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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.

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.



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

TAI CHI CLASS



It is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion."

Classes meet: Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Jennings Hall. Social distancing will be observed at all times. No cost **Everyone is invited.**



LINE DANCING meets 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!!

PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

ALL DONATION CENTER LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, BUT CALL FIRST.

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the Church and in the Parish Office. 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.

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
 Heide Sarubin, Office Assistant
 Kim McDowell, Maintenance
 Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

MASS SCHEDULE

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:

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Parish Council: Vicki Wakefield
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Boy Scouts: Edward Nehls
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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. - 6:00 p.m.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021



IT WAS TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY/WE REMEMBER

Needless to say, there's a political/social dimension to this weekend and to this title. But there's also a liturgical dimension, and I want to tie the two together, if I can.

Memory is one of the greatest blessings of our human existence, and it is also one of the greatest curses. The mantra "Never forget!" is beautiful or terrifying, depending upon how we remember: it can be a reflection of gratitude, or it can be a brooding for revenge. It might be an appeal always to be alert ("Stay sober and alert!"—I Peter 5:8), or it could be a plotting for a "pre-emptive strike" at those we hate. One of the greatest tragedies of humanity is the holding of grudges, not only over generations, but over millennia.

This weekend is, as we all know, the 20th anniversary commemoration of the attack on our country by people who hate us. It was shocking and bold and devastating, but all the more so because we have no conscious memory of such an attack (other than, for a very few, Pearl Harbor). After the Civil War, there have been no battles fought against invaders on our soil. Compare that with France or England or Italy or Germany or Poland or Russia or... But we remember, and we must.

Sometimes, though, the remembering of a tragedy is a liberating experience, and this is what we do every time we celebrate (and I use the word deliberately) the Eucharist. After all, it is the memorial (the remembrance) of the price paid for our salvation at Calvary. The Greek word for this is *anamnesis*, and the idea is found in every Eucharistic Prayer, right after the Consecration and Memorial Acclamation (an acclamation of "memorial," of remembrance). It's why Marty Haugen's hymn/song "We Remember" is so theologically on point and evocative: "We remember how you loved us to your death..."

We remember, and sadly we seem to have no capacity to forget. But this is the great goodness of God—the One who can totally forget. As it is put in Jeremiah (chapter 31): "I will forgive their iniquities and remember their sins no more." As the Bible understands it, God's remembering or forgetting means that something (or someone) either exists or falls into nothingness. And God promises that our sins (!) will fall into nothingness. If only we could emulate our Creator in this regard!

Memorial/memory are crucial for our self-identity. But forgiveness/forgetting need to be more integrated into our psyche than it is. How much better the world would be if we could! Global warming is such a terrible threat to our existence—but lack of forgiveness, lack of capacity to forget hurts and be reconciled, is a far greater catastrophe. We need to be set free from the tyranny of hate-filled memory and be able to embrace one another in the memory (and reality) of common brotherhood/sisterhood.

"It was twenty years ago today..." True. And we remember. But where and how shall we move forward from this memory?

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	Vicki Scott
Keith Bumpers	Manuela Golden	Jeb Shell
Lisa Brazell	Rose Marie Kervin	Kathy Sirak
Annie Ruth Chappell	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
Mason Coker	Rady Laron	Joe Vegliacich
Judy Courtney	Myrtis Mooney	
Leah Dees	Louis Naman	
Michael Dees	Ashley Rickel	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

