

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

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Download our App:

For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888
For Android Text: ParishApp2 to 555888

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.

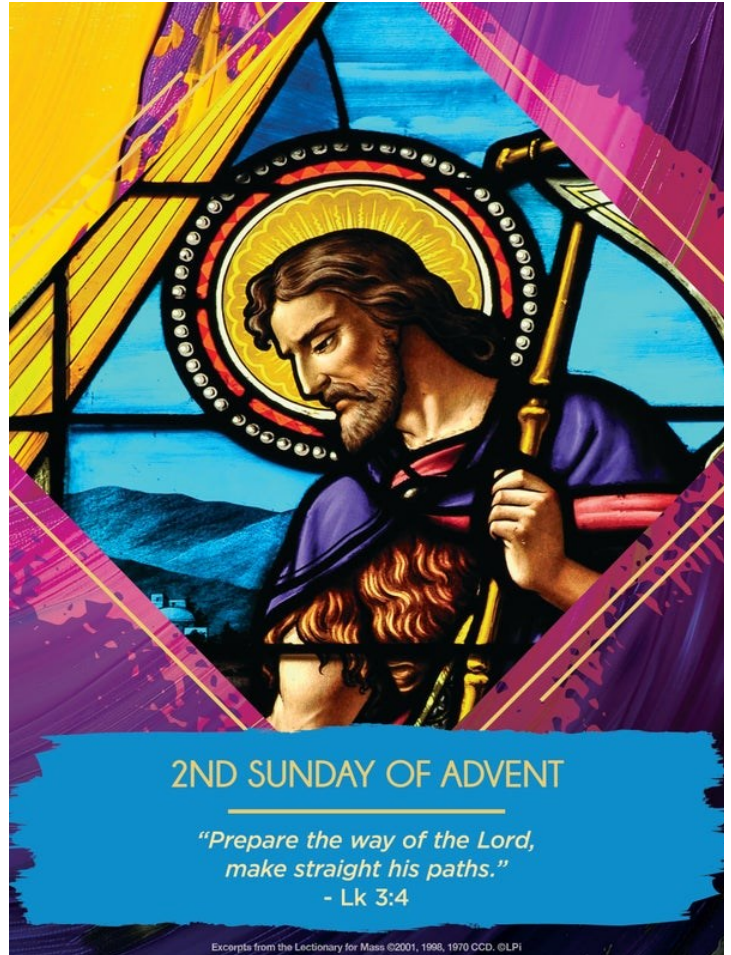
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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

Pastoral Council Officers:	Parish Trustees:
Kevin Senfleben, Chair	Larry Kalbas, Treasurer
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School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org

West Campus
8545 W. Villard Ave, 53225
414-464-5775
Natalie Galloway, Principal

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5140 N. 55th St., 53218
414-438-2745
Erin O'Donnell, Principal

South Campus



4059 N. 64th St., 53216
414-463-3878
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, 12/7 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

Monday, 12/9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-3
9:00am **Parishioners**
6:00pm † **Clara & Bob Retzlaff**

Tuesday, 12/10 School Mass at South Campus
 Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
9:00am **Intentions of the priest**

Wednesday, 12/11 St. Damasus I, Pope
 Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
9:00am † **MaryLou & Paul Neuzil**

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 Dasylya**
Rosary at 8:15am

SCHOOL MASS DIRECTIVE

South Campus: 4059 N. 64th St.
 Enter through the south side door of the church.

Week 3 of Advent

We find joy in God’s presence during Holy Communion.

In the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas, it can be easy to overlook why and who we celebrate. Advent invites us to put first things first — our relationship with God. Join us at Mass with joy in your heart as you receive the gift of Jesus!



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.



Sunday Reflection

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
 God’s Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it’s a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone’s personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it’s even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss’ absence. They prepare the way. This person’s job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it’s smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It’s usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it’s in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
 The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years a- go the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn’t be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I’ve read all the rules and I’ve watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today’s Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord.

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See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. *You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine.* Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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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:

- 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.

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Christmas Nativity

PAPEP SPHINX

Join us
FOR SIMBANG GABI
 A Filipino devotional, nine-day series of Masses in preparation for Christmas.
 Mass | Music | Food | Fun
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

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **Dec. 14th and 15th** the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Canned Tuna / Mac & Cheese**

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

A message from your bulletin editor:
What happened to the man who stole an Advent calendar?
He got 25 days.