



Blessed Savior Catholic Parish  
4th Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018  
December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 12/22 - VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

4:00pm † John & Lois Van Dervan  
Rosary at 3:15pm

Anointing of the sick after Mass in the Chapel

SUNDAY, 12/23 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

9:00am † Debbie Wendal  
Rosary at 8:15am

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

Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/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



TUESDAY, 12/25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

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

SATURDAY, 12/29 - VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS  
MARY AND JOSEPH

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

4:00pm † Cecilia Clemente  
† Connie Clemente  
Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/30 - 12/30 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS  
MARY AND JOSEPH

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

9:00am In Thanksgiving Rosina Vungo  
Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 12/31 - VIGIL OF MARY, THE  
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

4:00pm † Paul & Adeline Krizan



TUESDAY, 1-1-2019 - MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9:00am † Elaine Ewe



May Holy Mary, the Angels and all the Saints  
welcome

Elizabeth Cembrowski, wife of George  
Elaine Ballering,

Mother of Judy, Jacqueline and Jeff

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

PLEASE NOTE: OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON MONDAY, DEC 24 & TUESDAY,  
DEC. 25. MONDAY, DEC. 31 2018 &  
TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 2019. If you have an  
emergency please call 414-464-5033, someone  
will get back to you asap.



Dear Parishioners, Merry Christmas:

The lighting of the last Advent candle marks the conclusion of a journey we began four Sundays ago. Though Advent does not officially end until Christmas Eve, it feels great to light all four candles, completing the Advent circle. The Advent journey is both challenging and rewarding, and presents great opportunities for spiritual enrichment. With all four candles burning, we feel encircled by the light of Christ, with no dark corners of trepidation.

In ancient Greece, the winner at an Olympic game was not the first person who got to the finish line. At the start of a race, each runner received a lighted torch to carry for the duration of the race. The first person to get to the finish line with his light still burning won the race. It was a novel idea intended to cut down on recklessness and irresponsible behavior during the race.

We could also imagine Advent as a race of sorts where the runners are carrying lighted torches. The most important thing is not finishing the race rather finishing with our torches still burning. Hence, the question is - are we still on fire with the love of God and neighbor? Are we still on fire with the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation? Are we on fire with the desire for peace and justice?

**Christmas is here and we are thrilled.** The birth of Jesus re-establishes the channels of grace ruptured by the sins of our first parents. It also marks the beginning of a new epoch in human history, an epoch permeated by divine love. Our response is one of humble gratitude to God for giving us a second chance. We are also grateful to Jesus for his commitment to our salvation. He is the realization of the divine assistance (Emmanuel - God is with us) long promised through the mouth of the prophets.

That Christmas is a very special time of the year is evident in the music, decorations, and the various festive celebrations. There will also be plenty of opportunities to encounter the secular characters of the season, namely, Santa Claus, Frosty the snowman, Rudolf the reindeer, and others. As we celebrate these characters, let us not forget the main character in this Christmas narrative, Jesus Christ. Neither should we forget the major supporting characters, Mary and Joseph. Their openness to God's salvific plan for humanity made everything possible.

Christmas is not a merely secular holiday with some religious connotation as some claim, nor a baptized pagan celebration embellished with biblical meaning. The incarnation is at the roots of our understanding of Christmas. Christmas gives us an opportunity to express gratitude to God for the extraordinary gift of his Son. One could say with impunity that Christmas gifts are token manifestations of the spirit of generosity initiated by God. The monetary value of a Christmas gift is not as important as what it symbolizes to both the giver and the receiver. As we unwrap our gifts this Christmas, we ought not to forget the greatest gift of all - God's gift of his Son as a symbol of His unconditional love for us.

It is hard to imagine that a fragile baby born in a manger over two thousand years ago would grow up to accomplish so much. The hope and the future of humankind rested on his fragile shoulders, and he did not disappoint. We know, of course, that he was not merely human but also the second person of the Trinity. He is God incarnate and bears the invaluable gift of God's love for humankind and his desire to save us from sin and death.

I pray that this Christmas will involve a gradual unwrapping of God's unconditional love for you and your loved ones this year and in the upcoming years.

**Wishing Everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Fr. Romanus





From all of the Parish Staff,  
Fr. Romanus, John, Eileen, Christy, Penny,  
Dave, Chuck and Andrew. May you  
experience the light and warmth of the  
true Christmas with all those you love and  
may Christ's love remain in you forever.



**THERE WILL BE NO 9AM CHAPEL MASS  
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.**

**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: Stanley Bruskiwicz, Helen Hauser, Diane Henry,

Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Sue & Bob Mielke,  
Ginny & Donald Naegele, Mary Lou Neuzil,  
Allan & Lorraine Rischman,

Anton Schleiss, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Mary Frances Williams  
*Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you,  
May Your healing Hand restore them to health.*

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 if you wish  
to have it 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 have written them.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 & SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 6, 2019** Would you please share a

plate of goodies with your fellow Parishioners.  
Let's get together and celebrate Epiphany.  
Christmas cookies, fruit cake, bar cookies OR  
maybe you would like some freshly baked  
muffins or cinnamon buns. Whatever you would like to  
share, please place on a disposable plate and bring to the  
church hall before Mass. (please pre-cut bars) If you make  
something GLUTEN FREE, or that contains p-nuts/p-nut butter  
PLEASE MARK THE PLATE AS SUCH. If we all bring one  
little plate and IF a few of our young people help  
serve and clean up, we will all have a good time  
and be able to continue this tradition.



**HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR 2019 CALENDAR HOME?**

They are located in the pews in the front & back of church.  
Please help yourself to a couple. Thank you  
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Join us**

Join Sister Judene Studer for the next  
session and discussion in the Blessed  
Mother video series. It will be held in  
Blessed Savior Church on **Wednesday  
night, January 9 from 6PM-7:15PM.**



Would you like to grow closer to Jesus and learn  
more about the Bible? Join Mr. Joe Ratke for our  
next dual parish Bible study semester course  
focusing on the Gospel of Luke, beginning  
**Thursday night, January 10 from 6:30PM-8PM  
in the Blessed Savior Parish Center.** For more  
info, contact Faith Formation Director Dave  
Liccione 464-5033 ext. 13



**WINTER WEATHER POLICY** ~ Winter weather doesn't  
wait for the calendar. We want to remind everyone of our  
policy for snow emergencies. While  
we seek to serve our members,  
safety becomes foremost. When the  
driveways and sidewalks cannot be  
properly cleared on time, weather  
conditions may prompt us to close  
for the day. Closing announcements  
will be listed on Channels 4, 6, 12 & 58 or on WTMJ 620  
AM radio, or on the station Website.



**TAX REMINDER...**According to IRS regulations, all  
contributions must be received by December 31 to be  
considered donations in the 2018 calendar year. Parish Office  
will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan.1.



A message from your bulletin editor:  
*Peace and blessings of Christmas be yours.  
This is my wish and the wish of the office  
volunteers and church mouse too. Carol*

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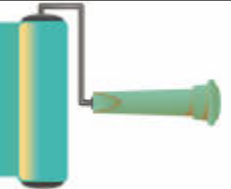
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