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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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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 a.m. 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  
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**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.

# OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021



## POLITICS AND PRINCIPLES

This essay will be a “political” one—but of course the word describes life in the Church as well as life in our country. In both cases, sadly, we are very divided. I want to reflect on this reality in the light of a couple of quotes I’ve gleaned from Marx.

Got you—right?! I meant Groucho Marx!

*Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.*

*Those are my principles, and if you don’t like them...well I have others.*

*The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you’ve got it made.*

These quotes apply all too well to life in the Church as well as life in our country. What is the cure (short of telling our “opposition” to cede all its points)?

It seems to me that job one is actually analyzing my/our own principles to see the extent to which they really are “principles”—statements that truly describe and regulate how I believe and act. Next, one must clearly analyze the reality we live in, to see which problems are found in our lives and not just in our imaginations. Third, we must apply our principles to modes of “cure” for those problems. Finally (and here’s the sticking point), we must listen to those who have differing principles and differing analyses of the problems, who offer differing “cures,” to see how we can both grow in our understanding. The bottom line, though, is that we must be clear about the fact of our principles, why we hold them, and why others might disagree with them without malice toward ourselves (nor we, toward them). This process is precisely what is lacking now in our political lives and lives in our Church. We are far too willing to assume bad faith and incompetency in our “opponents,” and to think of ourselves as the only harbingers of right perspective.

This leads us to a dangerous deadlock—a mentality of “100% my way or nothing.” “Unconditional surrender” may have worked in World War II, but it’s the death-knell for our country, politically, and for our Church, religiously. I am concerned for the former; I am far more focused on the latter. What is required is that speakers articulate clearly and honestly (based on genuine principles); listeners hear openly and without prejudice (again, based on genuine principles); and then, dialogue (perhaps Pope Francis’ most important word) can occur to take steps forward. I may want to take 10 steps forward, but if I can take two, it is better than taking none at all. We don’t need folks who think that by faking they “have it made.”

Can the remainder of this Lent be a chance for us to examine and articulate and embrace our true principles? Perhaps it can also be a time for us to choose to listen (rather than simply react to) the principles and perspectives of others. The common good of our country, and the health of our Church, is at stake. We may not see things 100% in the same light; that doesn’t mean we are fundamentally opposed. Our Church, and our nation, need more of us than hearts that are closed. We need them open, together, to the Holy Spirit.

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**

Henry Graveman 3/1/99	Ken Huggins 3/15/13
Arlene Norton 3/1/08	Donald Lemmon 3/16/15
Maribelle Weir 3/1/12	George McLean 3/16/07
Walter Bequette 3/1/12	Donald Sacramona 3/16/90
Janice Pocase 3/1/14	Libby Mann 3/17/11
Patricia Smith 3/1/2019	Ted Nameniuk 3/18/08
Margaret Kirven 3/2/10	Elizabeth Anderson 3/18/12
Ethel Carter 3/3/13	Frank Nash 3/18/17
Patty McLean 3/3/18	Winifred Tohill 3/19/08
Russ Masse 3/4/14	John Baker 3/19/14
Judy Darring 3/4/13	Elaine Villarrubia 3/19/14
Deana Williams 3/5/10	Louise Carlson 3/20/08
Shawn Jacobs 3/4/06	Gene Stassi 3/20/14
Nellie Doyle 3/4/09	James Rufus Johnson 3/20/17
John M. Broderick 3/5/07	Shari Allenbach 3/20/2020
Frank Stapleton 3/5/12	Juancho Ortiz 3/22/16
Alberta Quina 3/5/12	Lois Jourdan 3/22/14
Edna Street 3/6/07	Robert Gray 3/22/15
Pete Chieplich 3/6/10	Kevin O'Connor 3/23/09
Chester Benson 3/6/10	Joy Heiter O'Rourke 3/23/09
Margaret Roh 3/6/18	Paul Spizuco 3/23/14
Martha Guimond 3/6/2020	Magdalena Woodniok 3/24/08
Michael Patano 3/7/16	Michael Doran 3/24/19
Bill Healy 3/7/18	Sherry Norville 3/24/2020
Ollie Oberkirch 3/7/2020	Doc Giesselmann 3/25/14
Annie Hacker 3/8/11	Jim Thomas 3/25/15
Tommy Wilson 3/8/18	Marylyn O'Rourke 3/25/94
Stephen Ellis 3/11/04	Billy Turner 3/25/16
Claude Christianson 3/10/05	Tom Langan 3/26/15
Stephanie Ellis 3/11/04	Myzidia Hyatt 3/29/09
Joseph Smith 3/10/07	Linda Skeel-Haenel 3/29/19
Kathleen Jones 3/12/05	Msgr Joseph Jennings 3/30/15
John Hagen 3/12/16	Priscilla Renaud 3/31/10
Janice Harding 3/12/2020	Timothy LaFramboise 3/31/17
Ruth Komrowski 3/13/11	Johnny Reid 3/31/17
Mary Cosci 3/13/17	Christine Johnson 3/31/18
Mabel Lloyd 3/14/2020	
Etta Lee Sciple 3/15/09	

