

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2025

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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.

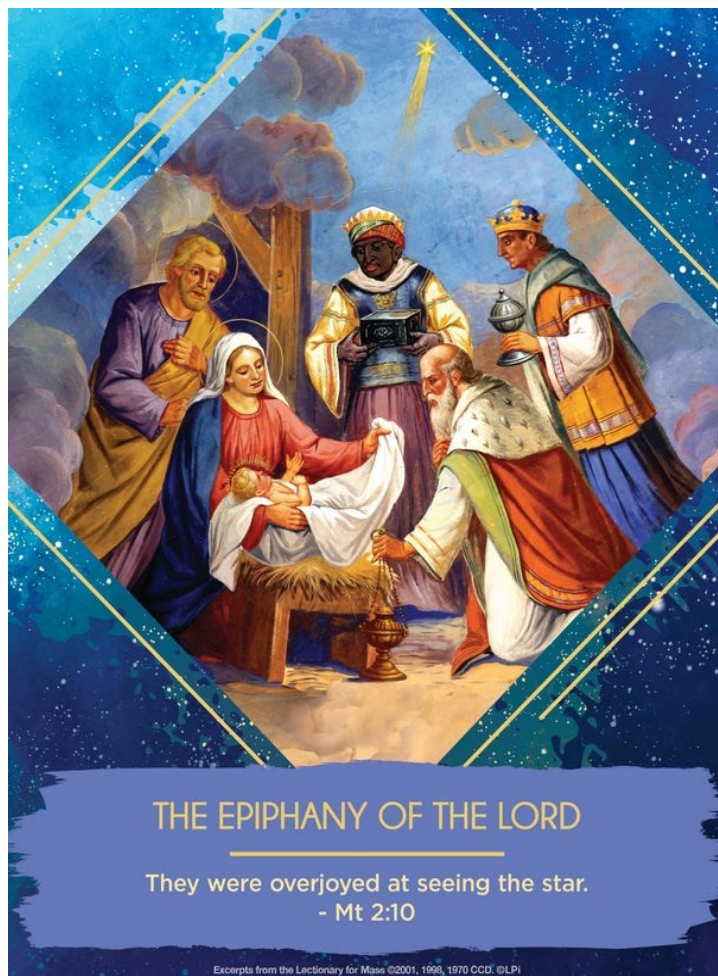
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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

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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

Saturday, 1/4 Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1
4:00pm † **Cornelia & Wencel Bina**

Sunday, 1/5 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1
9:00am † **Joseph Minh Ly & Anna Ngoc Pham**

No Weekday Masses

Saturday, 1/11 Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
4:00pm † **David Walden**

Sunday, 1/12 The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
9:00am † **Mary Ann Gabrich**
Rosary at 8:15am

20 + C + M + B + 25

Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God’s blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.”

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May God bless your homes and may His peace reign in them

2025 Parish Calendars are here

They are located in the front and back pews of the Church and on the round table in the Villard hallway. Take one calendar per household until every household gets a copy. Then, you will be welcome to take more copies.

Many thanks to Jelacic Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars.



Pastor’s Sunday Reflection

Feast of Epiphany & New Year:

The Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany this Sunday. It is a celebration that often goes unnoticed. The feast of Epiphany comes in the heels of Christmas and New Year celebrations, and is the official conclusion of the Christmas season. However, this year, Epiphany comes a bit early, making it seem a little pre-mature to wrap up Christmas.

Epiphany essentially means "manifestations." It is based on the belief that the birth of the Savior is to be followed by other manifestations of God's glory in the world. The special star seen by the Magi was one of those manifestations. Recall that the star guided the three wise men to the manger where they saw the baby Jesus and his parents, and gave praise to God. Hence, Epiphany is an invitation to watch for the manifestations of God’s presence in our lives and in the world. These manifestations could be as subtle as a flash smile on a baby's face, or as profound as an apparition.

Furthermore, Epiphany is an invitation to become agents for the manifestations of God's glory in the world. A kind word or gesture could reveal God to someone searching for meaning in life. By the same token, a mean word or gesture hinders the manifestation of God’s glory and would obstruct evangelization. We know that the pains and anxieties of life sometimes soar people who are normally nice and pleasant. Still, those life experiences do not justify meanness to others as we are called to manifest the glory of the incarnation. Recognizing and living out this call make for a good New Year resolution.

Most often, New Year resolutions revolve around health, finances, and good looks. We all know the typical New Year resolutions: sleeping more, losing weight, exercising more, quitting smoking, getting treatment for alcohol and drug abuse, changing hair style, paying bills on time, saving more, et cetera. These are good resolutions that promote healthy lifestyle and personal responsibility. However, New Year resolutions need not be focused solely on improving oneself. It is also important to consider resolutions that directly improve our relationship with God, namely: finding time for prayer, attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, cultivation a devotion to Mary or any other saint, volunteering for parish ministries, increasing one’s financial support of the parish, et cetera.

By the same token, we should also consider resolutions that improve our relationship with family members, friends, and neighbors, namely: being more forgiving and not holding grudges, asking for forgiveness, having time for family meals, being more patient, trusting more, sharing resources with the less fortunate, being nice to our neighbor, volunteering for programs that help the poor, visiting the sick, et cetera.

A balanced resolution is one that addresses the needs of an individual as well as those of the individual in relation to God and neighbors.

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New Year resolutions should be rational, realistic, and achievable. Apart from coming up with New Year resolutions, we also need to come up with good plans of action for accomplishing those resolutions. I sincerely hope that our New Year resolutions for 2025 would contribute to the ongoing manifestations of God's glory this New Year.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Fr. Romanus.



THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
34TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Guest Speaker: Rev. Fred Alexander, OCD

Saturday, January 18, 2025

1:30 p.m. – Musical Prelude

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

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Mass Intentions for 2025

We've started taking Mass Intentions for 2025. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, call the parish office, 414-464-5033. The stipend for Mass is \$20. Please, do not pack several intentions into one Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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



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.



What's your New Year's resolution?

Pray and grow together in 2025

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Want to know how God speaks to you? Live more fully alive? Help others do the same? Join us for **Emmaus 90**.



Speakers include
**Sr. Miriam James Heidland,
Fr. John Burns, Grace Mazza
Urbanski, Fr. John LoCoco
and more.**

What is Emmaus 90?

Emmaus 90 is a New Year's-to-Easter journey of growth in daily prayer and the Catholic spiritual life with weekly livestream formation sessions from national leaders and a community walking with you.

Pilgrims receive a guidebook journal with daily prompts for prayer with Scripture, discussion guides, and more.

It's not too late to join us!
Cost is \$20/person. Financial need scholarships available.

Invite someone who's hungry for more to join you on this hope-filled journey into deeper relationship with Jesus.



Get the details and register before January 6 at www.archmil.org/emmaus-90



A message from your bulletin editor:
What was the favorite dessert of the Magi who brought gold?
Karat cake!