

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

December 29, 2019

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site: 8545 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225

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

Weekdays: Mon. through Wed. 9am in the Chapel



### THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

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**Sacraments:** Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)**

**Individual:** Any Time and also by appointment.

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

**Confessions:** 3rd Saturday in church, 3:15-3:45pm and by appointment

**Communal Penance:** Seasonal as announced.

**Funerals:** Please 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.

#### Ministry to the Sick

When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 5558 N. 69 St.

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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, 12/28 - VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

4:00pm † Lorraine Staniszewski  
Rosary at 3:15pm**SUNDAY, 12/29 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

9:00am † Faustino G. &amp; Eliza V. Piana

**MONDAY, 12/30 - 6TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

NO 9AM CHAPEL MASS

**TUESDAY, 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

4pm Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, 1/1/2020 - MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY**

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

9:00am † Theresa Somers

**THURSDAY, 1/2/20 - STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS & DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

NO SCHOOL MASS

**FRIDAY, 1/3/20 - HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

**SATURDAY, 1/4/20 - VIGIL OF 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

4:00pm † Mary Posnanski

Rosary at 3:15

**SUNDAY, 1/5/20 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 † Marge Wesling

Rosary at 8:15am

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** “‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.’” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

*Liturgical Publications*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, “GPS signal lost!” or “Rerouting!” The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don’t trust my sense of direction. And I haven’t bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God’s GPS signal is never really lost.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



Blessed Savior Parishioners express their sympathy to the families of

*Ronald John Ebert, parishioner  
and  
Keith G. Splude Sr., father of our  
percussionist, Kerwyn Splude*

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

**OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, DEC. 31 2019 & WEDNESDAY,**

**JANUARY 1, 2020.** If you have an emergency please call 414-464-5033, someone will get back to you asap.



**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:

**Jackie Ballering, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrude Kaegler, Karla Klaybor, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen, Anton Schleiss, Rusty Tym, 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 prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033. The name will remain on the list for 4 weeks and then to the Prayer Circle. 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 wrote them.



**TAX REMINDER...**According to IRS regulations, all contributions must be received by December 31 to be considered donations in the 2019 calendar year. Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 27, 31 & January 1.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

Please share a plate of bakery with your fellow Parishioners and celebrate Epiphany. Christmas cookies, fruit cake, bar cookies OR maybe you would like to bake or purchase some muffins or cinnamon buns. Whatever you would like to share, please place on a disposable plate and bring to the church hall before Mass. If you make something GLUTEN FREE, or that contains p-nuts/p-nut butter PLEASE MARK THE PLATE AS SUCH. Maybe a few of our young people would be willing to help serve and clean up. Lets all get together and have a good time so we will be able to continue this tradition.



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.



Prelude of Epiphany Carols, Saturday, January 4 at 3:45pm there will be a 15 minute musical offering of Epiphany Carols. Come enjoy this Christmas celebration with beautifully sung music by our cantors Beth and Gretal & Kathleen.



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