

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM, SUNDAY 9AM

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Closed Fridays

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**Sacraments:** Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)**

**Individual:** Any time and also by appointment.

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

**Confessions:**

3rd Saturday in church, 3:15pm and by appointment

**Communal:** Seasonal as announced

**Funerals:** Please call the Parish Office in the event of the death of a love one.

**Weddings:** Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling 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 to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

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

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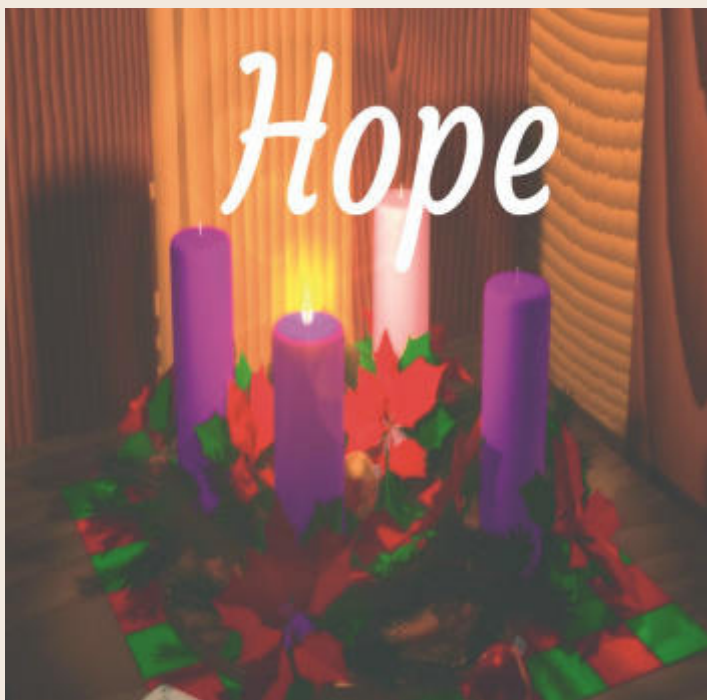
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*First Sunday of Advent  
We await the birth of Jesus in  
Bethlehem and His return in  
glory at the end of time:  
This is our salvation.*

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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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

**SATURDAY, 11/30 - VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**4:00PM** † Peter Rosa

Rosary at 3:15pm

**SUNDAY, 12/1 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**9:00am** † Jane Swanson

Rosary at 8:15am

**MONDAY, 12/2 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

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

**9:00am** Parishioners**TUESDAY, 12/3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

**9:00am** † Carl Schuh**WEDNESDAY, 12/4 - ST. JOHN DAMASCENE PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

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

**9:00am** † Marge Wesling**THURSDAY, 12/5 - SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS**

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**9:00am** Intention of the Priest**SATURDAY, 12/7 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

**4:00pm** † Richard & Mary Presser

Rosary at 3:15pm

**SUNDAY, 12/8 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

**9:00am** † Norbert & Viola Van Lannen & Family

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, 9am at the EAST Campus. Enter through the FRONT CENTER door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9. MASS AT 9AM IN THE CHURCH. NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**



Pope's Worldwide  
Prayer Network

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for December. Universal:** That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS!!!**

You have mail.

New schedules will be in your mailbox on December 7 & 8.

Dear Parishioners,

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, Advent is a time of joyous anticipation of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The second meaning of Advent is more eschatological, referring to a season when that 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 back to the fourth canon of the Council of Saragosa in 380. The first observance of Advent took place in the middle of the 6<sup>th</sup> century after the Synod of Tours established a December fast in the year 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 Christians, it symbolizes the everlasting love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath originated in pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia as people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. The circle itself symbolizes God's eternity as the one who is, who was, and always will be. The four candles symbolize the four Sundays of Advent. A fifth candle (the Christ-candle) could be placed at the center of the wreath to symbolize Christmas Eve. The 'light' of Advent candles represents Christ the light 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 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 in our society as frenzied external preparations for Christmas take hold. Thanksgiving week ushers in the shopping season as people rush in droves to the malls, especially on black Friday, to snatch up enticing deals before they are gone.

