

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

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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: Call the parish office.

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.

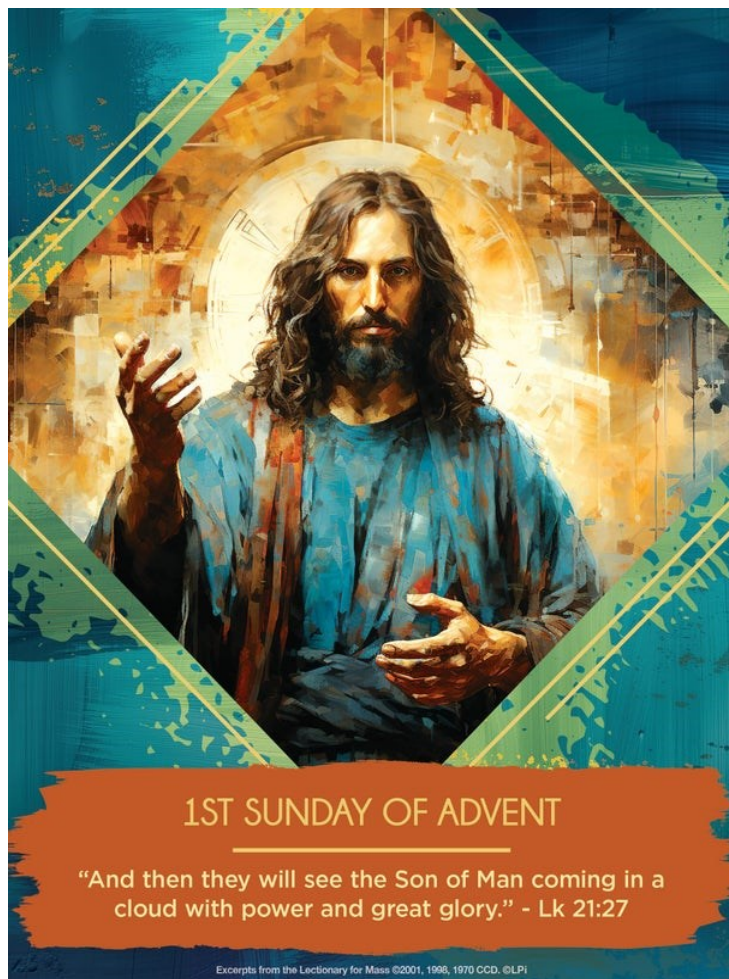
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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Kevin Senfleben, Chair
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Paula Dixson, Principal



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

Saturday, 11/30 Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

4:00pm † John Pankratz

Anointing of the sick in the chapel after Mass

Sunday, 12/1 1st Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

9:00am † Emmanuel & Sessi Thompson

Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 12/2

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

9:00am Parishioners

Tuesday, 12/3 East/West combined School Mass at West Campus

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-2

9:30am Intentions of the priest

Wednesday, 12/4

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

9:00am † Suzanne Kremsreiter

Saturday, 12/7 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

4:00pm † Manuela & Ricardo Ogas

Sunday, 12/8 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

9:00am Thanksgiving for Blessings - Rosemary Mmekam

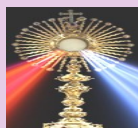
Rosary at 8:15am

Week 1 of Advent

As Advent begins, we prepare ourselves through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we find hope in God's presence in the Eucharist at Mass. Invite a friend back to Mass at Blessed Savior to renew their relationship with Christ!

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in the Chapel, 11am-2:30pm.
Use the east church door entrance.



From 5pm-6:30pm, use the west church door entrance.

2025 Mass Intentions

The 2025 calendar is now open for Mass Intentions. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, stop by the Parish Office or call 414-464-5033.

Reminder that the stipend for Mass intentions is \$20 per Mass. Please, do not pack several intentions into one Mass.

Pastor's Sunday Reflection

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 a time of joyful anticipation of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The second meaning of Advent is more eschatological, referring to a season when 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 to the fourth canon of the Council of Saragosa in 380. Others say it was first observed in the middle of the 6th century after the Synod of Tours established a December fast in 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. Greek Orthodox Churches 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 us Christians, it symbolizes the everlasting love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Advent wreath originated in pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia as people gathered to celebrate the return of the Sun after the Winter Solstice. The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes God's eternity as the one who is, who was, and who 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 the Christmas Eve. The light of Advent candles represents Christ 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 us 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 as frenzied external Christmas preparations take hold.

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Thanksgiving week ushered in the shopping season marked by mall vigil and Black Friday stampede to snatch up enticing deals. However, this tradition has diminished with the popularity of online shopping following the recent pandemic.

As Christmas draws near, anxiety will kick in with so much to do. 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 the dreaded realization that they would not get done anyway. When Advent is rightly understood in terms of spiritual preparation, all other preparations will find their proper contexts and leads to lesser anxiety and dread.

Wishing you a prayerful Advent!

Fr. Romanus



Update Regarding Fulfilling the Obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

In accord with the Table of Liturgical Days on December 8, 2024, the Church observes the Second Sunday of Advent. This means the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2024, and it **IS** a Holy Day of obligation this year. **All** Masses celebrated on Sunday December 8, 2024, must be for the Second Sunday of Advent. This means there are no vigil Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **Dec. 7th and 8th** the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Jelly / Rice-a-Roni**

Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you.

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, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman,
Jeanne Rossner, Thomas Schmid,
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,
Mary Frances Williams, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,
Lucia Rivera**

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.

HANDMAID OF THE LORD

with **Janet Peterson** from **Acacia Theatre**

A one woman play that is a beautiful portrayal of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she recounts his life through her eyes.



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**Saturday, December 21, 2024
6:30 pm**

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish
3970 N. 92nd Street, Milwaukee
414-461-6073
stmmmp.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**at Saint Barnabas Catholic Congregation's
Orchard Street Site Cafeteria located at
1533 South 71 Street, West Allis 53214**

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Adults: \$15 -- Children (3-10): \$7 -- Children (under 3): FREE

**One FREE picture per family with Santa
BAKE SALE, RAFFLES, KIDS' GAMES TOO
Questions, please call 414-774-3010 or check our
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www.westalliscatholic.org
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How do mountains stay warm in the winter?

They put on their snowcaps