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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 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

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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
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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

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021



SHEPHERDS, GOOD AND NOT SO GOOD

“Good Shepherd Sunday” is a time to remember, in the words of Sr Thea Bowman, “who we are, and Whose we are.” We are destined to be part of the flock of the Lord, the true Shepherd.

But the Greek word here is not *agathos* (= good, virtuous); it's *kalos* (= beautiful, worthy of imitation). This brings to my mind the insight of Robert Bolt in an essay he wrote about his play *A Man For All Seasons*...

“A man for all Seasons is a good man. I don't mean morally good (though no doubt he'd be that too), but good in the sense that a good car is good, or a good plow, or a good knife. Good for what it's *for*. A good knife is a sharp knife because a knife is for cutting. What is a man for?”

What is a shepherd for? Jesus makes that very clear—a shepherd is for pasturing the sheep, protecting them, defending them, laying down his life for them, if necessary. So the hireling is not an immoral or bad person; he is simply not “what a shepherd” is for—he is not worth imitating; he is not “beautiful.” As a footnote, to be “beautiful” did not originally mean physically attractive the way we think of it now, but rather to be noble, flawless—an artistic ideal. When such an idea is reduced to the body, we get the understanding of “beautiful” that we have now, sadly—a very reductionist understanding.

Jesus wants to be “beautiful”—why? Both to be what He is supposed to be (our Head, the Pioneer and Perfector of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2), and to be worthy of imitation: by us! In fact, as disciples/believers, we are called to imitate—to be, at our own levels, good shepherds. This is a charge not only for popes and bishops and priests but for all the Body of Christ. Otherwise, how could we ever hope to be His tools to lead the “other sheep that do not belong to this fold”?

This brings me back to the quote from Robert Bolt's essay. We can see, now, what a shepherd is “good” for. The remaining question is, “What is a good disciple?” How can we be good disciples—worthy of imitation because we are what a disciple is for? The scary thing is that Jesus will offer the answer only three chapters later in this Gospel, when at the Last Supper He washes the feet of the disciples and tells them (= us), “If I...have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow... (John 13:14-15). The Greek word “model” is different from *kalos*, but the concept is the same. Jesus is saying that He is worth imitating, and that disciples are supposed to imitate Him.

So: Jesus is *kalos*—beautiful, worthy of imitation, a model. Are we ready also to imitate Him, to let Him be our model? Are we ready to be beautiful?

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:

- 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

Sunday	St. Vincent de Paul mtg.(9:45 a.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall
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	K of C Officer's mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: George A. VanCourt, Jr. (d)
Sunday	8:30 am: Joel Ohl (d) 11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am: Jim & Josephine Licari (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Mary Lucille White (d)
Thursday	8:30 am: Kim Holub (d)
Friday	8:30 am: Marilyn McGowan (l)



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 9:31-42 Gospel: John 6:60-69
Sun.	Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 (50B) Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel: John 10:11-18
Mon.	Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18 Gospel: John 10:1-10
Tues.	Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26 Gospel: John 10:22-30
Wed.	Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a Gospel: John 12:44-50
Thurs.	Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25 Gospel: John 13:16-20
Fri.	Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33 Gospel: John 14:1-6



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.



Father David will be featured on Archangel Radio **Thursday, May 6th at 1pm** to help with their spring pledge drive. Please consider making a pre-pledge in honor of his hour to support Archangel Radio in continuing to broadcast all that is Good, True and Beautiful! Call 251-928-2111 to make a pre-pledge.



THE VINEYARD WORKERS are now meeting the last Monday of each month at 8:00 a.m. All are invited to join us Monday, April 26!
"Where flowers bloom, so does hope."

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	11,857
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	193,846
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	211,851
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	18,005
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	26
Building Fund to date	\$	2,587
Rice Bowl	\$	1,286

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 1st 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!!

A THANK YOU FROM SVDP



For the year 2020, because of our Parishioners' generosity, Saint Vincent dePaul received \$8,348 in our Poor Box and one Collection to help our Friends in Need. We are so blessed to have such caring and kind people at Our Savior that continue to donate to this worthy cause. Thank you so much from our Society.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected members of the parish council, and much gratitude to them for their willingness to serve during this upcoming year. For all the current and former members of the parish council, we have been blessed with your wisdom, time, and dedication to the parish. A special thank you to Lonnie Gilmore, Fran Marecki, and Eileen Rettig who after several years of service will be leaving the parish council this year. We also would like to thank all the nominees and all that voted to make this a successful campaign.

"[E]very one who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission... We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; He has an end for each of us; we are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also." — St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

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 2nd Jennings Hall 1:30-2:30
 RSVP no later than Friday, April 30th to Ms. Tina at
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 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. 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

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

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

Volunteers Needed

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.

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.

"It is not the length of the prayers, but the generosity of the deeds that touch God's heart." — St. Arnold Janssen