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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.



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. in Jennings Hall.

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



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Your continuous donations have allowed the St Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor with their rent, utilities, medical expenses, and many other needs. Please consider helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned. If you are unable to drop money in the poor boxes, please mail your checks made payable to *St Vincent de Paul Society* to Our Savior Church. Thank you for your generosity over the years as you continue to help our Friends in Need.

Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary, O sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me, whenever I call on thee; for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion, fill my soul when I utter thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. *(Recite 3 Hail Mary's)*

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.



NEED PRAYER OR DO YOU WANT TO HELP PRAY FOR OTHERS?

Do you know of someone sick or lonely who may need prayers? Are you looking for a way to get involved while we are all mostly staying at home? Our Savior has a group who would be happy to pray for you or would welcome your help with praying for others in need. We may not be able to get involved directly in the other ministries right now, but we can still help through prayer. Prayer is a way for us to reach out to others by putting aside our own loneliness and pain for the sake of another. If you are interested in joining our **Prayer Chain Group** or need prayers yourself, please contact Audrey Cline or Mary Marks at 251-633-6762 x 200 or office@oursaviorparish.org.

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Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
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Daniel Driskell, Music Minister
Mary Marks, Office Manager
Judy Pukac, Accountant
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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

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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 the parish office (251-633-6762) 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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

ST PAUL ON MARRIAGE: WAIT-WHAT?

This essay is actually a “step-back” to the 2nd reading from last weekend. The “Teacher of the Gentiles” is focusing on folks remaining in whatever state they find themselves in, either married or unmarried. Of course, he’s painting too selectively in his comments. I think a better (more honest) way would have been to say that unmarried men/women may well be anxious only for the Lord, and that married men/women might find themselves so caught up in “the world” that they are divided in their loyalties to the Lord and to “life.” But where is St Paul coming from? He is convinced that singleness of purpose is the way to be prepared for the Second Coming, and that this entails absolute fidelity to teachings like (especially) the Sermon on the Mount, and that this is necessary because “the time [left before the End] is very short (I Corinthians 7:29). So what should we make of the rigorous teachings Jesus presents us with in Matthew 5-7?

There have been four traditional approaches to this. One is represented by 19th century theologians (especially but not exclusively Albert Schweitzer), who argued on the basis of St Paul’s statement above that Jesus, too, expected the imminent End, and so His teachings were “interim”—not intended to be adhered to for the long haul.

Then there was the understanding especially of Martin Luther, who taught that the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount was precisely to prove to us that we are incapable of fulfilling Jesus’ precepts and so must turn to Him and throw ourselves on His mercy—in faith alone.

Historically, the Catholic Church has taught that these teachings were really admonitions intended only for “religious”—monks, nuns, clergy—and not for the great majority of believers. They came to be referred to as “counsels of perfection.”

Number four is the position of some Protestants of the “Free Church” tradition (Mennonites, Amish, Swiss and Bohemian Brethren...) who believe that Jesus taught these principles because He actually intended His followers to live by them. So, for example, when the horrible shooting took place in the Amish school in Pennsylvania in 2006, the Amish quickly forgave the shooter (who himself died), comforted his parents, and were the majority at the shooter’s funeral service. “Blessed are the merciful”? “Love your enemies”? “Turn the other cheek”? This is Christianity in its most radical form.

It was commented on multiple times in the media; it was marked as the most remarkable example of mercy. This attention was actually (I believe) counterproductive. It made the Amish “heroes” rather than folks who were simply living out what the rest of us Christians give lip-service to. Making them extraordinary takes us off the hook for living Jesus’ words. It seems to me that this is a risky business.

Back to St Paul. The real question is our focus on the Lord—can it be in propriety and without distraction (I Corinthians 7:35)? Married or not, the answer is not in our state of life but in the state of our adherence to Christ. Does the Lord matter? How does the Lord matter? After all, if I’m single I can still be caught up in desires for the “fast lane,” and if I’m married my spouse and I can work jointly to keep the Lord as #1 in a 3-way relationship. I know many couples/families who do just this. How about us? Let’s take the Lord’s words more seriously than perhaps we’re accustomed to, even if we don’t quite measure up to Amish mercy.

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...

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| Lisa Brazell | Rose Marie Kervin | Jeb Shell |
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| Mason Coker | Rady Laron | Mary Ann Stanley |
| Judy Courtney | Myrtis Mooney | Joe Vegliacich |
| Leah Dees | Marsha Naman | Bradley Wells |
| Michael Dees | Michael Nelson | |

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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| Nick Ciccaglione 2/1/08 | Noah Riddle 2/17/16 |
| Don Lee 2/2/13 | Dolores Ramos 2/18/14 |
| Carmel Cotter 2/3/16 | Ignatius Darring 2/20/09 |
| Mary Ellen Cruitt 2/3/04 | Judy Engler 2/20/16 |
| Harriett Busby 2/4/99 | Jack Kenny 2/20/13 |
| Tom Pennington 2/4/11 | Eugene Holt 2/20/13 |
| David Zimlich 2/4/15 | Joan Duffy 2/22/08 |
| Steven Grant 2/5/00 | Jean Falzini 2/23/2020 |
| Rose Ellis 2/6/06 | Renee Gump 2/25/17 |
| Ethel Vaisin 2/6/19 | Agnes Griffith Harper 2/26/03 |
| Richard J. Smith, Jr. 2/6/2020 | Jeff Lynde, Sr 2/26/2020 |
| Joe Hacker 2/7/11 | Billy Kountz 2/27/07 |
| Charlotte Faye Grimes 2/7/19 | Mike Walsh 2/27/11 |
| John Klemm 2/8/15 | Jacob Moore 2/27/16 |
| Harry Ryan III 2/9/02 | Lejune Newman 2/27/12 |
| Josephine Stewart 2/9/09 | Earl Jordan 2/28/07 |
| Jo Shirey 2/9/17 | Tim Lovorn 2/28/08 |
| Al Cosci 2/13/11 | H. L Porter 2/28/08 |
| Harold Reed 2/12/09 | Dorothy Puckett 2/29/12 |
| Jim Murray 2/12/08 | |
| Don Maurer 2/12/16 | |
| John Ellis 2/14/06 | |
| Jacques Trefontaine 2/15/02 | |
| Florence Bowdion 2/15/07 | |
| John Calametti 2/15/17 | |
| Peg Baldy 2/15/2020 | |
| Carl Noller 2/17/87 | |

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.

"Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. ...We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— St. Francis of Assisi, *A Letter to the Faithful*
(later version, ##30, 45, 47-50)

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Stanley Rydzynski (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: People of the Parish
11:00 am: Rev. Gabe Mills (l)
Tuesday 8:30 am: Dee Mahrt (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: George VanCourt, Jr (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Peter McGowin (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Jim Murray (d)



Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Universal Intention: – Violence Against Women
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Sun. Reading 1: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B)
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Mon. Reading 1: Genesis 1:1-19
Gospel: Mark 6:53-56

Tues. Reading 1: Genesis 1:20-2:4a
Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

Wed. Reading 1: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17
Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

Thurs. Reading 1: Genesis 2:18-25
Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

Fri. Reading 1: Genesis 3:1-8
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME will meet in the parish library on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM through February 11, 2021**. Masks and social distancing will be practiced. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619. If no answer please leave a message.

KNIGHT'S KORNER

The Knight's will begin selling Perpetual Raffle Tickets beginning this weekend. There are 27 chances to win, over \$2,000 in prizes including The Grand Prize drawing for \$1,000. There will be a maximum of 300 tickets that will be sold at \$25 each. All tickets will be reentered into the next month's drawing so that each ticket is eligible to win multiple times. The drawings will be held at the monthly Knights of Columbus council meeting. The first drawing will be in April, if you want to purchase a ticket please see one of the Knights. Tina has several in the office, also.

Knights of Columbus
Our Savior Council 11366

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| Anticipated Offering Income | \$ | 12,115 |
| Actual Offering Income | \$ | 12,264 |
| Anticipated Offering Income to date | \$ | 60,577 |
| Actual Offering Income to date | \$ | 49,017 |
| YTD Offering: Over (Under) | \$ | (11,560) |
| Budget Offering Year | \$ | 630,000 |
| Building Fund this week | \$ | 0 |
| Building Fund to date | \$ | 603 |

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



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.



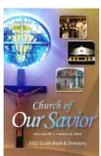
LOVE FOR LIFE KICK OFF RALLY for the 40 Days for Life Spring 2021 campaign will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th at 3:30pm-4:30pm in the parking lot of Women's Resource Center

(which is across the street from Planned Parenthood). On this VALENTINE'S DAY, come learn how to Cast the Vision and show your LOVE FOR LIFE AND BE A PART OF ENDING ABORTION IN OUR COMMUNITY. For more info: Mae Rehm, 251-554-2032. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/mobile to sign up for prayer at the abortion sidewalk.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2021 CAMPAIGN runs from Ash Wednesday, February 17th – Palm Sunday, March 28th, 6am – 6pm daily. 1.) Pray and Fast for an end to abortion. 2.) Sign up to pray for one hour/week or just one hour the whole campaign at the abortion facility, Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop West by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/mobile 3.) Reach out in our community by spreading the joy of LIFE. Wear precious feet, pass out pro-life literature, put a pro-life sign in your yard, get educated and then educate others about the evil of abortion and about the beauty of LIFE. For questions or help signing up, please contact Ricarda Manning at 251-343-9204.

2021 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ARE COMING!

Look in your mailbox for the 2021 Guide Book & Directory. They should be arriving in the coming weeks. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Thank you to all the youth and their parents who attended last Sunday's Planning Meeting!

Watch for updates in the next couple of weeks on information concerning Souper Bowl of Caring. It will look a little different this year due to Covid-19.

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth 6th-8th grade & High School Youth 9th-12th grade.

Parents and Youth if you would like to be added to the email/constant contact list so you can receive updates please send your email to youth@oursaviorparish.org. Remember for me to add any youth to the youth email list I need your parent's permission. Our goal here at Our Savior is to provide a safe place to come together with your peers.

UPCOMING RETREAT

Sunday, February 28th for all youth in the 9th-12th grade We will be participating in the First ever Arch Mob Fest right here at Our Savior! Watch for more details.

Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes: As emailed lessons continue, please encourage your sons and daughters to keep up with their faith formation on a weekly basis. God bless you for your understanding and participation.

The sacrament of Reconciliation for our second graders is scheduled for the Tuesday after Ash Wednesday. Parents, please stress the form for the sacrament and prayers (Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be). First Eucharist will be celebrated in May at a date to be announced.

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. Parents with students at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School please send your student's name and present grade to Jan Murray at re@oursaviorparish.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL



If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so now. The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of their ability. Please, answer the Call to Give to those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help our parish meet our goal of \$129,500 this year and obtain 100% participation.

UPDATE FROM JAN MURRAY

The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal is in the wrap up phase. To date we have received 88 pledges totaling \$58,505 which represents 45.2% of our goal of \$129,500. Thank you to all who have already pledged. If you have not pledged yet, please pray about the Appeal and decide how you can participate. Will your pledge be the one which helps us receive a goal of 100% participation? The basic pledge is \$600, but no amount is too small. \$5, \$10, \$20 given from the heart is a blessing to those in need. God bless you for your generosity!