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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
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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
L.A.F.F.: 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

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021



MORE DETAILS OF LIFE AT OUR SAVIOR

These are random (or not so random) thoughts that I want to share with everyone.

Wednesday morning, I did an "office chat" about the timing and methodology of our gradually (underline that word!) opening up the church more like it was "back in the day." Please check it out on our parish's Facebook page. Spoiler alert: the "big weekend" will be Pentecost (22-23 May).

I want to thank the eight folks who stood for election to the Parish Council—it was one of the very best slates of candidates I think I've ever seen. I am so grateful for Cheryl Colleli, Maria Sangilan, Jim Haines, and Debbie Morgan for their willingness to serve and I congratulate David Dai, Celestine Chappell, Traci Henriksen, and Heath Parker as newly elected/appointed.

In one of my last "Year of the Eucharist and the Parish" chats I spoke about inclusivity and diversity in our parish, and I referred to the crucial role newcomers play as liturgical ministers. The next talk will be about diversity at Our Savior from a differing point of view. Please watch for it.

The word "crisis" is too weak to describe what is happening in India right now with the resurgence of the COVID virus. Even "catastrophic" is too light. But if it can happen in India, it can happen here (though perhaps not to that extreme). It's why we must still be careful and considerate. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain asked God in Genesis 4. The answer is yes...

In spite of what has been happening in other parishes, and in spite of the fact that we'll be beginning to open up, in a few weeks, here at Our Savior, it's important to know that we will continue to offer "Communion on the porch" on Friday mornings, 9:30-10:00, and Sunday afternoons after 11:00 Mass. If many folks are ready to get back, others are not, and we (I) must and will continue to minister to their sacramental needs, to the best of my ability and with respect for their worries.

This past Sunday, 25 April, should have been the Feast of St Mark, but of course a Sunday in Easter takes precedence. It was also my birthday, and it was the celebration of Italian Independence (their "Fourth of July," if you like). Mark bailed on Paul and Barnabas (his cousin) in the middle of the 1st Missionary Journey; he somehow was reconnected both with Peter and Paul (probably in Rome); his home in Jerusalem was an early gathering place for the infant Church; his writings constituted the first written Gospel (placed #2 in our New Testament lists). So, he was a central figure (if not as glamorous as Peter and Paul). Perhaps he was actually the youth who appeared in Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested, who fled naked when his linen cloth was grabbed. We have no proof, but it's an interesting guess. He is the patron of the great cathedral in Venice, from where 3 popes came in the 20th century—Pius X, John XXIII, and John Paul I.

That should be enough for everyone by now! Perhaps next weekend I'll have a more coherent essay. Or not!

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

Katie Appel 5/1/09	R. H. Larson 5/19/12
Harry Woodington 5/1/09	Lillie Giles 5/19/13
James Diamond 5/1/14	Charles Cary 5/19/15
Ernie Wilkerson Sr. 5/1/14	Suzanne Bekurs 5/19/17
Marie Grip 5/2/19	Owen Stringer 5/20/05
Dottie Dooley 5/4/13	June Gale 5/20/17
Mary Lou Welch 5/5/19	Edward Reiss 5/21/11
Norbert Olzinski 5/6/13	Katherine Bekurs 5/21/15
Robert Puckett 5/7/06	Patti Christian 5/21/19
Jim Keegan 5/7/19	Eileen Brown 5/22/13
Frank Klemm 5/8/06	Donna Troll 5/22/14
Carol Lemmon 5/8/94	Robert Sheffield 5/22/15
John Ord 5/9/13	Devinee Rooney 5/22/2020
Jeanette Hudson 5/9/07	David Howell 5/23/15
John Van Aken 5/9/11	Charlotte Huetwohl 5/23/15
Lucille Willis 5/10/07	Evelyn Brinks 5/24/09
Barbara Fleek 5/10/2020	Sheila Carrigan 5/24/16
John Baker 5/11/06	Joseph Yusko 5/24/19
Beverly Walsh 5/11/18	Melba Britt 5/25/12
Joe Gray 5/12/14	Michael Thiroux 5/25/15
Travis McBride 5/12/14	Peter, Vinh Nguyen 5/25/18
Chuck Gunkel 5/12/04	Cecilia Wood 5/26/10
May Wilson 5/12/13	Charlotte Milne 5/26/11
Grady Jones 5/13/13	Dana Good 5/26/12
Ruth Lovejoy 5/13/19	Frances Higdon 5/27/11
Billy Carpenter 5/14/77	Annie Dozier 5/27/14
Ray Carpenter 5/14/16	Millie Olzinski 5/27/2020
Barbara Wasiak 5/14/15	Sarah Burnham 5/28/04
Brenda Sims 5/14/17	Bobby Nelson 5/28/14
Catherine Licari Giannino 5/12/19	Allie Browning 5/28/16
Kelly Dezego 5/14/18	Samantha Cote 5/29/11
Mitchell Janes 5/14/19	Mildred "Lois" Wall 5/29/11
James Beckman 5/15/06	Mary Lozano 5/29/2020
Peter Tran 5/16/2007	David Scully 5/30/09
Humbert Bertoletti, Jr 5/16/12	Nina Warner 5/31/10
Rose Louise Moore 5/16/16	Richard Reinhardt 5/31/11
Margarete Horton 5/16/18	Ron Jaet 5/31/13
David Nguyen 5/16/19	Rosemary Coughlin 5/31/13
August Francis Baer 5/17/07	Ruth Langan 5/31/18
Rebecca Romagnano 5/18/12	
Matthew McDonough 5/18/15	
Louie Meyer 5/18/16	
Gill Varnado 5/18/05	
Lucy Nault 5/19/04	

