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Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.

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)*

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.

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, 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.



St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

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.

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: 4:00 p.m. - 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
LAFF: Mary Anthony
Life & Justice: Ricarda Manning
Knights of Columbus: Michael Smitherman
Grand Knight, Council 11366
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
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

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
Closed daily for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

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

PRAYER CHAIN

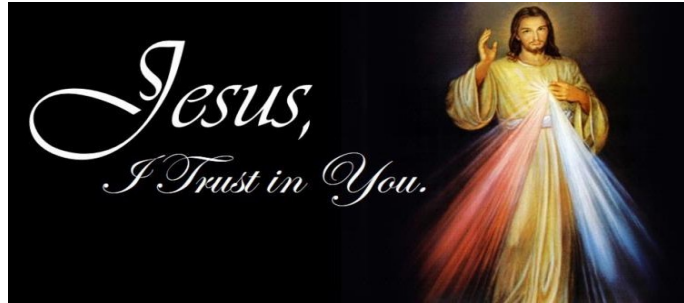
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Sunday of The Divine Mercy April 11, 2021



SEVERE MERCIES??

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy—the incomprehensible gift of love that comes to us from God—Father, Son, & Spirit. One of the prayers before Communion at Mass expresses it in this way: “...by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through [the Son’s] death [you] gave life to the world...” Our redemption is specifically through Christ, but it is the work of the Blessed Trinity.

But what kind of “mercy” must be gained at such a price? And have we ever refused God’s mercy because the price was too severe for us to face? Is there such a thing for us as a “severe mercy” that “afflicts and shows mercy...will afflict you...but will have mercy on all of you” (Tobit 13:2, 5)? Is this the “gift” we long for?

It’s one thing to think of personal, physical suffering as ultimately beneficial. The pain which is post-operative is finally nothing compared with the healing that the surgery produces. Even horrific surgeries like amputations have with them at least a hope that the infection or cancer or gangrene has been prevented from any further systemic spread. And if that is the case, then the severity of the procedure was indeed merciful.

But there are other kinds of “severe mercies,” and one of them gave me the title to this essay. Sheldon and Davy Vanauken were a free-spirited couple who found themselves in Oxford and were befriended by C.S. Lewis. As a result of this relationship, they both became committed Anglican/Episcopalian believers. Then Davy died, and Sheldon was devastated. It was Lewis who suggested that a problem was Davy’s seeming advance in spirituality and closeness to Jesus that were leaving her husband somewhat behind. Lewis referred to her death at that particular time as “a severe mercy” because it stopped the simmering resentment Sheldon had for her spiritual growth, which was not matching. Lewis’ assessment was that had Davy lived, the resentment might well have spilled into hatred, divorce, and worse.

Severe mercies—how has God allowed us to be afflicted in the short term, knowing the outcome was better for us than the immediate gratifications we longed for? How much has any experience of the spiritual “dark night” actually drawn us closer to the Lord? Are we able to meditate on Colossians 1:24 and say YES to our Savior? Might our own sorrows and sufferings be the “severe mercy” that is part of another’s beginning on the path of discipleship?

In the words of the Letter to the Hebrews (12:2), let’s keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and let’s beg him to experience all mercies—even those that (at the time) do not seem very “merciful.”

And let’s never forget the price of the mercies we have from the Cross.

Footnote in the interests of full disclosure: Sheldon ultimately became a Catholic in Lynchburg, VA, and a compatriot of mine from Notre Dame days was the one who received him into the Catholic Church! He has since joined Davy in eternity.

