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## 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 am 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  
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**4th Degree, Knights of Columbus:** Joe Behr  
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**Men of St. Joseph:** Francis Tran  
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**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**

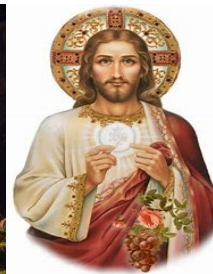
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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



**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 18, 2021**



**“Do This In Memory Of Me”**

**RANDOM THOUGHTS ON THE EASTER LITURGY/THEOLOGY**

Lent takes 40 days; from the Resurrection to Pentecost, Easter season is 50 days. Joy always triumphs over sadness.

This is why, if the Holy Week Triduum is a “3-Day Day,” Easter is an “8-Day Day”!

The Church’s liturgical catechesis is sensible—the first part of Easter’s daily Mass Gospels is from John 3 and 6 (aka, Baptism and Eucharist). The second part is what Beethoven would have called the *Lebewohl*, the “Farewell Discourse” from John 14-16.

Other than the Easter season, the only times the Paschal Candle is lit is for baptisms and funerals. Think about it, and see the connection.

Would we have had the courage (or the strength of heart) to accompany the women to the tomb that morning?

“My Lord and my God!” What does this exclamation from the Apostle Thomas mean for us personally, in our lives? Do they make a difference? If so, how and where?

“Glorified wounds”—really? What can that actually mean to us?

26 December is known as “Boxing Day” in England, presumably since then all gifts are boxed up to be returned or exchanged. On this analogy, shouldn’t Easter be known as “Unboxing Day”?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter is also designated as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” But in fact every Sunday (every day of the year) is a day of Divine Mercy. If Mother Julian of Norwich is right that “Love is Our Lord’s meaning,” mercy is the expression of that love; it’s the basis of Jesus’ words in the Upper Room—“Peace be with you.” What empowered the Apostles? Mercy.

Let me repeat: if the Resurrection is true, then the Incarnation is true, and the Eucharist is true. And I can pretty well demonstrate to you that the Resurrection is true. “They came to know Him in the breaking of the bread.” Do we?

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

**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:**

- 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".
- 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**

<b>Sunday</b>	Blood Drive (8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
<b>Monday</b>	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.)
	Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall
<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>Friday</b>	Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 pm:</b> Maria Barfield (d)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> People of the Parish
	<b>11:00 am:</b> Lothar Zenkert (d)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> George E. Lundy, Sr. (d)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Richard Smith (d)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Horst Sarubin (d)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 am:</b> Renee Nicholas (d)

**Advertiser of the Week**

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**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**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6:16-21
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 (47B) <b>Reading 2:</b> 1 John 2:1-5a <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 24:35-48
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6:22-29
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a <b>Gospel:</b> John 6:30-35
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6:35-40
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6:44-51
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6:52-59



**CALLING ALL THOSE WHO  
KNIT 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.

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

The bloodmobile will be in our parking lot this 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.

**PRAY** for Larry Carraher who died April 7<sup>th</sup>. He was the father of Amy Dodsworth. May he rest in peace.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 13,071
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 181,731
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 199,994
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 18,263
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 278
Building Fund to date	\$ 2,561
Rice Bowl	\$ 1,095

## 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. To this point, we have sold 131 tickets out of the possible 300. 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. Tina has several in the office, also. All tickets will be reentered into the next month's drawing so that each ticket is eligible to win multiple times. We had the drawing close to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. 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



**LINE DANCING** is starting back meeting every Monday in Jennings Hall. Classes start at 6:15 p.m. with a cost of \$5 per person. It is a fun and healthy form of exercise where everyone comes together to have a good time. Come join the fun!!



**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** are this weekend at all the Masses. It is open to all adult members of the parish. You may vote for three of the nominees. The ballots are anonymous. Please check the board in the back of church for the bios and pictures of the candidates.

### NOMINEES:

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

"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."  
 — St. Thomas Aquinas

"He does not come down from Heaven each day to stay in the gold ciborium. He comes down to find another Heaven He cherishes infinitely more than the first, the Heaven of our souls, made in His image, living temples of the Most Blessed Trinity!"

— St. Therese of Lisieux

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Special Thank you to all the youth & young adults who helped with Stations of Cross on Good Friday and all those who helped with the Lenten Dinners.

**Pizza & Chicken Nuggets Thank You Lunch**  
**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Jennings Hall 1:30-2:30  
 RSVP no later than **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** to Ms. Tina at  
[youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)

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### Attention: All High School and College Graduates of 2021

Our Savior is forming a list of names of this year's graduating Class of 2021. Fr. David, Ms. Jan and I would like to do something special for you. As soon as we confirm a date, I will let you know. Please email me at [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org) with your name & your school's name.

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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

**Congratulations** to Matthew Davis who was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We rejoice with you and welcome you into our community of faith!

**Congratulations** to Allie Champagne, Anna Lee Manning, and Zach Nameniuk who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

**Catechists** will email lessons for students for April 18, and 25, and for May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

**First Eucharist** will be celebrated at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, May 8.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** are available at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Mobile, both assisting staff in daily tasks and providing needed companionship to the residents. For more information or to set up an orientation, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Kathleen Brandau, at (251) 476-6335 or [volmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:volmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org).



Online Giving

## 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 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.