

1st Sunday in Advent

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM-SUNDAY 9AM

Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON

Carol Spsychalski, Bulletin Editor

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

Sacrament of Christian Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Individual: Any time and also by appointment

Communal: Seasonal as announced

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

Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)

Individual: Any time and also by appointment.

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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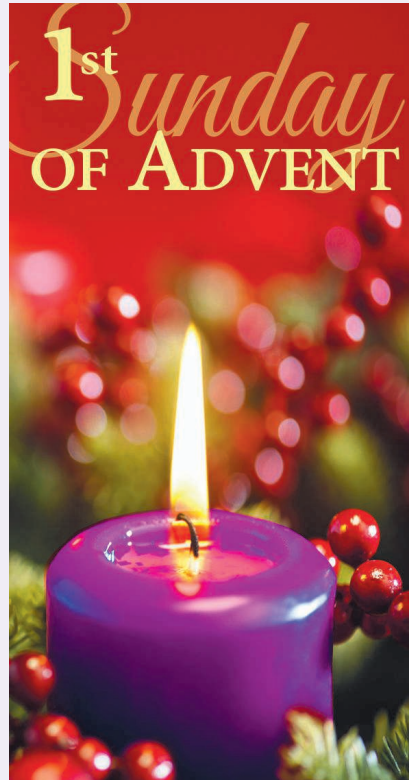
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Watch

TODAY WE BEGIN OUR ADVENT JOURNEY. ADVENT IS A TIME OF EXPECTANT DELIGHT AS WE REMEMBER CHRIST'S FIRST COMING IN CHRISTMAS, AND WATCH FOR HIS RETURN AT THE END OF TIME.

ADVENT CALLS US TO BE WATCHFUL, TO FIND HOPE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE IS PLENTY OF DISCOURAGEMENT. AS WATCHFUL PEOPLE, WE WAIT VIGILANTLY FOR THE LORD'S COMING — SETTING ASIDE OUR OWN DESIRES AND AIMS FOR THOSE THAT ARE LONG-LASTING. IDEALLY, WE SERVE MORE THAN WE ARE SERVED; WE GIVE MORE THAN WE RECEIVE. IN THAT WAY WE MAKE OURSELVES READY TO MEET THE LORD WHEN HE COMES.



*Marriage Blessing for
Allen & Helen Engel
60th Anniversary
Saturday,
November 24, 2018
4:00pm Mass*



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, 12/1 - VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

4:00pm † Pierre Dasylya
† Anna Diatta

Rosary at 3:15pm



SUNDAY, 12/2 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

9:00am † Faustino G. & Eliza Piana
Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 12/3 - ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

9:00am † Joseph Donahue

TUESDAY, 12/4 - ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST &
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 12/5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

9:00am † Elaine Ewe

THURSDAY, 12/6 - SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 12/8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
BLESSED VIRGIN MARYHOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION —THIS MASS DOES NOT FULFILL
YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION.

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9:00am † Connie Mueller

SATURDAY, 12/8 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the
Emmerich & Prekop Families

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/9 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

9:00am † Leontine Coly
† Ronald Lunford
† Hilda Sims

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, Dec. 6, 9am at the East Campus. Enter through the FRONT CENTER door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December. Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, December 8, Mass at 9am. Holy Day of Obligation.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War.

We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason!

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

Liturgical Publications

Everyday Stewardship

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen already. I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which was nerve-wracking.

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations. We put together nurseries, go over last will and testaments, and look through endless college mailings. Then, when the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well or you didn't.

Unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before. Even though this is the case, when Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent. Of course, there is no promise of next year. What if you knew this was your last Advent ever?

I once read a book about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live. The author said that doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say.

I hope all who read this have many wonderful years ahead of them. However, let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter. And who knows, we may find a new and improved way to live all year long.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



JOIN THE "GO-TO-GANG"

Do you enjoy the various breads & other goodies at the Bread Table each weekend? **WELL, NOW we need your help** in preparing the breads each Saturday & Sunday morning before we put them out on the tables. YOU will have a fun time with a great group of people and at the same time get an extra blessing. Call Lynne @ 262-649-3267 if you would like to help.



Stewardship Pledge – Growing Our Faith Through Generosity
Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please remember to return your stewardship pledge card in the offertory collection or mail it to the parish office.

Dan Schutte and an Advent Evening of Reflection

All are invited to an Advent Evening of Reflection with Dan Schutte entitled "God With Us." The program will include well-known compositions by Dan with back-up singing from the Blessed Savior Choir and St. Margaret Mary musicians. Join us next Saturday, December 8, at 7:15pm in the church of St. Margaret Mary. A free-will offering will graciously be accepted.

**Save Those Box Tops for Education Labels & Empty Ink Cartridges for the Parish and School.**

Many food and beverage containers have a Box Tops for Education label. When you cut out those labels and donate them to Blessed Savior, we earn money! **Each label is worth 10 cents or more and for each ink cartridge we receive \$2.** It's that easy! You can drop off your saved labels and empty ink cartridges in the BOX TOP & CARTRIDGE box on the round table in the Villard hallway. Thank you.

For the Advent season, the Finance Council has set up an **"Adopt a Bill"** Giving Tree in the back of church. Your donations will help with heating, snow removal and liturgical supplies. We ask you to consider an extra gift to Blessed Savior in your gift giving during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please take an "ornament bill" from the tree with the suggested donation for that budgeted item. Feel free to be as generous as you can. Please put the ornament and your donation in an envelope and return it in the collection basket. You can also use Faith Direct and indicate an additional donation. Thank you for generous support.



During Advent this year we are offering an opportunity for individuals and families to sign up to process in carrying the candles for the Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass. If you are interested, please see one of the ushers before or after Mass. Sign up is on a first come first serve basis.

Dear Blessed Savior Parishioners,
The students and families at our school want to thank you for the wonderful donation of hats, mittens and scarves! The students were so excited to choose warm items to keep them cozy in this cold weather. The hand knitted items were absolutely lovely. Thank you for your kindness.

Happy Holidays to you all! *Bryant School & Students*



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES
BLESSED SAVIOR PARISH,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 @ 6:30PM.

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: Elaine Ballering, Stanley Bruskiewicz, 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 then go 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 have written them.

St. Vincent de Paul Empty Shelf—For the weekends of December 1st through December 16th. We are asking for items for Christmas Meals.



OPLATKI - This year we are once again selling Christmas Oplatki Wafers. The cost is **\$2.25 for a packet of 4 wafers.** They are available for purchase after Mass. See an Usher for help. They are also available at the Parish Office. **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** ~ In your monthly envelope pack for December, there is a special Christmas flower envelope. Extra envelopes are also on a table in the back of church.

DON'T FORGET OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO BRING IN YOUR GIFT. **There are still cards on the tree. Won't you please take one. Look for red strings for children or green strings for adults.** The tree will be up and waiting for your gifts now thru December 9th. All we ask is for you to give a **new gift**, wrap it up pretty and tape the tag onto the outside.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm—HOMEMADE BAKERY-& CRAFT BOUTIQUE. All bakery & crafts, made by *Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi*—Proceeds: Construction of New Convent 3221 S. Lake Drive, *Follow Signs*



Welcome to St. Anthony's fish Fry!-
December 7, 4pm-7pm, dine in & carry out. Buckets \$34, Dinners \$10- & \$8, Children ages 5-12 Fish Dinner or Mac'n Cheese dinner \$5



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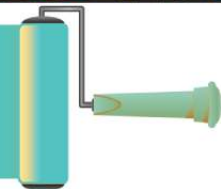
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