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

C. V. Doucet 4/1/13	Maria Barfield 4/19/09
Quinlin Rosenblath 4/1/15	Jayne Capps Meaut 4/19/18
Marjorie Laveolette 4/1/18	Mary Stolle 4/20/13
John Wimberly 4/3/97	Tim Gronowski 4/20/19
John Shackelford 4/4/16	Phillip Licari 4/21/07
George VanCourt, Jr. 4/4/2020	Wayne Nicholas 4/21/07
Kathy Mouradian 4/5/18	George Wilson 4/21/15
Robert Mazurek 4/5/16	Peggy Olin 4/22/17
Julia Tooley 4/5/19	Star Edmonds 4/22/19
Mattie Reynolds 4/6/05	Eileen Simms 4/23/09
Helen McCafferty 4/6/16	Diane Darring Randall 4/23/13
J. Patrick Smitherman 4/6/97	Carl Thomas Horn 4/24/12
William Hendry 4/7/15	Ruth Waltzer 4/24/12
Laverne Powell 4/8/09	Sherrill Parker 4/24/15
Sylvester Lozano 4/9/13	Stuart Wall 4/25/14
Roberto Serna 4/11/14	Donna Rose 4/25/10
Rose Mary Demeranville 4/11/16	J.F. Foster 4/26/13
Joe Gregory 4/11/18	Michelle Wagner 4/26/2020
Nadine Carmouche 4/12/16	Myron Baker 4/27/08
Nancy Rumsey 4/12/12	Trey Sheffield 4/27/97
Mary Elizabeth Wampler 4/12/07	Cliff Dew 4/27/87
William C. Norris 4/12/11	Deacon Gordon Kenny 4/27/17
Esther Bateman 4/12/12	Karen Earlywine 4/27/2020
Mildred Zuber 4/12/18	James Clifton 4/28/12
Estelle Dilley 4/14/09	Pat Ferlise 4/29/09
Marian Lami 4/14/18	Nina Litten 4/29/11
Lori Plantin 4/14/18	Alma Jurado 4/29/04
Treva Norris 4/15/02	Karen Lambert 4/30/07
Vince Russo 4/15/13	
William Hutton 4/16/98	
Ed Corcoran 4/16/09	
Fr. Gerard Hayes 4/17/13	

Sacrament of Reconciliation on the porch or in the church foyer
Saturdays 4:00 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.

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.

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.)
 K of C 4th Degree (7:00 p.m.)
Friday Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: People of the Parish
Sunday 8:30 am: Frank Hale (d)
11:00 am: Joe Gregory, Jr. (d)
Tuesday 8:30 am: Billy Nicholas (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Georgette Doyle Mosley (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Joe Gregory, Jr. (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Frank Hale (d)

Advertiser of the Week



PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS
Universal Intention: – Fundamental Rights
 We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21
Gospel: Mark 16:9-15

Sun. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 (44B)
Reading 2: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Mon. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31
Gospel: John 3:1-8

Tues. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37
Gospel: John 3:7b-15

Wed. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26
Gospel: John 3:16-21

Thurs. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33
Gospel: John 3:31-36

Fri. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42
Gospel: John 6:1-15



CALLING ALL THOSE WHO KNOT OR CROCHET OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN

We have a group called "The Singing Needles" that meets here on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. to help craft gifts for many different organizations. They make baptism blankets to welcome our newest members as well as items for our homebound members. Everyone is invited to come join this group. For more information, please contact Lola Howard (251) 634-0895.

LIFE South
 Community Blood Centers

BLOOD DRIVE
 Sunday, April 18th
 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The bloodmobile will be in our parking lot next weekend. "It's never been so simple to be so significant. One pint of blood saves three lives." Plan on giving blood and help save three lives.

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."— St. Teresa of Avila

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 17,946
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 169,615
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 186,923
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 17,307
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 327
Building Fund to date	\$ 2,283
Rice Bowl	\$ 980
Holy Land	\$ 852

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. If you want to purchase a ticket, please see one of the Knights. Tina has several in the office, also.

We, the Our Savior Knights of Columbus, pray that you are all safe and well. There is light at the end of this tunnel. We are close.

We did have our first drawing during the Easter season. To this point, we have sold 131 tickets out of the possible 300 we hope to sell. We have been out there trying to convince you to buy more tickets, so look for us if you would like to buy another or know someone that would like to join the fun.

We had the drawing close to the 1st Thursday of the month. Since we did have our first drawing, we had some winners!

The winners are:
\$25 – Shannon Honeycutt
\$50 – Honey Shirey
\$100 – Fran Marecki

We still have eight more drawings to go. Good luck to all of us.

Thank you for your participation. Any profits that we receive will be going to help worthy causes. So in the end, we are all winners.

Our Savior Knights of Columbus



PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES Please note 8 parishioners have graciously accepted nominations to become members of the parish council. Each one is uniquely qualified. We will have the election the weekend of **April 17th & 18th**. We will pass out paper ballots and the current parish council will collect the votes and notify the winners and runner ups.

The nominees' biographies and photos are available in the back of church and through a Constant Contact message sent out. The nominees are as follows:

Celestine Chappell
Cheryl Colleli
David Dai
Jim Haines
Traci Henriksen
Debbie Morgan
Heath Parker
Maria Sangilan

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Happy Easter!

Thank You to all the young adults and youth who helped with Stations of the Cross on Good Friday!

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. 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.



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly baptized member: **Murdoch Rex Gallego-Pace** (parents: Artimus & Maria Gallego-Pace)

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Michele & Dan Schuler and daughter Maggie
 Rose & Robert Kirby

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 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.