

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 4th Sunday of Advent

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225  
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December 18, 2022

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 9am  
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### Parish Staff:

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**Ministry to the Sick:** When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office.

### Anointing of the Sick:

**Communal** - Suspended for now.  
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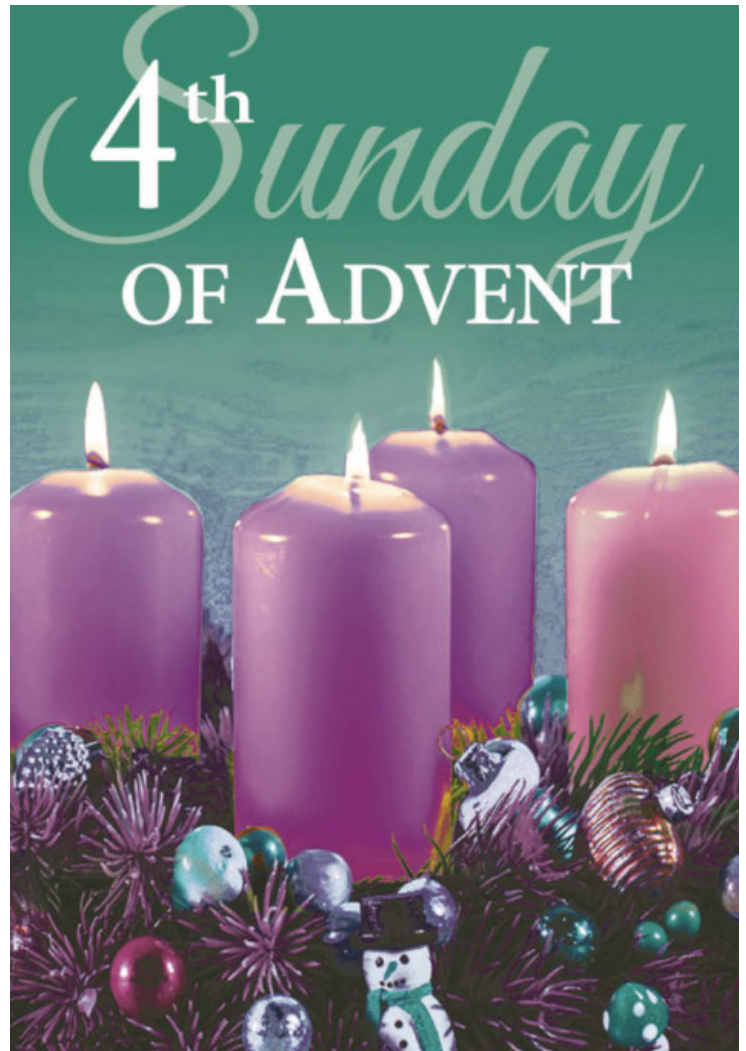
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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

### West Campus

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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, 12/17 - Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Advent***Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b] / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24***4:00pm** † Bernard and Ruby Modeste  
† John Frink**Sunday, 12/18 - 4th Sunday of Advent***Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b] / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24***9:00am** † Bob and Terry Leack  
Rosary at 8:15am**Monday, 12/19 - Late Advent Weekday***Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25***9:00am** † Pierre Dasyva  
† Mathias Mane**Tuesday, 12/20 - Late Advent Weekday***Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Lk 1:26-38***9:00am** West Campus Mass  
Intention of the Priest**Wednesday, 12/21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church***Sg 2:8-14 OR Zep 3:14-18a / Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 / Lk 1:39-45***9:00am** Parishioners, both Living and Deceased**Saturday, 12/24 - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord***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  
Night: Is 9:1-6 / Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14***4:00pm** Intention of the Children of our Parish  
and of our Neighborhood; Intention  
of our Parishioners and their Families**Sunday, 12/25 - The Nativity of the Lord***Dawn: Is 62:11-12 / Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3] / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 OR 1:1-5, 9-14***9:00am** Intention of Fr. Romanus and his Family**Gospel Meditation**

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

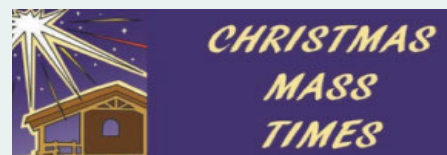
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This week's School Mass is Tuesday,  
December 20, 9:00am at the West Campus.  
Enter through the east side door of the church.


**The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2022  
- For volunteer not-for-profit organizations**

*We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations  
committed to human development find people dedicated  
to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths  
to international cooperation.*



**Our Christmas Mass schedule for this year is a  
4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve and a 9:00am Mass  
on Christmas Day. Please note, there will not be a  
10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

**There will be a 20-minute Concert of Carols before  
each of the two Masses with the Handbell & Adult  
Choir. All are invited to celebrate the birth of our  
Blessed Savior!**



### Adopt-a-Bill Giving Tree

The "Adopt a Bill" Giving Tree is located in the back of church. Your donations will help with heating, snow removal and liturgical supply costs. We ask you to consider an extra gift to Blessed Savior in your gift giving during the Christmas season. Return the ornament and your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous support.



### Simbang Gabi

The Filipino Community and the Multi-Cultural Commission invite you to Simbang-Gabi, a special Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Monday, December 19 at 6:30pm. A light, take-home meal will be distributed after Mass. See you there!



### St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Empty Shelf for the Holidays

For the weekend of December 24 & 25, the pantry could use your help in filling the shelves with Christmas and New Year's treats!



Thank you Blessed Savior parishioners for all the wonderful gifts and for including the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry in the Advent Giving Tree Collection. Through your generosity, many of our clients will have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

### Photo / Video Disclaimer

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### Tax Reminder

According to IRS regulations, all contributions must be received by December 31 to be considered donations in the 2022 calendar year.

### 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:

Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Gene Brunner,  
Kathleen Brunner, David Cheever,  
Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn,  
Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry,  
Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke,  
Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor,  
Edward Richard John Kurhajetz, Ellen Malloy,  
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Joe Ratke,  
Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Judith Scheible,  
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Eleonore Ulik,  
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 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.**

### Winter Solstice - December 21, 2022

#### Prayer for the Coming of the Light

In a world so often filled with darkness and sin,  
Jesus, You are the rising Son!

When the night of our lives feels longer than we can bear,  
Jesus, You are the hope of a new dawn!

When we are anxious for what the future holds,  
Jesus, You are the morning star that never sets!

In all our confusion and division,  
Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

Heavenly Father, in this Advent season, we await Your Son's coming with anticipation.

Send Your Spirit to sustain and carry us through these final days of Advent preparation, as we await the dawning of the Light of the World!

Amen.

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