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Online Giving Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts or debit or credit card, and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. Go to our website or download the online giving app on your mobile device. Contact Judy Pukac at 251-633-6762 x 203 with any questions.

For the web site go to www.oursaviorparish.org then click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy!

For the mobile app go to the App Store and search for Online Giving and register with Our Savior Catholic Church.

PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER-SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

ALL DONATION CENTERS WITH RETAIL LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00PM, Azalea Road, Airport Road, Schillinger Road, Tillman's Corner and Moffett Road

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the Parish Office but please call ahead. Please turn your yellow donation form into Goodwill when donating. This allows Our Savior and Saint Vincent de Paul Society to receive \$5 gift certificates for our Friends in Need. **THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS**, for your participation and generosity. Please contact Christina Richie should you have any questions.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Catholics are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is the desiring of Jesus Christ to enter our heart when we are unable for various reasons to receive actual Holy Communion. Pope Francis has urged Catholics to perform Spiritual Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic. This practice was established in the Church for centuries and recommended by several saints.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



Our Savior Parish

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Christmas Eve

December 24th 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day

December 25th 10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

December 26th (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. & December 27th 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31st (Vigil) 7:00 p.m. & January 1st 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany

January 2nd (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. & January 3rd 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Have a Joyous Christmas & a Blessed New Year



THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH is an association of Christian Men united under the Catholic Church who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leader of their families. A weekly one hour meeting is held at 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in Joseph Hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Francis or Mike Perry.



TAI CHI CLASS

It is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion."

Classes meet: Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Jennings Hall.

- * Social distancing will be observed at all times.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * No cost
- * Everyone is invited.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
Deacon Charles Kenny (retired)
Deacon Norman Gale
Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
Jan Murray, Religious Ed
Tina Lyons, Youth Minister
Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care
Daniel Driskell, Music Minister
Mary Marks, Office Manager
Judy Pukac, Accountant
Kim McDowell, Maintenance
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday
Holy Days: 7 p.m. Vigil & 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

CONTACT

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CHURCH ADDRESS

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Finance Council:

Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
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Knights of Columbus: Michael Smitherman
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4th Degree, Knights of Columbus: Joe Behr
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918
Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Lyons
Men of St. Joseph: Francis Tran
St Vincent de Paul: Christina Richie
Parish Council: Vicki Wakefield
Sister Parish Com.: Kathy Powell
Boy Scouts: Edward Nehls
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Widows Web: Judy Adams

MOVING OR CHANGING ADDRESS

Please notify the parish office 251-633-6762

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are interested in joining our parish family, please fill out a card on the table in the back of the church to the left as you enter or online at www.oursaviorparish.org

SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

Baptism of infants: If you are expecting a child or have recently had a child and want to prepare for baptism, please call Amy Walsh (251-605-8870) to schedule a preparation session.
Confirmation, RCIA, First Eucharist: Jan Murray
251-633-6762 x 206 or re@oursaviorparish.org
Matrimony: Fr. David (six months before the wedding)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School of Religion grades K - 12 meets
Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday

OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Email: youth@oursaviorparish.org
Junior: 6th - 8th grades
Senior: 9th - 12th grades

PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020



FRATELLI TUTTI EPILOGUE

The exercise in analysis that has been the last 7 bulletin essays was based on my conviction that Pope Francis has something important to say, that he says it in ways (and in length) that puts off most folks, and that my job is to be a presenter/interpreter of his thinking.

What is the Holy Father's vision, when we come right down to it? It is the vision of the Kingdom of God, the vision of authentic Christian community, the vision of a return to life, to paraphrase Jesus, "the way it was to be in the beginning" (Matthew 19:8).

William Blake was certain that in his "Songs of Innocence and of Experience" that once we lost innocence it could not be recovered. But he did think that we could still seek and find a life of wisdom—lost innocence tempered by experience and turned into something that is still beautiful. Pope Francis shares this belief, and he shares it with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb. Part of the inspiration for *Fratelli Tutti*, after all, was the meeting they had in Abu Dhabi, when in the *Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together* they declared, "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties, and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters."

