

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## The Nativity of the Lord

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225  
Parish Office/Center (mailing address)  
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Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 9am  
Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel

### Parish Staff:

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### Bulletin Deadline: Monday by Noon

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**Sacraments:** Preparation for all sacraments are made through 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.

### Anointing of the Sick:

**Communal** - Suspended for now.

**Individual** - Call the parish office.

**Baptisms:** Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

**Confessions:** Call the parish office.

**Communal Penance:** Seasonal as announced.

**Funerals:** Call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

**Weddings:** Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

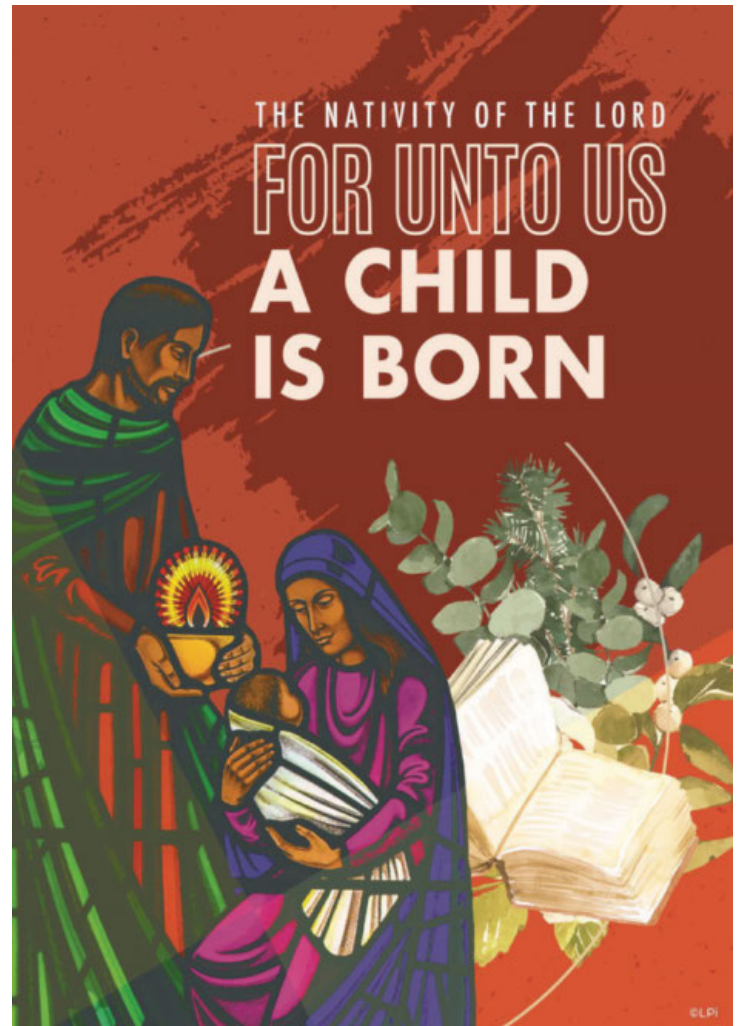
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### Pastoral Council Officers:

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### Parish Trustees:

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**School Website:** [www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org)

### West Campus

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Renee Manikham, Principal

### East Campus

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Erin O'Donnell, Principal



### 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, 12/24 - 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

**Saturday, 12/31 - Vigil of The Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God**

*Nm 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) / Gal 4:4-7 /  
Lk 2:16-21*

**4:00pm** † Rita Lipski

**Sunday, 1/1 - The Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God**

*Nm 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) / Gal 4:4-7 /  
Lk 2:16-21*

**9:00am** † Andreas Wesserle  
† Glorianne and William Robert Porter

**Rosary at 8:15am**



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

**Roger Baehr**, former West Campus principal

**Michael Hearn**, father of Mae Hearn,  
West Campus cafeteria employee

*May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn them and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*



*May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year.*

*We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed and Happy New Year!*

*Fr. Romanus,  
Carl, Barb, Eileen, Christy, Simon and Chuck*

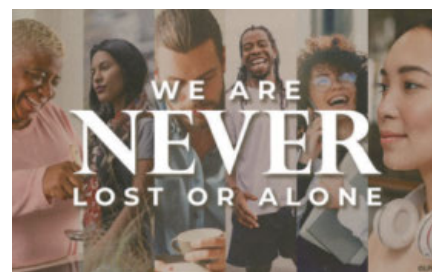
**Gospel Meditation**

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

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### Welcome to Blessed Savior Catholic Church

If you are a vacationer, a guest or a visitor, we welcome your presence with us today. Thank you for coming. We hope that you will come again!



### Parish Registration

**Question:** Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

**Answer:** Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

To join our household of faith, please see an usher for a registration packet or take one off the round table in the Villard hallway. You can also call the parish office at 414-464-5033 and the necessary paperwork will be provided.

### 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.



### Tax Reminder

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

O Come All Ye Faithful

### 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.**

### A Christmas Prayer

*Eternal, loving God, we are grateful to celebrate your gift of love, Jesus.*

*In your Son becoming human, you show us our infinite capacity as human persons.*

*With Him as the cornerstone of the kingdom of peace and justice, give us divine confidence to carry on His mission of peacemaker in our tattered world. Help us to work together to make real the song of the angels:*

*"Glory to God in the Highest  
and peace to God's people on earth."*



### Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend some quality time with Jesus. Every Friday, 10:30am - 2:30pm in the Chapel. Use the east church door entrance.

### Charismatic Adoration followed by Charismatic Prayer

Every Friday, 6:30pm in the Chapel. Use the west church door entrance.



A message from your bulletin editor:



Christmas: What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree in the living room and eat nuts and sweets out of your socks?

*Merry Christmas to all!*



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