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.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: George VanCourt, Jr (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: People of the Parish
11:00 am: Ron & Judy Pukac (l)
Tuesday 8:30 am: Scott Stevens (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Deceased Oberkirch Family
Thursday 8:30 am: Colleen Doyle (d)
Friday 8:30 am: John Ord (d)

Advertiser of the Week



PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Universal Intention – The World Of Finance
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52
Gospel: John 14:7-14
Sun. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 (53B)
Reading 2: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8
Mon. Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Gospel: John 14:6-14
Tues. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28
Gospel: John 14:27-31a
Wed. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6
Gospel: John 15:1-8
Thurs. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21
Gospel: John 15:9-11
Fri. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31
Gospel: John 15:12-17

PRAY for Peggy Clinton who died April 25th. May she rest in peace.

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.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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 Parish Council mtg. (6:30 p.m.)
 K of C mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday First Friday Holy Hour (9:00 a.m.)
 Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)
Saturday First Eucharist (5:00 p.m.)

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 6,933
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 205,962
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 218,784
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 12,822
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 0
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!!



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.

NEED PRAYER OR DO YOU WANT TO HELP PRAY FOR OTHERS?



Do you know of someone sick or lonely who may need prayers? Are you looking for a way to get involved while we are all mostly staying at home? Our Savior has a group who would be happy to pray for you or would welcome your help with praying for others in need. We may not be able to get involved directly in the other ministries right now, but we can still help through prayer. Prayer is a way for us to reach out to others by putting aside our own loneliness and pain for the sake of another. If you are interested in joining our **Prayer Chain Group** or need prayers yourself, please contact Audrey Cline or Mary Marks at 251-633-6762 x 200 or office@oursaviorparish.org.

THE MOBILE DEANERY ACCW SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

Date: Friday, May 28th
Place: St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall (4980 St. Vincent Dr.)
Registration: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Meeting: 9:45 a.m.
Mass: 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: Immediately following Mass
Cost: \$ 13.00

Please make reservations by May 26th with Carlee Russell (251-533-4771 or Carlee.russell@icloud.com) or B J Robertson (251-423-5135 or robertson391711@icloud.com).

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 May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

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

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.



Fr. David would like to resume our pre-covid Adoration schedule soon, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. We will need to have 2-3 people committed to each hour. Many have responded to the call but we are still in need of Adorers from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you are able to give an hour each week to this prayer ministry, please contact Janet Broderick at 251-635-1644 or janetb8757@hotmail.com. Time spent with the Lord is time well spent!

"We should take as a maxim never to be surprised at current difficulties, no more than at a passing breeze, because with a little patience we shall see them disappear. Time changes everything."

— St. Vincent de Paul