Is this notion of the Kingdom simply utopian and impossible for us to realize, here and now? Perhaps it is, but that is not really the question. We should be asking if it is worth striving toward. It is hard to answer "no" to that. The Psalms teach us this: "How good and how pleasant it is, for brothers (and sisters) to live in unity!" (Psalm 133). It is the basis of Jesus' "Priestly Prayer" for unity (John 17). It is the hope of St Paul in his theology of the Mystical Body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12ff). It was the fervent prayer of St Ignatius of Antioch for all the churches to whom he wrote on his way to martyrdom in the Colosseum (ca 112 CE). It was the vision of the Jesuit scientist and theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (quoted by Flannery O'Connor), that everything that rises must converge. Our destiny is to unite—why not start now (or at least try to start now)?

The further question is how much do we trust in the working of the Holy Spirit, the power of the grace (that is, the transforming love) that comes to us in Jesus Christ, the willingness we have to put ourselves in the service of God. Might this involve rejection? Of course it might—it probably will! So what? Mother Teresa would always say that God never called her to be successful, only faithful. She was faithful through terrible dark nights—why not us?

Fr. David

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Our Savior parish is a Catholic community, fueled by the Eucharist and infused with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, committed to faith-filled worship, to outreach and welcoming for our brothers and sisters in need, to striving for Christian unity, to pursuing respect for the dignity of all human life, and to building the Kingdom of God on Cody Road and beyond."

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering in our parish, in a special way...

Bill Barber	Manuela Golden	Jeb Shell
Keith Bumpers	Rose Marie Kervin	Kathy Sirak
Lisa Brazell	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
Annie Ruth Chappell	Rady Laron	Joe Vegliacich
Mason Coker	Myrtis Mooney	Bradley Wells
Judy Courtney	Marsha Naman	
Leah Dees	Michael Nelson	
Michael Dees	Ashley Rickel	
Jesus Gallego	Vicki Scott	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Joan Fellrath 12/1/10	Maudie Thomas 12/17/12
Tracy Hurley 12/1/10	John Scarangella 12/17/96
Raymond Simons 12/1/13	Kathy Ferniany 12/17/17
Bob Mihalsky 12/2/18	Mary Fayard Coogan 12/18/15
Dawn Spevacek Roe 12/2/19	Jackie Gray 12/18/08
Rita Gump 12/3/11	Jean Sweeney 12/18/11
Walter Neel, Jr. 12/3/07	John Romanos 12/20/06
Jacqueline Cannon 12/3/12	John Verrett 12/20/07
Mary McDonald 12/3/13	Rose Fellrath 12/21/12
Jimmy M. Wall 12/4/14	Lois Cosci 12/21/16
Marcia Romanagno 12/6/18	James Ferry 12/21/08
Sean Frazier 12/8/15	Madison Alford 12/22/14
Rev. Russell Biven 12/8/17	Bill Nicholas 12/22/15
James Ritchie 12/8/19	Amy Pounder Dean 12/23/14
John Duffy 12/10/15	Caroline Vanderbilt 12/23/19
James Van Hoosen 12/10/16	Catherine Yusko 12/23/19
Daniel Stadam 12/11/07	Luis Lizeras 12/24/11
Laura Noller 12/11/01	Basil "Jack" Bean 12/24/13
Barbara Rozyskie 12/11/09	George Murray 12/24/15
Richard Wampler 12/11/18	Mary Allenbach 12/25/18
Joseph Palughi, Jr. 12/12/14	Jude David Delcambre 12/26/14
Bimbi Stcherbachew 12/13/11	Eddie Randall 12/26/09
Maria, Le Thi Hoai 12/14/19	Alice Chappell 12/26/09
Sylvia Dodson 12/15/10	Jennifer Siggins 12/27/05
Mary Emmanuel 12/15/04	Richard Masse 12/28/11
Lois Neno 12/15/13	Victor de la Paz Gapud 12/29/17
Eloise Anderson 12/16/07	Dorothy Frost 12/31/14
Mary Jane Gross 12/16/12	Ruth Schaffer 12/31/17

OUR SAVIOR LIVE-STREAMING MASSES

We will be **live-streaming Daily Mass** on Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 a.m. and **Sunday Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Facebook.

