up through January 6, 2026. *The finance council thanks you for your generosity.*



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:

- Jantina Adriano , Jackie Ballering, Gene Brunner, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn, Tom Glorioso, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Amber King, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Allan Rischman, Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec, Mary Frances Williams, Richard Piana, Lucia Rivera, Paul Bina, Roby Luckett. Belinda Tenorio**

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.

The parish **Prayer and Worship Commission** will meet on December 29 at 10:00am in the Parish Center. All are welcome to participate in this group. Any questions, contact Marilyn Ratke at the parish center.

December 28th-January 4th Formed Recommendations

Deepen your relationship with God and teach your children about our Catholic faith

Formed Faith Formation For Adults

Dec. 28th: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1885591?cid=762144>

Jan. 4th: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3879333>

Formed For Families with Children

Dec. 28th: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/586991?cid=115862>

Jan. 4th: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3346368?cid=801623>

Parish support Tax reminder

Those who make annual envelope contributions, please, be sure to send in your contributions before December 31. According to IRS regulations, all contributions must be received by December 31 to be considered donations in the 2025 calendar year.



**A message from your bulletin editor:
What should you never eat on New Year’s?**

Fire crackers