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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 EASTER-SEALS 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.



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!!

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 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.



THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH It is an association of Christian Men united under the Catholic Church who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leader of their families. A weekly one hour meeting is held at **6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in Joseph Hall.** For more information, please contact Deacon Francis or Mike Perry.



WHEN REGISTERING IN THE HOSPITAL, REHAB OR NURSING HOME, please let them know you are Catholic and are a member of Our Savior Church, also contact the parish office with the name of the facility and room number. If you enter through the ER and are admitted into the hospital please inform them of your church affiliation.

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



The Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021

WHAT WE'LL BE DOING & HOW WE'LL BE DOING IT

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
LAFF: Mary Anthony
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Knights of Columbus: Michael Smitherman
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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.

In keeping with the Archbishop's recommendations and the CDC guidelines, this is what Mass will look like at Our Savior, beginning Pentecost weekend:

What will remain the same will be masks, social distance seating, and hand sanitizing. Masks and hand sanitizing will be absolutely required for all ministers of Holy Communion at Mass. The greeting of peace will still be a "wave," unless it's family members, or unless you and your friends are vaccinated (which you'll know, even if you don't want to tell me!). Social distancing in pews will remain fully in force precisely to avoid "calling out" those who are not vaccinated—no shaming here! And for those who are still nervous about large gatherings indoors and are afraid to return to church, I'm still doing "Communion on the porch" on Friday mornings 9:30—10:00 and Sundays after 11:00 Mass. But the numbers are dwindling very seriously; we may be coming to the end of a need for this extra ministry. Still, I have continued it as a part of marking the "Year of the Eucharist and the Parish."

What will be different will be the elimination of the need to disinfect after all services. We will also be able to open up the baptismal font for holy water. We will bring hymnals and worship aids back into the pews (thereby allowing us to sing more fully at Mass). Restrooms will be fully opened. We will be able to "pass the basket" for offertory collections and have a procession of the gifts once again. This will also mean that the *Book of Prayer Intentions* will be back on its stand, ready for folks to add names to be remembered. This will allow usher-greeters (or the gift-bearing family) to whisper the "magic words" into my ear again—telling me the count of people at Mass. Now I won't have to guess, based on the numbers from the beginning of Mass and trying to guess how many folks came in after! Also, memorial candles will now be able to be lit at the Holy Family corner of the church.

Since we will still not be able to offer Holy Communion from the chalice, we will still need only one additional Special Minister of Holy Communion, but he/she will now be the one to go to the tabernacle to bring the ciborium to the altar.

We will want to bring altar servers back in greater force, especially if they are siblings. Beyond processing in and out with the cross and ringing the bells, they will be able to hold the smaller *Roman Missal* for me at the chair, bring the larger one to the altar, and do the hand-washing. And of course they'll be able to light/extinguish the altar candles. Pentecost, by the way, is the last Mass when the Paschal Candle is in the front of the sanctuary and lit; it will be moved to the baptismal font (its traditional place).

Other things will be beginning again that make me very happy. We're hoping to have the sister-parish garage sale in August. Other organizations are beginning to meet again, as for example Ladies' All Fun & Fellowship, Tai Chi, line dancing, Scouts, and so on.

Best of all from my point of view (other than the liturgy itself), we will have a parish meal again for Pentecost! Yes, reservations are required because of the limitations of social distancing, but we'll be breaking bread together again. This is joyful, and there's an additional "bonus," though it comes at a sad price. No longer having our Hispanic community's Sunday evening Mass, I can once again organize ecumenical prayer services to precede the meals. But it's a sad loss that we won't be doing bi- (or even tri-, or quatri-) lingual Masses.

All this will begin next weekend; I hope we can continue this forward motion with no setbacks.

