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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.

## 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 EASTERSEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PRO- GRAM

**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.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



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 website** go to [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://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.

## 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: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & by appointment  
Friday: 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## CONTACT

**Office:** 251-633-6762  
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## CHURCH ADDRESS

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## Finance Council:

**Liturgy:** Fr. David Tokarz  
**Parish Life Activities:** Dolores Hale  
**L.A.F.F.:** Mary Anthony  
**Life & Justice:** Ricarda Manning  
**Knights of Columbus:** Michael Smitherman  
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**4th Degree, Knights of Columbus:** Joe Behr  
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**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  
**Cub Scouts:** Edward Nehls  
**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](http://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](mailto: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  
Closed daily for lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

## OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

**Email:** [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)

**Junior:** 6th - 8th grades

**Senior:** 9th - 12th grades

## PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office [office@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:office@oursaviorparish.org)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



## Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

### THE TRANSFIGURED NIGHT

*(This is an edited version of an older essay, but it says what I want to say today.)*

The 20<sup>th</sup> century composer Arnold Schoenberg wrote a beautiful piece entitled *Verklärte Nacht*—"The Transfigured Night." Originally it was a chamber piece for string sextet, later expanded to be played by a full string orchestra. I know you don't care, but my recordings of these pieces are by the Juilliard String Quartet and Friends, and by the Chicago Symphony with Daniel Barenboim.

Here is the Richard Dehmel poem that inspired Schoenberg (in translation by Steward Spencer):

*Two people walk through a bare, cold grove;/The moon keeps pace and draws their gaze.  
The moon passes over the tall oak trees;/No wisp of a cloud to dim heaven's light  
Into which the black jagged tips reach up. A woman's voice speaks:*

*I am carrying a child, but not by you; I walk beside you in a state of sin.  
I have done myself the most grievous wrong. No longer did I believe in joy  
And yet had a great desire;/For a meaning to life, for a mother's joys  
And duties; and so, with a shudder, I allowed my sex to be held  
In a stranger's embrace, And even thought myself blessed.  
Now life has had its revenge: Now I have met you, yes, you!  
She walks on stumbling. She gazes aloft;/the moon keeps pace.  
Her somber gaze is drowned in light. A man's voice speaks:*

*May the child you've conceived/Not burden your soul.  
See how brightly the universe shines! Its radiance casts its halo around us!  
You're drifting beside me upon a cold sea;/Yet there passes a glow of inmost warmth  
From you to me, and from me to you. That warmth will transfigure the stranger's child,  
And you'll bear me that child, begot by me;/You've transfused me with radiance  
And made me a child myself. He puts his arms around her strong hips  
Their breath commingles in an airy kiss. Two people walk on through the high, bright night!*

What has gone on here, in this poem and in the music? It is simple—merciful, forgiving love has transfigured the night—they have moved from a "cold, black grove" to "the high, bright night." In its own way, it imperfectly echoes the voice of Joseph to Mary... This is the power of love, of mercy, of forgiveness! This is (I believe) what Jesus wanted to reveal to Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. He tells them (in Mark's version, anyway) not to talk about this vision "except when the Son of Man has risen from the dead." But in John's Gospel (John 20:19-23), it is precisely this time that Jesus risen and glorified breathes on the disciples and gives them the power & authority, in the Holy Spirit, to forgive others' sins. The Transfiguration needs to be a moment when we can celebrate our own being transformed: that is, being forgiven. And we are therefore empowered (and in fact commanded) to share that transfiguring gift of forgiveness and mercy.

Our liturgy tells us the same thing: "Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries join hands, and peoples seek to meet together. By the working of your power, it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect" (*Preface, Eucharistic Prayer #2 for Reconciliation*). Are we ready to be transfigured, and to transfigure others??

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

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Nick Ciccaglione 2/1/08	Florence Bowdion 2/15/07
Don Lee 2/2/13	John Calametti 2/15/17
Carmel Cotter 2/3/16	Peg Baldy 2/15/2020
Mary Ellen Cruitt 2/3/04	Carl Noller 2/17/87
Harriett Busby 2/4/99	Noah Riddle 2/17/16
Tom Pennington 2/4/11	Dolores Ramos 2/18/14
David Zimlich 2/4/15	Ignatius Darring 2/20/09
Steven Grant 2/5/00	Judy Engler 2/20/16
Rose Ellis 2/6/06	Jack Kenny 2/20/13
Ethel Vaisin 2/6/19	Eugene Holt 2/20/13
Richard J. Smith, Jr. 2/6/2020	Joan Duffy 2/22/08
Joe Hacker 2/7/11	Jean Falzini 2/23/2020
Charlotte Faye Grimes 2/7/19	Renee Gump 2/25/17
John Klemm 2/8/15	Agnes Griffith Harper 2/26/03
Harry Ryan III 2/9/02	Jeff Lynde, Sr 2/26/2020
Josephine Stewart 2/9/09	Billy Kountz 2/27/07
Jo Shirey 2/9/17	Mike Walsh 2/27/11
Al Cosci 2/13/11	Jacob Moore 2/27/16
Harold Reed 2/12/09	Lejune Newman 2/27/12
Jim Murray 2/12/08	Earl Jordan 2/28/07
Don Maurer 2/12/16	Tim Lovorn 2/28/08
John Ellis 2/14/06	H. L Porter 2/28/08
William Peck 2/14/2021	Dorothy Puckett 2/29/12
Jacques Trefontaine 2/15/02	

