

# BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024

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### Download our App:

For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888  
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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.

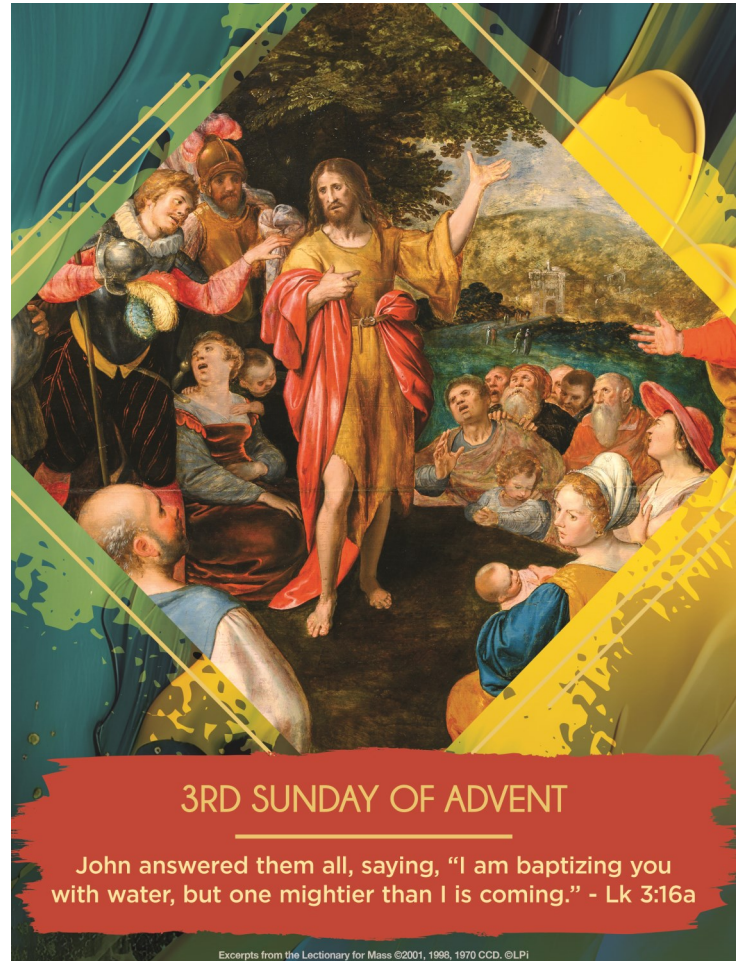
**Communal Penance:** Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

**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

<b>Pastoral Council Officers:</b>	<b>Parish Trustees:</b>
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John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicschool.org)

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**Natalie Galloway, Principal**

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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, 12/14 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-1

4:00pm † Romelie Bocandé & Rose Biagui

**Sunday, 12/15 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-1

9:00am † Pierre Dasylyvia

Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 12/16**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-2

9:00am † Marcella & Walter McCormick

**Tuesday, 12/17 School Mass at West Campus**

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

9:00am Intentions of the priest

**Wednesday, 12/18**

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

9:00am Parishioners

**Saturday, 12/21 Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

4:00pm † Robert Sbiral

**Sunday, 12/22 4th Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

9:00am † Rose Siga N'Dour & Emile Bass

Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 12/23 St. John of Kanty, Priest**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-6

9:00am † Clara & Bob Retzlaff

**Tuesday 12/24 Christmas Vigil**

Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

4:00pm Intention of our parishioners

**Wednesday 12/25 Christmas Day**

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

9:00am † John Pankratz

**2024 Holy Day Masses**

Tuesday, 12/31 6:00pm

Wednesday, 01/01 9:00am

**Week 3 of Advent**

Do you yearn for peace? This Longing in your heart is a call from God, who desires a real relationship with you. Invite a friend back to Mass to find a real peace. It is here where we find that he is always with us — body, blood, soul, and divinity.

**Pastor's Sunday Reflection**

**Gaudete Sunday:**

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is Gaudete Sunday. On Gaudete Sunday, as on Laetare Sunday in Lent, the church invites us to put our Advent penitential disposition on hold and rejoice at the impending reality of human redemption. The general liturgical mood of Gaudete Sunday is exuberant.

Gaudete Sunday marks the mid-point in our Advent journey, and is a welcome break from Advent's penitential discipline. The first reading captures the joyful mood of this Sunday with this invocation: "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!" (Zeph. 3:14). The reason for this joy is not only because the Lord has removed the judgment against his people and turned away their enemies, but more so because the King of Israel, the Lord, is in our midst (Zeph. 3:15). Of course, we know it is not yet Christmas, but the very thought of Christmas fills us with joy. This joy is a special gift we strive to share with others and is reflected on Christmas cards and the goodwill messages they convey.

Our celebration of Gaudete Sunday reminds us of the need for more vigilance and deeper commitment to our Christmas preparation. By giving us a foretaste of the glory that lies ahead, Gaudete Sunday generates greater awareness and renewed commitment to Advent. Gaudete Sunday enables us to see the light at the end of the tunnel and reinforces our commitment to get there.

Have a blessed week!

*Fr. Romanus*

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
The Well That Never Dries Up**

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

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Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Join us FOR SIMBANG GABI

A Filipino devotional, nine-day series of Masses in preparation for Christmas.

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**December 15 – 23, 2024**

Simbang Gabi is the annual Filipino festival commemorating the Advent season, with a devotional nine-day series of Masses. Scan here or visit the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website for more information.  
[archmil.org/simbang-gabi](http://archmil.org/simbang-gabi)



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Our parish has such an amazing spirit of generosity. Thank you all for making this Christmas special for so many. May God bless you all abundantly!  
*The Human Concerns Commission*

### 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.



A message from your bulletin editor:  
*How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?*  
**Nothing, it was on the house.**

### 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, Kathy Zapfel

*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.



West Campus Presents  
**THE NIGHT THAT**  
*Christ*  
WAS  
*Born*  
Thursday, December 19th, 2024  
1:30PM  
Blessed Savior Church



### Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **Dec. 21st and 22nd** the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with  
**Canned Soup & Crackers**

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