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm: Jeffrey Lemmon (d)  
**Sunday** 8:30 am: Tommy Wilson (d)  
 11:00 am: People of the Parish  
**Tuesday** 8:30 am: Masae Neel & Family (l)  
**Wednesday** 8:30 am: Tom Cotter (d)  
**Thursday** 8:30 am: Burkhard Dohm (d)  
**Friday** 8:30 am: Bob Lary, Sr. (d)

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**Advertiser of the Week**

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

**Intention for Evangelization: – Sacrament Of Reconciliation**  
 Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat.** Reading 1: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sun.** Reading 1: Exodus 20:1-17  
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

**Mon.** Reading 1: 2 Kings 5:1-15b  
 Gospel: Luke 4:24-30

**Tues.** Reading 1: Daniel 3:25, 34-43  
 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

**Wed.** Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:16-19

**Thurs.** Reading 1: Jeremiah 7:23-28  
 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

**Fri.** Reading 1: Hosea 14:2-10  
 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday** Tai-Chi (10:00 a.m.)  
**Tuesday** Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.)  
**Wednesday** Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)  
 Choir (7:00 p.m.)  
**Thursday** Lenten Bible Study (7:00 p.m.) Church  
**Friday** Holy Communion on the Porch (9:30 a.m.)  
 Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)  
 Stations of the Cross (6:00 p.m.)  
 Drive-Thru Lenten Dinners (6:30 p.m.)

**EASTER YARD SIGNS FOR SALE**

Our Savior Youth are selling yard signs for Easter. If you're interested in purchasing one just let us know. Ms. Tina has them in her office for \$10 each.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation on the porch or in the church foyer**  
 Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment

**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.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Thursdays in March at 7:00 p.m. in the church



**March 11<sup>th</sup>** Peter (1st letter of Peter)  
**March 18<sup>th</sup>** Paul (2nd letter of Timothy)  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>** John (1st letter of John)

**40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE**

**40 Cans for 40 Days** "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 28th Palm Sunday**. Thank You to all those who already donated.



**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** will be held **April 17&18**. We are taking nominations to serve a 3-year term. If you want to nominate someone even yourself, please contact Eileen Rettig at 661-8619 or [emrettig@aol.com](mailto:emrettig@aol.com). You can also give your nominations to any other member of the parish council. More details will follow.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 9,903
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 109,038
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 98,167
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (10,871)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 0
Building Fund to date	\$ 1,257
Rice Bowl	\$ 300



**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 this weekend 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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE** for the months of April through June 2021 has been sent to all the ministers. If you have not received the new schedule, please contact the parish office with your preferred email or mailing address.

**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**

This past Sunday, Our Savior High School Youth participated in the Arch Mob Youth Fest! They were encouraged to get involved in the parish and how could they use their gifts. Talked about Hope" In what ways you are hopeful and In what way you are lacking" They were challenged to choose good consistently and how can they meet this challenge. Both our keynote talks were about the Eucharist & Adoration and how Grace transforms us. Thank You to Ms. Ricarda, Ms. Lisa and Deacon Norman for helping with the retreat.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD DRIVE**

Looking for youth and their parents to help deliver Souper Bowl of Caring bags to surrounding neighborhoods. You can pick what day works best for you. Let me know if you're interested in helping out.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN DINNERS**

Looking for 5 or 6 youth and parents to help with the next few Drive Thru Fish Fry's. Please let Ms. Tina know if you can help out. Please be here at 6 p.m. or right after Stations of the Cross. We are usually done by 7:30.

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). Please contact Ms. Tina at 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

*Our goal here at Our Savior is to provide a safe place to come together with your peers.*

**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.

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.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. Remember to move your clock forward 1 hour, before you go to bed.

**"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent."**  
 – St. John of the Cross