John Haugsness 9/1/15	Geneva J. Seitz 9/13/08
Sue Seelig 9/1/15	Agnes Graveman 9/14/06
Joyce Murphy 9/1/15	Msgr. Tony McDevitt 9/14/10
Burkhard Dohm 9/2/18	Flo Callaghan 9/14/18
Harold Klemm 9/3/13	Julianna Watson 9/16/16
Bruce Brown 9/3/18	Al Pawlowski 9/16/18
Dorothy Simons 9/4/02	Louise Cullefer 9/19/16
Clifford Willis 9/4/13	Julia Nunez 9/19/16
Fannie Beca 9/4/16	Cindy Bair 9/20/13
Terry Cronis 9/4/18	David Jacobs 9/20/17
Molly Elle Pickett 9/5/04	David Stewart 9/21/05
Elsi Kilbert 9/7/06	Rosa Dunn 9/21/08
Edward Crusse 9/7/09	Mary Briedenich 9/21/12
Jerry Turner 9/7/2020	Bernie O'Leary 9/22/01
Marshall Langan 9/8/08	Stella Zambrano 9/23/05
Shirley Dennis 9/8/14	James Witschell 9/25/05
Wally Reinhardt 9/8/16	Frank Hale 9/25/14
Evelyn Parker 9/8/2021	James Price 9/26/08
Paul Cary 9/9/10	Shirley Peabody 9/26/2020
Tom Doyle 9/9/2021	Arthur Giles 9/27/12
Robert Stock 9/10/04	Nathalie Arditi 9/27/96
Walter Darring 9/10/04	Bob Higdon 9/27/13
Amy Langford 9/10/12	Gary Henriksen 9/28/17
Bob Skeef 9/10/14	
Deacon Frank Adams 9/12/06	
John Lindell 9/11/13	
Diana Forbes 9/13/06	

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: George A VanCourt, Jr. (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: People of the Parish
11:00 am: Deacon Frank Adams (d)
Tuesday 8:30 am: Agnes Graveman (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Richard D. Smith (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Judy Keegan (l)
Friday 8:30 am: Msgr. Peter Cunningham (d)



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Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Universal Intention: – An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
 We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Gospel: Luke 6:43-49

Sun. Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B)
Reading 2: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Mon. Reading 1: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

Tues. Reading 1: Numbers 21:4b-9
Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: John 3:13-17

Wed. Reading 1: 1 Timothy 3:14-16
Gospel: John 19:25-27

Thurs. Reading 1: 1 Timothy 4:12-16
Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

Fri. Reading 1: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

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

DISASTER RELIEF

We will have a special collection to assist the victims in Haiti and from Hurricane Ida the weekends of September 11-12 & 18-19. You may donate through Online Giving which is found on Our Savior's website or by dropping your donations in the basket in the back of the church. Checks should be made payable to **Our Savior Parish**, but please write **"Disaster Relief"** in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your generosity.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for the months of October-December has been emailed to all captains, lectors, and ushers. It can also be found on Our Savior's website. If you have not received the new schedule, please contact Mary in the parish office with your current email address.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:
 Benjamin & Candace Weed

"Walking by faith, let us do good works. In these let there be a free love of God for His own sake and an active love for our neighbor. For there is nothing we can do for God. But because we have something we can do for our neighbor, we shall by our good offices to the needy gain the favor of Him Who is the source of all abundance. Let us then do what we can for others; let us freely bestow upon the needy out of our abundance."

– St. Augustine

PRIESTER'S PECANS



We will start taking orders for Priesters Pecans, our goal is to place the orders by **September 10th**. This year we will be selling:

- 11b Bags Pecan Halves, Pieces, Roasted & Salted & Honey Glazed \$16.50
- 11b Bag of Milk Chocolate Pecan Halves \$13
- 11b Bag of Praline Pecans \$13
- 11b Bag of Pecan Divinity \$16.50
- 9" Pecan Pie & 9" Chocolate Pie \$14
- 3" Mini Pecan Pies \$2.50 each or 3/\$5



GIFT TINS

- Seven Pecan Favorites 11b.5oz \$26
- Pecan Candy Christmas Tin 14oz \$18
- Pecan Variety Pinwheel 12 oz \$15
- Sweet & Savory Snack Gift Tin 11b.3oz \$23.50
- Classic Cheese Straws 8oz Tin \$18

If you are interested in preordering, email Tina youth@oursaviorparish.org or stop by my office and place your order!



PRAY for Evelyn Parker who died September 8th. She was the mother of Heath Parker. **PRAY** for Tom Doyle who died September 9th. He was the brother of Ann Allenbach. May they rest in peace.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	8,124
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	424,038
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	414,755
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(9,283)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	128
Building Fund to date	\$	5,915
Disaster Relief	\$	395

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is scheduled to resume **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. We will meet in the parish library between the Masses (9:45 to 10:45). Because it is the Year of the Eucharist in the Parish, we will start our year with Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J.'s book *The Eucharist: A Bible Study guide for Catholics*. The book is available from EWTN's religious catalogue for \$10.95 plus shipping. It can also be purchased from Amazon either as a paperback or kindle edition. I will purchase several copies.