As Christmas draws near, anxiety kicks in - there are Christmas presents to wrap, house and yard decorations to finish, Christmas cards to write, parties to plan, more shopping to do, etc. We often come to realize all the time in the world would not be enough to accomplish all that needs to be done despite our best efforts. The joy and anticipation of Christmas turns into anxiety of getting everything done and the dreaded realization we would not get done anyway. However, if we first understand Advent in terms of spiritual preparation, all other preparations will find their proper contexts, leading to lesser anxiety and dread.

Wishing you a prayerful Advent!

Fr. Romanus





### OUR PARISH APP has a new look!

Recently our app went through an “app-pealing” upgrade to take advantage of some of the latest features of Android and Apple devices to improve performance and reliability. While the old app will still function, it will no longer be updated or improved.

To move to the new app – for an iPhone you can text ParishApp1 to 555888 – for an Android device you can text ParishApp2 to 555888. Or, search for “WeConnect Parish App” in your device's store. Once you have the app downloaded, the easiest way to access Blessed Savior Parish is to allow your device to use your location to find local churches. If you prefer not to use your location, simply type “Blessed Savior” in the “Find Parish” box. When Blessed Savior appears, select us – confirm that you want to select us (click on the green box) – then click on “Set My Parish” – and you're all set!

Make sure you click on the “More” icon (lower right-hand corner), click on “Message Settings” and sign up to receive messages from the Parish app. Since this is an app, the messages sent are not text messages that you will be charged for.

Please see our website ([www.blessedsaviorparish.org](http://www.blessedsaviorparish.org)) for additional information. *Jack Heck, Blessed Savior Webmaster*



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY

Food Drive for the weekend of **DECEMBER 1** - we could use your help filling our shelves with OATMEAL. On **DECEMBER 7 & 8 AND DECEMBER 14 & 15** we could use all goodies for a Christmas dinner. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE PLEASE NOTE

Liturgical Publications, our bulletin provider, has adjusted their printing deadlines for December. **Therefore, announcements for the**

**December 15 bulletin are due by noon on Friday, December 6 and announcements for the December 22 bulletin are due by noon on Thursday, December 12.**

*Thank you for understanding.*

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Stay awake! With so many things competing for our attention and so many details to attend to, it is very easy to fall into a slumber. We can find ourselves simply going through the motions of life and losing a sense of purpose and direction. Busy with many things, we lose touch with the things of God, especially the gentle stirrings of His presence. Advent calls us to the challenge of living a wakeful life. Awake from the sleep that life's demands can put on us, and allow God's word to transform our hearts. Being ready for the coming of the Lord is life's priority for the Christian. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!  
*Liturgical Publications*



### Stewardship Pledge – Growing Our Faith Through Generosity

Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please remember to return your stewardship pledge card by mail to the parish office.



**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:

**Jackie Ballering, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Karla Klaybor, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen, Anton Schleiss, Rusty Tym, Mary Frances Williams**

*Lord Jesus, You 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 prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033.

**The name will remain on the list for 4 weeks and then given to the Prayer Circle. If you wish to have the name on longer, please call the parish office.**

Please remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of “Joys and Concerns” and all those who wrote them.

**OPLATKI** - This year we are once again selling Christmas Oplatki Wafers. The cost is **\$2.25 for a packet of 4 wafers.** They are available for purchase after Mass. See an Usher for help. They are also available at the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - In your monthly envelope pack for December, there is a special Christmas flower envelope. Extra envelopes are also on a table in the back of church.



During Advent this year we are offering an opportunity for individuals and families to sign up to process in carrying the candles for the Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass. If you are interested, please see one of the ushers before or after Mass. Sign-up is on a first come first serve basis.

**DON'T FORGET OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO BRING IN YOUR GIFT.** The tree will be up and waiting for your gifts **now thru December 8th.** All we ask is for you to give a **new gift**, wrap it up pretty and tape the tag onto the outside. *Human Concerns*



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