

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

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

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM, SUNDAY 9AM

Weekdays Masses are suspended for now.

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Picture from last Sunday, November 29, 2020
Rite of Acceptance & Welcome for Sacraments at the Easter Vigil

(Left to right) Fr. Romanus (Pastor)

Simon Biagui (RCIA Coordinator)

Mariam Diallo (Catechumen)

Bryant Palacios (Candidate)

Judith Palacios (Candidate)



"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD." — MK 1:3

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Closed Fridays

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Anointing of the Sick: Communal - Suspended for now. Individual - Call the parish office.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

Communal: Seasonal as announced.

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

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

414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am

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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, 12/5 - VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

4:00pm † Pierre Dasyvla
† Monique Diatta



Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/6 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

9:00am † Frances & Edward Kupkowski

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 12/7 - VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

6:00pm † Milton Hohensee

TUESDAY, 12/8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9:00am † Allan Loesl
† George Loesl

SATURDAY, 12/12 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

4:00pm † Lorraine Schmidt

Rosary at 3:15am

SUNDAY, 12/13 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



9:00am † Terry Leack

Rosary at 8:15am

GOSPEL MEDITATION

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?
Liturgical Publications

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation. When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH. THERE WILL BE A 6PM VIGIL MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 AND A 9AM MASS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IN THE CHURCH.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE BLESSED SAVIOR PARISH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 6:00PM

Publication dates for our bulletin change with the holidays.

Announcements for the 12/13 bulletin are due by noon on 12/7.

Announcements for the 12/20 bulletin are due by noon on 12/9.

Announcements for the 12/27 bulletin are due by noon on 12/14.

Announcements for the 1/3/21 bulletin are due by noon on 12/23.

Church Photo
Directory**Good News!**

Our photo directories have arrived! If you had your photo taken, stop in the Villard hallway after Mass today to pick up your directory. Please remember to keep socially distanced.

**Stewardship Pledge – Growing Our Faith Through Generosity**

Please don't forget to return your stewardship pledge card by mail or in the offertory collection by next weekend.

ADOPT A BILL GIVING TREE

During the Advent season, the Finance Council will set up an "Adopt a Bill" Giving Tree starting on December 12 & 13. The donations will help with heating, snow removal and liturgical supply costs. The tree will be in the back of church. 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 from the tree with the suggested donation for that budgeted item. Feel free to be as generous as you can. Return the ornament and your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. You can also use Faith Direct and indicate an additional donation. Thank you for generous support of Blessed Savior.



- **OBEY COVID GUIDELINES WHEN PICKING ORNAMENTS.**
- **ONLY 2 PEOPLE AT THE TREE AT A TIME. SANITIZER WILL BE AVAILABLE INDIVIDUALS MUST SANITIZE THEIR HANDS BEFORE PICKING AN ORNAMENT.**

*Blessed Savior Catholic Church*

Dear Friends, on behalf of the Clement J. Zablocki VAMC patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of thank you cards for Veterans Day.

Your beautiful handmade cards are most welcomed and appreciated by the Veterans, they look forward to receiving them and reading the heartfelt message that they contain. Gestures such as yours warm our Veterans' hearts. Thank you for thinking of the Veterans who come to the VA Medical Center for their treatment and care.

Without your support, we could not provide for the smaller niceties that make hospitalization more bearable. The commitment you have shown to our patients demonstrates your concern for America's heroes, as well as the service our Veterans have given to our Country. Thank you for your continued support.



*Sincerely, Torrie Hutchison, Specialist, Voluntary Service
Clement J. Zablocki VAMC
Department of Veterans Affairs*

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.

**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,
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.

If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, call the parish office at 414-464-5033. For names to be removed, call the parish office.

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

**NEWS FROM YOUR****ST VINCENT de PAUL PANTRY**

Because of you and your support the St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers from our parish were blessed to do the following during the last 12 months. **MADE 210 VISITS**
*Gave 100 new beds *60 vouchers to buy a stove or refrigerator
*Plus Vouchers for furniture and other items
*Distributed donated clothing and furniture.
The cost for these items was \$35,000
*Gave 2,350 bags of food to 2,300 people or 860 families
Value of food was \$42,000 (at \$18 a bag)
That's \$77,000 worth of help made possible by you for a year. What can only be measured by God is the value of the impact of your generosity. May HE bless you for that. *Sincere Thanks.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY

Food Drive for the weekend of
DECEMBER 12 & 13 & DECEMBER 19 & 22.
We could use everything to make a great Christmas dinner.

Thank you for your continued generosity



Check out the round table in the Villard hallway for free inspirational booklets, prayers, and activity booklets for your children during the Advent Season. Remember, obey Covid guidelines by using hand sanitizer and social distancing at the table.



A message from your bulletin editor:
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