Two ways to view the Masses:

- 1) Go to our website www.oursaviorparish.org and select the resources menu at the top right, and then click on the link "Daily Mass".
- 2) Log into Facebook and search for Our Savior Catholic Church. Please make sure you click on follow us on Facebook to get notices when a video is posted.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is celebrated on the porch or in the church foyer on Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION ON CHURCH PORCH OR IN THE FOYER:

Fridays 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Sundays noon - 12:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS: In good times and bad, senior Catholic sister, brother, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and necessities. Please be generous.

RESERVATION REQUESTED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to limited seating this year brought on by rules for social distancing and for the safety of everyone, we are asking everyone to please make reservations by contacting the parish office for the Christmas Masses. Please call during normal office hours. Leaving a voicemail message does not guarantee you a place.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: Julia Tooley (d)
Sunday	8:30 am: Ollie Oberkirch (d)
	11:00 am: People of the Parish
Monday	7:00 pm: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am: James Ritchie (d)
	7:00 pm: Olga Rebozo (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Joseph Yusko (d)
Thursday	8:30 am: Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)
Friday	8:30 am: Fr. William Folsom (d)



Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
	Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun.	Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B)
	Reading 2: 2 Peter 3:8-14
	Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Mon.	Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-10
	Gospel: Luke 2:17-26
Tues.	Reading 1: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 (689)
	Reading 2: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
	Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Wed.	Reading 1: Isaiah 40:25-31
	Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs.	Reading 1: Isaiah 41:13-20
	Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15
Fri.	Reading 1: Isaiah 48:17-19
	Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

ATTENTION CAPTAINS/SACRISTANS, LECTORS, & USHERS:

We need volunteers for Christmas, and Mary, Mother of God Masses. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer for the following Masses:

Christmas (December 24th & 25th): 5:00 p.m. (Vigil), Midnight, & 10:00 a.m. (*Lectors & Ushers*)

Mary, Mother of God (December 31st & January 1st): 7:00 p.m. (Vigil) & 10:00 a.m. (*Captains, Lectors, & Ushers*)



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are Monday, December 7th (Vigil) at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



POINSETTIAS may be donated in memory of a loved one. There will be envelopes on the table in the back of the church for you to write your name, the name of your loved one, and the amount of your donation. Please drop the completed envelope in the collection basket.



PRIESTS RETIREMENT ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN RAFFLE

The proceeds go to the endowment fund to benefit all retired priest from the Archdiocese of Mobile. Tickets are \$100 each. Drawing will be on **December 10th** at the Archbishops office. The winner will receive a **New Yamaha Golf Cart** (valued at \$10,000) donated by **The Cart Doctor, LLC**. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Farrell Morris at 251-753-1363.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	7,373
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	581,538
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	552,684
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(28,855)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	0
Building Fund to date	\$	7,395

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education class update: Catechists will send lessons on December 6 and 13. Lessons will begin again on January 10. At this time, it is uncertain if we will be able to gather in person in January. Stay tuned for updates.

The sacrament of Reconciliation for our second graders is tentatively scheduled for the first week of Lent (mid-February). Parents, please stress the form for the sacrament and prayers (Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

The next Confirmation class is forming. This class is for students who will be in the 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2022. Confirmation preparation is a 2-year program and students must be enrolled in Religious Education classes at Our Savior or attend a Catholic High School. If you presently have a 9th or 10th grader not enrolled in religious education, please stop by the office for a registration form or download a form from the parish website.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who would like to learn more about your faith? Are you an adult Catholic who has never been confirmed? Please contact Jan Murray (633-6762, x206) for details on our process while COVID-19 restrictions are still in place.

Light Your Lamps (Luke 12.35)."



