

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Closed Fridays

Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM-SUNDAY 9AM
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON
Carol Spychalski, 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: Anytime 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.
414-464-3817—Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am
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Prepare

Life is a journey on a path to meet Jesus. We continually encounter Jesus as we meet him every day – in prayer, when we do good works, when we visit the sick, when we help the poor, when we think of others, when we are loving – in these things we give witness to Jesus in our world. As we prepare for Christmas, we can miss the joys of Advent. We can miss the pleasure of relishing the quiet, waiting for something good to come. We might miss the beauty of patience, or forget that charity and good works bring meaning to our lives. What can we do today to give our best? In all our busyness, let us allow God to bring to completion the work in us.

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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, 12/8 - 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

MONDAY, 12/10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

9:00am † All Souls

TUESDAY, 12/11 - ST. DAMASUS I, POPE

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 12/12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-479:00am † Debbie Wendal
† Delores Cave
† Rose & Family

THURSDAY, 12/13 - SCHOOL MASS, WEST CAMPUS

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 12/15 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

4:00PM † Terry Leack

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/16 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

9:00am † Faustino G. & Eliza Piana

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, December 13, is a COMBINED SOUTH/WEST MASS, 9am at the WEST Campus. Enter through the EAST side door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



ANOINTING of the sick, Saturday, December 22 after the 4:00pm Mass. Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies will have blessed shawls, bracelets and scarves for anyone who needs them.

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION - "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are there mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to be made straight and smooth. Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

Liturgical Publications



Everyday Stewardship I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.

You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long. —

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sign a Christmas Card for a Police Officer

Please sign a Christmas card to show your appreciation for the sacrifices made by Police Officers of District 4. They are available after Mass in the Villard hallway this weekend, December 8/9 & next weekend, December 15/16. A list of Officers' names is provided along with cards. Please sign one with a message. Thank you.



Stewardship Pledge – Growing Our Faith Through Generosity – “Calling All Cards”

With gratitude, hope and excitement for the future, we say “thank you” to all parishioners who have returned their stewardship pledge card for our annual renewal of financial support. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and faith-filled sharing of resources as we continue to strengthen and grow our ministries.

Over the past several weeks, we have heard about living with a passion for our faith, our parish and our mission to serve others as God intended. Now is the time to respond. Now is the time to commit. Now is the time to act on the realization that, as Catholics, we all live with a purpose.



Each one of us is important to continue the life and ministry that thrives in our parish. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider your role in supporting the vital work of our parish and its ministries. There is still time to return your stewardship pledge card by putting it in the offertory basket or mailing it to the parish office. Remember, making your annual pledge of financial support helps us greatly to prepare a fiscally sound budget. Once again, thank you!



There are still openings 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.



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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 Bruskiwicz,
Diane Henry, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Sue & Bob Mielke,
Ginny & Donald Naegele, 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.



2019 CALENDARS are available during Advent. You can find them in the pews in the front & back of church. Please help yourself. Thank you **JELACIC FUNERAL HOME** for being our sponsor.



FRIDAY FISH FRY

St. Agnes in Butler
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00-7:00pm—eat in or carry out.
\$9.00 - includes breaded cod, cole slaw, rye bread, and your choice of homemade shredded onions, potato pancakes or french fries.
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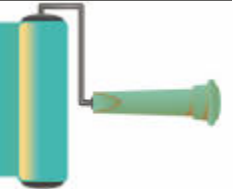
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