Join us for a prayerful discussion. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com

KNIGHT'S KORNER

The group here at the Our Savior Knights of Columbus all hope that you are doing well.

We are getting near the end. We have had our sixth drawing. We have sold over 220 tickets, which is very good, but we would like to have more people enjoy the fun. Knights are available on the porch after the masses on the weekends and Tina has a few in the church office. If you know of anyone that would like a ticket, please let us know and we can get with them.

The winners are of the sixth drawing are:
\$25 – Betty Mills
\$50 – Larry Nelson
\$100 – Elaine Greer

Our treasurer in Louisiana helping with the clean up so your checks may be a little delayed but have no fear, we will get them to you. We only have three more months of drawings to go and then the big one. 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

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings
Tuesday	Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph
Wednesday	Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) Holy Hour & Novena (6:00 p.m.) Benediction (7:00 p.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)
Thursday	Finance Council mtg (6:30 a.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

THE BURSE CLUB

A letter from the Archbishop Rodi, a burse club envelope, and a seminarian prayer card was mailed to all parishioners. Additional envelopes and prayer cards will be available in the parish office and the church. Your donations help pay for the education of the seminarians within our Archdiocese. You may drop your donations in the offertory basket or by the parish office. Checks should be made payable to: *Archdiocese of Mobile - Burse/SOS*.

SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend for Catholic University. Please be generous.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



WHAT'S HAPPENING with Youth Ministry

We're planning an Outdoor Day Retreat at Camp Christian! **SAVE THE DATE** Saturday, October 2nd more information to follow. Open to all youth grades 6th-12th & Our Confirmation Class. Ms. Tina is looking for 5 or 6 to help lead small groups
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Alive in You Just Announced their Summer Camps for 2022! Our Savior Youth and their Chaperones will be heading to Knoxville, TN June 28th through July 3rd
 I preregistered 17 spots for this Summer! Please let Ms. Tina know if you are interested in attending. I will need minimum 2 male chaperones and 2 or 3 female chaperones. To attend camp, you must be entering into the 9th grade in the Fall of 2023. Please contact Ms. Tina if you are interest in attending. At this time, we are only forming a list of youth and chaperones who would like to attend.
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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.

Our goal at Our Savior is to provide a safe environment to come together with your peers so we will continue to follow all guideline for the COVID-19 Virus!
 All trips need approval from the archdiocese

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

What You Need To Know About Our Religious Education Programs

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) classes begin **Sunday, October 3rd from 9:45-10:45am**. Register online through the parish website (www.oursaviorparish.org), pick up forms in the parish office, or download the forms from the website. Registration payment can be made online through the website, mailed to the parish office, or brought in person on the first day of class. Make checks payable to "Our Savior Parish".
PREP catechists, assistants, and substitutes are needed to complete our faculty. Contact Jan Murray to volunteer.

Confirmation: Packets were handed out August 1. If you have a son or daughter in grades 10 or 11 this fall, registration is the same as **PREP** above unless attending McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. All students seeking the sacrament of Confirmation have an additional, separate enrollment form which is included in the packet. Once updated archdiocesan guidelines for COVID protocols have been announced, we will establish the Confirmation calendar. Confirmation is scheduled for the fall of 2022.

RCIA: Anyone interested in joining the Catholic faith, Catholic adults seeking Confirmation, and Catholics wishing to learn more about their faith are invited to attend RCIA sessions which will take place on Tuesdays beginning in October. Formal registration happens at the first gathering, but we appreciate knowing in advance that you plan to attend. Email Jan Murray at re@oursaviorparish.org or leave a message at 251-633-6762, x206.
RCIA Hospitality is looking for a few more cooks to provide a supper for our RCIA Inquirers. You would provide a meal twice during the year. Contact Jan Murray for details.

Adult Education opportunities will begin **October 3rd** on Sunday between the Masses. Eileen Rettig directs this program. Watch the bulletin and Constant Contact alerts for details.

CHRIST THE KING MEDAL NOMINATION FORMS will be available for the next two weekends (September 11-12 & 18-19) for you to recommend someone who has shown outstanding service to the parish. You can only be nominated once for this honor; so, the forms will list the former honorees to help you with your selection.

**"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent."
 – St. John of the Cross**