With just four short weeks, Advent can seem to just fly by. So, we must make every day count to fully prepare for the Christ Child's arrival. As Jesus told His Disciples: *"Light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks (Luke 12.35-36)."*

We too are called to be servants to help others get ready for Jesus's knock. Invite the inactive Catholics in your life to the Advent Masses and a glorious Christmas Mass. Let them know they are most welcome to again receive the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation that Jesus gives us as a most precious Christmas gift to prepare us to receive the Holy Eucharist. Invite them also to *Catholics Returning Home*, six short sessions that help them prepare to receive these sacraments in the true Christmas spirit. There are no fees and dress is casual. Yet, these informal sessions will help them keep their true Christmas lights burning bright all year. Our Savior Parish is sponsoring the Mobile Deanery's CRH sessions this Christmas season at Our Savior Parish starting **January 7, 2021 at 7 PM.** For more information and to register, call Eileen Rettig at 251661-8619.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



We would like to schedule Christmas caroling for the church choir, children, and families who wish to participate on **Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 5:30 p.m.** Everyone would meet at the church and form a caravan of cars to visit nearby church members. We will sing Christmas carols and hold signs that share encouraging messages ("Merry Christmas," "God Bless You," etc.) Masks and social distancing will be required. Please contact Daniel Driskell for more information.

"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."— St. Therese of Lisieux

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

The 14th Annual Merry Mart/ Santa's Workshop
Sponsored by Our Savior Youth Group
Sunday, December 6th from Noon-4 p.m. Jennings Hall

Come join us for a wonderful shopping experience! You will find the perfect gift for everyone on your list!

We have a wonderful assortment of shopping this year including: Mary Kay, Hubbell's Hearth LLC, Sassy Southern, The Sharp Boutique, DeLaGarza's Custom Woodwork, Limelife by Alcone, Megs Stitch, KM Blends, Scentsy, Handmade Cards by Jan, DaNana's Family Affair, Pampered Chef, Sewell's Custom Creations, 8th Day Creations, Embrace the Succ, Middle Bay Gardens, Chi Chi's, Christmas Wreaths and more! A very exciting assortment!

Priester Pecan fundraiser is going well!

We still have a few items left:

New Item: Pecan Divinity 1 lb. bag \$17

3" Trad. can Pies \$2 each or 3 for \$5

1lb.bag of Pecan Halves, Pieces or Roasted & Salted Halves \$16.50

Pecan Variety Pinwheel 12oz \$15

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

December 6th – Merry Mart (Jennings Hall & Joseph Hall all day)
December 18th – Collection for the Advent Food Drive (Jennings Hall) Noon-2:30

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th grade & High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade. Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

SING PRAISES TO THE NEWBORN KING!



All children and youth are invited to join us for the Our Savior Catholic Church Children's Choir. We are very glad that the children will be able to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass this year! There will be a few changes this year, unfortunately, we will not be able to

provide snacks this year, and all children and adults will need to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and sit at an appropriate distance. Parents will be asked to sign a release form for liability purposes. Thank you for encouraging your children to sing and praise the Lord.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 5th 3:30-4:30 in Joseph Hall

Saturday, December 12th 3:30-4:30 in Jennings Hall

Saturday, December 19th 3:30-4:30 in Jennings Hall

ANGEL TREE



We are unable to put angel tree tags on the Christmas Tree this year. We have listed below items that Our Ministry of Care Committee needs for our home-bound. Please Bring donated items in no later than **Sunday, December 13th.** They can be dropped off in the Church Office or placed around the Christmas Tree.

Personal Hygiene Items:

Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Tooth Paste, Soap (mild), Lotions, Bath Powder, Shaving Cream, Aftershave, Bath Towels and Wash Cloths

Other Items:

Small Christmas Decorations, Religious Items & Books, Writing Paper, Note Cards, Tablets, Pens, Stamps, Crossword / Word Search Puzzles, Sugar Free Candy, Large Gift Bags & Tissue Paper

PRAY for Arnold "Jack" Jackson who died November 25th. He was the husband of Shirley Jackson. **PRAY** for Dee Mahrt who died November 29th. May they rest in peace.

ST JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS are available in the back of the church. This is an annual missal for parish participation. It contains the complete Masses for all Sundays and Holydays from the beginning of Advent through the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The cost is \$5 each.