

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

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

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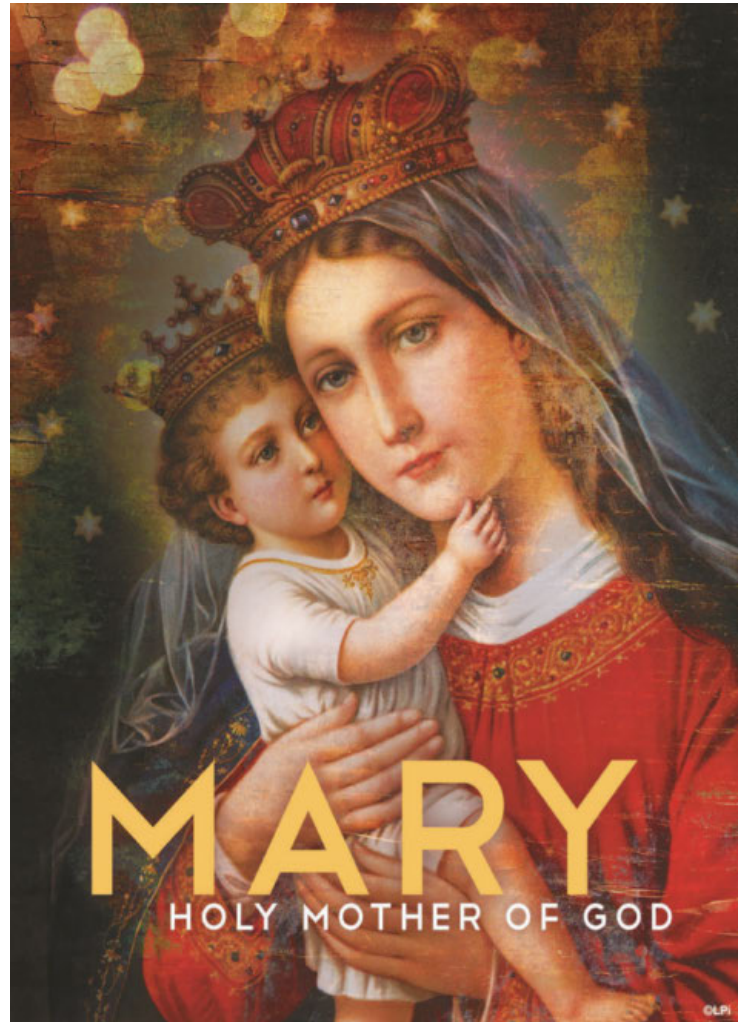
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Mission Statement

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.

MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, 12/31 - Vigil of The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

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

4:00pm † Rita Lipski

**Sunday, 1/1 - The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

New Year's Day
World Day of Peace

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

**9:00am † Andreas Wesslerle
† Glorianne and William Robert Porter**

Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 1/7 - Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

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

4:00pm † All Souls

Sunday, 1/8— The Epiphany of the Lord

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

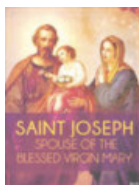
9:00am † Rosemary Baranek

Rosary at 8:15am

*There will be no Morning Mass during the
month of January.*

Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, guardian and protector of
the Holy Family,
be our help and protection in these
trying times.



May we learn from your example of unfailing
confidence and belief in God's plan in the midst of
uncertainty and hardship.

Guide us through our fears and struggles,
personal losses and daily trials.

Teach us to be obedient to God and trust in His
eternal faithfulness and love.

Help us to be courageous and patient, and to live
like you with humility, sacrificial love for others,
and a heartfelt charity for those in need.

Watch over us and help us resist evil, so that one day
we will be together with you in Paradise.

St. Joseph, our protector, pray for us. Amen.

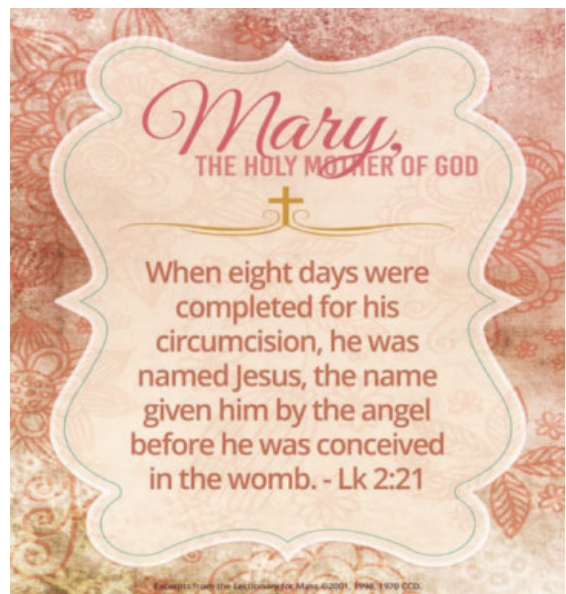
Gospel Meditation

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

Father John Muir, Liturgical Publications ©LPi



Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of

James Wrolstad, parishioner

May he find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn him and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace*World Day of Peace, January 1, 2023*

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried. But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost." Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

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:

Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Gene Brunner, Kathleen Brunner, David Cheever, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Edward Richard John Kurhajetz, Ellen Malloy, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Joe Ratke, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Judith Scheible, Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Eleonore Ulik, 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.

Adopt a Bill Giving Tree

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.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**

You have mail. New schedules will be in your mailbox on January 7.

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**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
32nd Annual Memorial Prayer Service
A Letter from The Birmingham City Jail**

Keynote Presenter: Honorable Judge Kori Ashley
Blessings: Most Rev. Jerome E. Listicki, Archbishop
Saturday, January 14, 2023

1:30pm - Musical Prelude; 2:00pm - Prayer Service
All Saints Catholic Church, 4051 N. 25th St., Milwaukee
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