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** People of the Parish  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** Jim & Josephine Licari (d)  
**11:00 am:** Jim & Shirley Ferry (d)  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Henry Graveman (d)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Patricia Smith (d)  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Alberta Quina (d)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Nellie Doyle (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:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
**Gospel:** Matthew 5:43-48  
**Sun. Reading 1:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18(26B)  
**Reading 2:** Romans 8:31b-34  
**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Daniel 9:4b-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 6:36-38  
**Tues. Reading 1:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20  
**Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Jeremiah 18:18-20  
**Gospel:** Matthew 20:17-28  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Jeremiah 17:5-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  
**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

**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](http://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 on the porch or in the church foyer**  
 Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment  
 Fridays 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY COMMUNION ON CHURCH PORCH OR IN THE FOYER:**  
 Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
 Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be at 6:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent followed by the sacrament of reconciliation from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	Tai-Chi (10:00 a.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Thursday</b>	K of C mtg (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday</b>	1st Friday / Holy Hour (9:00 a.m.) Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.) Stations of the Cross (6:00 p.m.) Reconciliation (6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) Drive-Thru Lenten Dinners (6:30 p.m.)



**PREVIOUSLY BLESSED PALMS** will be collected during the Lenten Season. Please place your previously blessed palms in the basket in the back of the church through Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION: St. Vincent De Paul Society** will have their first collection for 2021 after the Masses this weekend **February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**. They will be standing at the doors with their blue buckets to accept your donations. Thank you for your generosity over the years as you continue to help our Friends in Need.



**40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE**

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35*

Our Savior Youth is hosting a Food Drive to help those in need. Due to Covid, our Souper Bowl of Caring will look a little different this year. Please consider taking our challenge of 40 Cans for Lent to provide food for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and St. James Major. There are 2 ways to participate: 1st: Our virtual food drive by going to [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) and click on the link for SOUPER BOWL OF CARING to donate and we will do the shopping for you. 2nd: You can fill a box/bag and drop it off at the church or to Tina in the office no later than **March 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**. Thank You to all those who already donated.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	11,897
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	96,923
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	88,264
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(8,659)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	0
Building Fund to date	\$	1,257
Rice Bowl	\$	300
Black & Indian Missions	\$	1,257



**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](http://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.



**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES FROM THE HOLY LAND** will be here the weekend of March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with their Olive Wood Carvings after all the Masses. This sale maintains the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land.

**THANK YOU** for the cards, and prayers I received following the death of my son-in-law. Your thoughtfulness has been a great comfort to me. **Barbara Brandenburg**

### DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY'S EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



This year you can prepay for your meals. All prepaid meals need to be placed Saturday – Wednesday by going to Online Giving found on our website. Go to [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) click on ONLINE GIVING tab scroll down to Lenten Dinners, you will be able to pay & place your order there. (example: 2 fish plates & 1 child's pizza) Please bring your receipt with you.

When picking up your dinners please drive around to the back of the church and follow traffic flow. Pick up will begin after the Stations of the Cross. Please stay in your car and we will bring it out to you.

#### FISH PLATE \$8.00

2 Fish Fillets  
2 Sides  
Bread  
Dessert

#### CHILDREN'S PLATE \$3.00

2 slices of Pizza  
Dessert

### KNIGHT'S KORNER

The Knight's will be selling Perpetual Raffle Tickets. 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

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

**ARCH MOB YOUTH FEST RETREAT IS THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**BEGINNING WITH 11 O'CLOCK MASS FOR ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH WE WILL MEET OVER AT CHURCH BY 10:45.**

We will be participating in the First ever Arch Mob Fest right here at Our Savior! The Office of Youth Ministry is offering the first ever, Arch Mob Youth Fest, for parishes to host on their own campuses with their teens. The theme of Arch Mob Youth Fest is "Infinite" based on a quote from Blessed Carlo Acutis: "Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."

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](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org). Our goal here at Our Savior is to provide a safe place to come together with your peers.

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.

Please contact Ms. Tina at [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto: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 Tuesday, March 2.

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](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org).



**EASTER LILY MEMORIAL** You may make a donation in memory of your 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. If you prefer, you may make your donation through our online giving found on our website.

**"We should remember, in all the controversies in which we engage, to treat our opponents as if they were acting in good faith, even if they seem to us to be acting out of spite or self-interest."**

- St. John Fisher (fellow-martyr with St Thomas More)

**"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."**

- St. Basil the Great