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

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: George VanCourt, Jr. (d)
 8:30 am: Peter Tran (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: People of the Parish
 11:00 am: Robert "Bowen" Cummings (d)
Tuesday 8:30 am: Gary Wade Churchman (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Calvin McMillian (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Gary Henriksen (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Stanley Rydzynski (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 18:23-288
 Gospel: John 16:23b-28
Sun. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 (58B)
 Reading 2: Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20
Mon. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8
 Gospel: John 16:29-33
Tues. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27
 Gospel: John 17:1-11a
Wed. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38
 Gospel: John 17:11b-19
Thurs. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11
 Gospel: John 17:20-26
Fri. Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21
 Gospel: John 21:15-19

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall
 Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall
Tuesday Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph Hall
Wednesday Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
 Choir (7:00 p.m.)
Thursday LAFF's (6:30 p.m.) Jennings Hall
Friday Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Catechists will email lessons for students for May 16, and 23.
Congratulations to Marie Colleli, Sarah Crosby, Emma Lynde, Laurel Mitchell, Lilliana Smith, and Emma Stewart who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on May 8, 2021! Thanks to Autumn Demeranville, catechist, for providing lessons for parents and grandparents to use to prepare the girls for the reception of the sacrament. Thanks to Fr David for celebrating such a special liturgy. It was a beautiful evening and we were happy to have our parishioners present to pray for and with the girls. God bless!



ADORATION: 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!

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 then click on the Facebook logo at the top right corner and then click on videos to your left.
- 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.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	9,899
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	230,192
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	243,033
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	12,840
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	248
Building Fund to date	\$	3,187

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. The cost of each ticket is \$25. We have had our second drawing. To this point, we have only sold 145 tickets out of the possible 300 we hoped to sell. We are a little ahead of last year, but then, last year was unusual. We are trying to convince you to buy more tickets, but it doesn't seem as though we are very convincing. We are available after the Masses or check with Ms. Tina in the parish office.

And if you all want to buy another three or four tickets we won't mind.

As always, we had our drawings on the 1st Thursday of the month. The winners of the second drawing are:

\$25 – Felicity Smith
\$50 – Tom Colleli
\$100 – Steve Anthony

We still have seven months of 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

LADIES ALL FUN & FELLOWSHIP



Date: Thursday, May 20th
Place: Jennings Hall
Social: 6:30 p.m.
Bingo: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5

All ladies are invited to join us for Bingo and a pre-boxed meal. Pulled BBQ Pork, chips & Brownie.

Please RSVP to Tina or Mary Anthony no later than May 17th, so we know how many meals to prepare.

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).

"Many try to fly away from temptations only to fall more deeply into them; for you cannot win a battle by mere flight. It is only by patience and humility that you will be strengthened against the enemy."
 – Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST AND OF THE PARISH

Here are a couple more thoughts about the Eucharist and the parish—only slightly edited. I hope others will send me their thoughts...

—Fr. David

"The Eucharist is God giving us a choice. When we receive it, we say yes to him and his plans for us. Otherwise, when we do not express our faith through the Eucharist we are saying no to God and his plans. Every time we say yes through the Eucharist, we strengthen our [soul] to resist temptation."

—from one of our youth

"The God that made everything (from the beginning of time), that is, and ever will be, made us and loved us so much that he became human and died for our sins. And on Sundays he shares himself with us through the Eucharist—boy, that is overwhelming for me. That is total Love, that God has for us. That is a spiritual Love that I strive for every day. Father, it's like Michelangelo's paintings in the Sistine Chapel in Rome. The Creator of the Universe is in communion with the infinitely small (me).

Just a note, when Covid caused the church to be closed (we could still watch on the computer), it hurt so much that I couldn't receive Communion; I felt so much spiritual pain. I guess when something is taken away from you, you realize how much love there was for it."

—from a parishioner

PENTECOST MEAL

Sunday, May 23rd
 6:00 p.m. in Jennings Hall

Reservations required to help maintain social distancing therefore, we are limited to 13 tables. For reservations, please contact Mary in the parish office at 251-633-6762 x 200. If you would like to sit as a group, please let Mary know at the time of your reservations.

Social Distancing & Masks are required.



SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend for Communications. Please be generous.