



Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

December 25, 2020 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 27, 2020

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4PM, Sunday, 9AM

Weekdays Masses have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 12/26 - VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS
MARY & JOSEPH

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, 39-40

4:00pm † Tom Schimmels
† Steven Lehman

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/27 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH

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, 39-40

9:00am † Joseph Augustine

Rosary at 8:15am

THURSDAY, 12/31 - VIGIL OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
New Year's Eve

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

4:00pm Parishioners

FRIDAY, 1/1/21 - MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
New Year's Day

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

4:00pm † Dolores Kulasiewicz

SATURDAY, 1/2/21 VIGIL OF EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD
† Christianne Koss

Rosary at 3:15

SUNDAY, 1/3/21 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

9:00am Prayers for Wisconsin & the USA

Rosary at 8:15am

*From Fr. Romanus, and the Parish Staff.
May you experience the light and
warmth of Christmas with all those you
love and may Christ's love remain in you
forever.*



Dear Blessed Savior Parishioners,
It is hard to believe in a few short weeks we will be ushering in a new year. Let us hope that 2021 will be better than 2020. We presently have 180 students between all three campuses attending in-person learning. The rest are virtual learners. All three campuses now have K4 through 5th grade in school.

From the school staff, we wish you a safe Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Fr. Romanus, Principals, Barbara O'Donnell, East, Nadia Pope, South, Sarah Radiske, West



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 of the 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 wins 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, Adam and Eve. It also marks the beginning of a new epoch in human history permeated by divine love. Our response is one of humble gratitude to God for giving us a second chance. We are grateful to Jesus for his commitment to our salvation. He is the realization of the divine assistance long promised through the mouth of the prophets. We are also grateful to Mary for her willingness to embrace God's plan.

That Christmas is a very special time of the year is evident in the music, decorations, and the various festive celebrations but subdued this year due to the pandemic. 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 Himself. Neither should we forget the major supporting characters, Mary and Joseph. Their openness to God's salvific plan 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 root 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 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 forget the greatest gift of all - God's own Son.

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

A Christmas Miracle request to find help with preparing the home of a parishioner so it will be ready for her return after lung transplant.



Also looking for help to care for her while waiting for transplant and after. Pay negotiable, if needed. For details contact Phil at plkbd70@outlook.com or call 414-405-7823.

A release of liability form will be provided so we only do what one can.

Thanks and prayers. We are family.

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 Miranda, 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.

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

REJOICE

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Amen John 1:5

These days, it can take courage to just step outside your door. We are glad you did, and are so happy you are here to celebrate with us.

This exceptionally difficult year has brought significant fear, anxiety, uncertainty, hardship, illness and disappointment into the lives of so many people. Yet, this is not the end of the story. The good news is God loves us so much He sent his only Son, Jesus, into the world, so we don't have to be alone or afraid. He is our light, no matter the present darkness. We invite you to take a moment to turn to Him, speak with Him, and simply, be with Him.

- In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus, help me to be present to You in this moment.
- Jesus, help me to be still and at rest.
- Jesus, help me to know You see me, know me and love me.
- Jesus, help me find Your peace amidst my anxieties and worries.
- Jesus, help me to have courage in the midst of all of my fears.
- Jesus, help me to recognize the ways I have turned away from You.
- Jesus, help me to seek Your forgiveness.
- Jesus, help me discover my life's purpose.
- Jesus, help me to know I belong to Your family, the Church.
- Jesus, help me recognize Your Presence at Mass.
- Jesus, help me to worship well, recognizing You are God and I am not.
- Jesus, help me to follow You with my whole life.
- Jesus, I trust in You.
- Amen.

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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.



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 31 & January 1.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS!!!

You have mail.
 New schedules will be in your mailbox on January 2, 2021.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year .

Thank you for your generous donations through the year.



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 put it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous support.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON 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.



Carol your bulletin editor and the Church Mouse wish you a Merry Christmas and all God's Blessings in 2021.

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