Blessed Savior Catholic Parish 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site: 8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI. 53225 Office Center (mailing address): 8607 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM, SUNDAY 9AM Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am in the Chapel

Parish Staff:

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday by 3PM Carol Spychalski, Bulletin Editor

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am - 4pm

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

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

Pastoral Council Officer: Parish Trustees:

Yolanda Coly, Chair Julia Atkinson, Treasurer Simon Biagui, Vice-Chair Mark Kuchta, Secretary

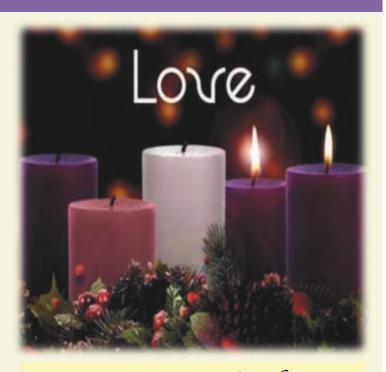
Denise Wesserle, Secretary

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.



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.



Our preparation for Christmas starts with a conversion of our hearts. We have to make the crooked ways straight.



National Catholic Youth Conference, 2019

Archbishop Christopher Pierre, The Papal Nuncio for the United States
In: Indianapolis

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

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 - 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

MONDAY, 12/9 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9:00am † Gerald & Elaine Ballering

TUESDAY, 12/10 - ADVENT WEDNESDAY Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

9:00am Parishioners

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 † Deceased Members of the Parish

THURSDAY, 12/12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SCHOOL MASS, WEST CAMPUS

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

9:30am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 12/14 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6*a*, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

4:00pm † Joseph Augustine

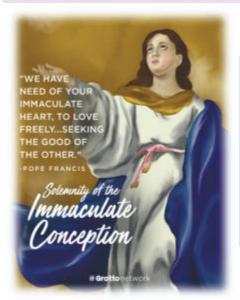
Rosary at 3:15am

SUNDAY, 12/15 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENTIs 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/[as 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

9:00am † Terry Leack

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>Dec. 12</u>, 9:30am at the <u>WEST CAMPUS</u> (a combined South/West Mass)
Enter through the east side 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father." Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ.

Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one pf our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had cause him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him ... or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Blessed Savior Parishioners express their sympathy to the family of *Dolores Kulasiewicz*,

Parishioner

May she find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn her, and all

who suffer the loss of a loved one. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Stewardship Pledge – Growing Our Faith Through Generosity – "Calling All Cards"

With gratitude, hope and excitement for the future, we say "thank you" to all parishioners who have returned their stewardship pledge card for our annual renewal of financial support. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and faith-filled sharing of resources as we continue to strengthen and grow our ministries.

Each one of us is important to continue the life and ministry that thrives in our parish. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider your role in supporting the vital work of our parish and its ministries. There is still time to return your stewardship pledge card by putting it in the offertory basket or mailing it to the parish office. Remember, making your annual pledge of financial support helps us greatly to prepare a fiscally sound budget. Once again, thank you! Stewardship Commission

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.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

All announcements for the <u>December 22 bulletin are due by</u> noon on Thursday, <u>December 12 and announcements for the December 29 bulletin are due by noon on Monday, December 16.</u>

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

World, church, and local events continue to challenge our faith. This is all the more reason to continue to come together and find encouragement and hope in God's word, sacraments, and our faith community. We are people of hope who are called to persevere, even in the midst of confusion and darkness, as we wait for what is to come. We are asked to repent, especially from our tendency to fall into doubt and despair. We are asked to repent and place our trust in Isaiah's words that God's world of innocence will be restored. We need to hear John the Baptist's words today more than ever: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is a hand!" Rather than being disappointed by what human beings and world cannot give, let us commit anew to what God can and will provide.

Liturgical Publisher

Welcome to Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, we are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are new to the area we welcome you to join as a member of our parish. Please contact the parish office for membership or take one of our member forms that can be found on the round table in the Villard hallway.

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 Bruskiewicz, 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.

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

Adopt a Bill" Giving Tree starting

on December 14 & 15. During the Advent season, the



Finance Council will set up an Adopt a Bill Giving Tree. The donations will help with heating, snow removal and liturgical supply costs. The tree will be in the back of church. We ask you to consider an extra gift to Blessed Savior in your gift giving during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please take an ornament from the tree with the suggested

donation for that budgeted item. Feel free to be as generous as you can. Return the ornament and your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. You can also use Faith Direct and indicate an additional donation.

Thank you for generous support of Blessed Savior.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY

Food Drive for the weekend of DECEMBER 14 & 15 & DECEMBER 21 & 22 we could use all goodies for a Christmas dinner.

Thank you for your continued generosity



TPcoming EVENTS

Blue Christmas Prayer Service—On Wednesday, December 18, we will be having a Blue Christmas prayer service at 6:30pm at St. Bernadette Parish 8200 West Denver Avenue. If you are struggling

through the holidays share an evening of prayer, scripture, and song with us. Please invite any family members or friends who may benefit from this evening as well. All are welcome!

A Time to LISTEN, Saturday, December 14, 5-8pm. Office of Black Catholic & Ethnic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee hosting a listening session & dinner with Young Adults (ages:18-40) St. Martin de Porres, Parish Hall, 128 W. Burleigh Ave. RSVP by Dec. 11.

InformationMebrahtu@archmil.org.-414-769-339

FRIDAY FISH FRY—St. Bernadette Parish, 8200 W. Denver Ave. Friday, Dec. 20, 4-7pm. Fish or shrimp, children's dinners & carry outs. 358-4600 or www.stbweb.com



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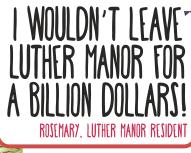
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