

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

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Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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Communal: Seasonal as announced.

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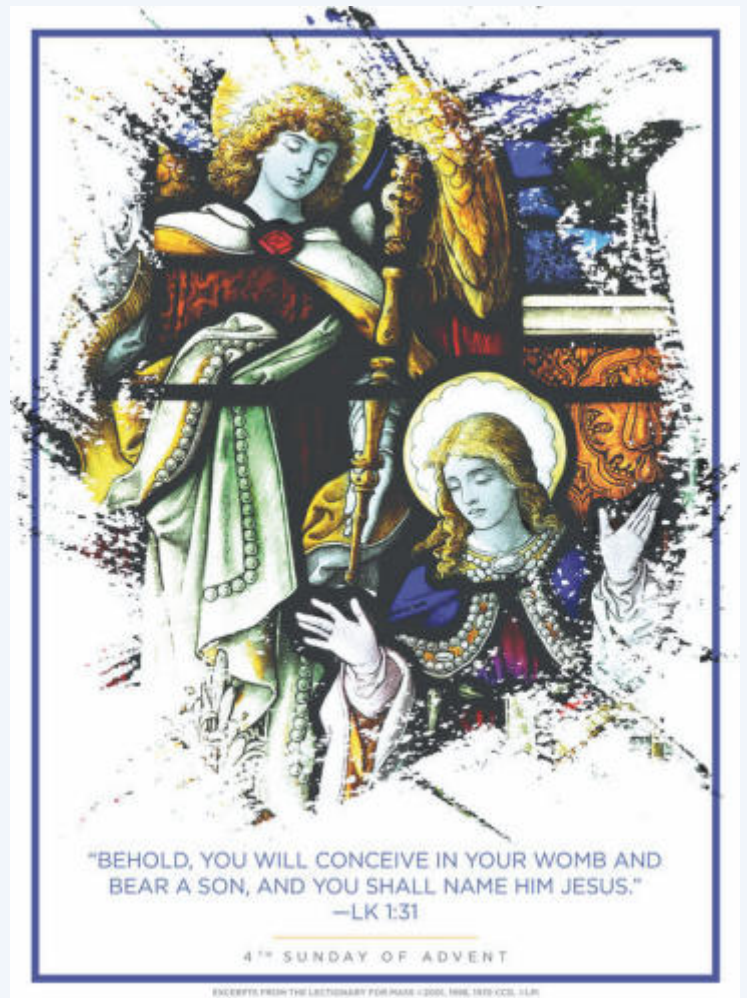
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Mission Statement

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, 12/19 - VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

4:00pm † James Engel

Rosary at 3:15pm

**SUNDAY, 12/20 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

9:00am † Julius Machulak

Rosary at 8:15am

THURSDAY, 12/24 - VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Lk 2:1-14

4:00pm Intention of the Children of our Parish and of our Neighborhood

10:00pm Intention of our Parishioners and their Families

**FRIDAY, 12/25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

9:00am Intention of Fr. Romanus and his Family

SATURDAY, 12/26 - VIRGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

4:00pm † Tom Schimmels

† Steven Lehman

Rosary at 3:15am

SUNDAY, 12/27 - THE HOLY FAMILY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

9:00am † Joseph Augustine

Rosary at 8:15am



Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of

Klara Kammermann, parishioner

May she find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn her and may her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY DEC. 24, FRIDAY, DEC. 25., THURSDAY, DEC. 31, & FRIDAY, JAN. 1, 2021. If you

have an emergency please call 414-464-5033, someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember it is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Publication dates for our bulletin change with the holidays. Announcements for the 1/3/21 bulletin are due by noon on 12/23.

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.



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!



TAX REMINDER...According to IRS regulations, all contributions must be received by December 31 to be considered donations in the 2020 calendar year. Parish Office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1.



A Foundation of Gratitude
 Your parish stewardship is a biblical concept not just a budgetary appeal to you to give more. It reminds you to count your blessings, acknowledge God's gift to you and to express thanks to Him by giving a portion of what you have to the Church.

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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:

- Amber Anderson, Jackie Ballering, Bernetta, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Dennis Claas
- Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke,
- Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Larry Kenny, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda, Barb Moroder,
- Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss, Sharon Tym, Joseph Valent
- 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.

Names remain on the Sick List for 4 weeks and then are given to the Prayer Circle. For names to be removed sooner, call the parish office.

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



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