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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.



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.

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.

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.

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.



MEMORIAL BRICKS: If you have been thinking about ordering a brick for a friend or a loved one; you will find the forms on the table in the back of the church. Price is \$40 each or 3 for \$100. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or a friend. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Judy Pukac at 633-6762 x 203.

STAFF

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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

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CHURCH ADDRESS

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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

...FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE...

I have officiated at a large number of weddings in my time, as you can imagine. And nothing breaks my heart in the way that those marriages sometimes crumble apart and end in divorce. Worse, folks cannot wait for (or stomach) the process of annulment, even when there is justifiable cause—it takes too long, and the last thing some spouses want (or need) is for their ex to be contacted. Will he find out where I am and violate his restraining order? Will he block my efforts at another life out of spite? These are not fanciful difficulties.

So is Jesus saying, “Suck it up; deal with and accept a physically or sexually or emotionally abusive spouse/parent, and God will reward you”? No. Let me say that word again: NO. After all, there were other things that God intended “from the beginning” in Eden, and they were all lost in the Fall and the Flood. Rules changed...

What was divorce in the times of Jesus? The Gospel gives us a hint. There was a debate between the two major rabbinical schools of Hillel and Shammai. The latter said that adultery alone could justify divorce; the latter said a wife could be dismissed if she ruined supper! It was based on interpreting the statement of Deuteronomy 24:1. Jesus' response is that this, either one, isn't what God originally intended. That seems to answer the question, doesn't it? Except that it doesn't.

Jesus' final statement is about a woman who divorces her husband—a thing impossible in Jewish law, but permitted in Roman law. Guess who followed Roman law to divorce her husband and marry another? Herodias! This is why I'm personally convinced that Jesus' statement was aimed at her and Herod.

I'm also personally convinced that Jesus understood the precarious social position of a divorced woman (let's ignore John 4 for the time being). Though marriage then was a contract (the man “bought” the woman from the father in exchange for fiscal considerations; she became the man's property—re-read Exodus 20:17 carefully). She had some economic protections if divorced, but she had no legal protections, nor did any children.

It seems more reasonable to suggest that Jesus' statement, as it should be applied today, might be better read as “If anyone divorces his wife **in order to** marry another...”. Now we're talking about premeditated adultery! But what should be the fate of the “victim”? I put the word in quotes because no one knows what was going on in the course of the courtship and marriage, including the Tribunal...

Can there be a pastoral approach to someone divorced and re-married (particularly, though not only, if the person was divorced and didn't divorce)? I think there ought to be. I think *Amoris Laetitia* tried to point the way. And I suggested as much in last week's homily when I said that some folks' situation in life and with regard to the Church was as much as for the Church to tell them, “Heal yourself, and then we'll talk about your being able to receive the medicine of healing.”

What's the answer to divorce? Hint: it's not stronger pre-marriage preparation on the part of priests. It's a more solid engagement (pun intended) of the couple **before** marriage—learning who each other is, and not just in (not even primarily) bed. Get to know each other spiritually, intellectually, emotionally—then figure out if marriage is right/reasonable for you both. Then you won't have to worry about divorce—at least, not so much.

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	Mills Harris	Jeb Shell
Annie Ruth Chappell	Rose Marie Kervin	Kathy Sirak
Mason Coker	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
Judy Courtney	Rady Laron	Joe Vegliacich
Leah Dees	Myrtis Mooney	
Michael Dees	Louis Naman	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Dr. Harold Cohen 10/1/12	Justin Tran 10/20/15
Joe Oberkirch 10/2/13	George Garrett 10/20/17
Albert Sucher 10/3/07	Kathleen Johnson 10/21/17
Lorraine Granger 10/4/12	Mary Marecki 10/21/17
V. J. Crochet, Jr. 10/4/18	Chris McDonough 10/22/16
Mary Ferry 10/5/11	Doris Sprouse 10/24/10
Joan Hamilton 10/6/11	Brett Keegan 10/25/12
Katherine Morrow 10/7/15	Mary Lee Jefferson 10/25/17
Bill Wagner 10/8/13	Dorothy Berry 10/26/16
Capt. Robert H. Harper 10/9/79	Charles Wilson 10/28/12
Yvette Sturm 10/9/09	Pete Portera 10/28/14
Helen Dzik 10/10/06	Robin Clarke 10/28/16
Marjorie Mae Kibler Burt 10/10/14	Rose Mary Pocase 10/28/10
Arden Hoffman 10/10/2020	Edward Nehls, Sr. 10/29/11
Tom Simmons 10/11/10	Phil Martin 10/29/13
Alice Tighe 10/11/13	Evelyn Verzone 10/29/13
Vives B. Lemmon 10/11/19	Jim Oliver 10/29/18
Arthur Kersten 10/12/12	Renee Nicholas 10/30/07
Danny Stafford 10/13/13	Dale Britt 10/30/16
Alton Pierce 10/13/17	Darlene Briggs 10/30/17
Anthony Dravis 10/14/11	Robert Isaac Peabody 10/30/2020
Lois Larose 10/14/16	Vera Bryan 10/31/10
Raphael O'Daniel 10/14/18	Kathleen Noel 10/31/98
Liz Pineda 10/15/10	Erica Foster 10/31/11
Rosie Kate Clark 10/16/18	Eva Garris 10/31/07
Raymond Smith 10/17/96	Mary Bryant 10/31/10
Katherine Rehm Miller 10/17/2020	Charles Bordelon 10/31/16
James Serda 10/18/15	Dr. Ray Landreneau 10/31/17
John Busby 10/19/17	Alvaro Arce 10/31/18
R C Johnson 10/20/11	Patricia Squibb 10/31/2020
Mark Carpenter 10/20/99	

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Willie Peck (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: Mary Smith (l)
 11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Richard D. Smith (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Linda Behr (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Rocky Farragut (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Maria, Me Nguyen (d)

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Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Intention for Evangelization: – Missionary Disciples
 We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
 Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Sun. Reading 1: Genesis 2:18-24 (140B)
 Reading 2: Hebrews 2:9-11
 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16
Mon. Reading 1: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11
 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
Tues. Reading 1: Jonah 3:1-10
 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
Wed. Reading 1: Jonah 4:1-11
 Gospel: Luke 11:1-4
Thurs. Reading 1: Malachi 3:13-20b
 Gospel: Luke 11:5-13
Fri. Reading 1: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
 Gospel: Luke 11:15-26

SAVE THE DATE

MEMORIAL MASS is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm.

BOX OF JOY

Every, year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. These are children who never receive a picture book, never wear a new shirt, or own a new toy. Participating is easy! Please stop by the church office or pick up a box after Mass the weekend of October 9th & 10th or you can make a donation online and Tina will do the shopping for you. Please return the boxes by **October 30th**. Any questions please contact Tina @ 251-633-6762 x 205



PRIESTER'S PECANS

Pecan Pieces & Milk Chocolate halves I will place a second order!
 Priesters Pecan orders for 2021 have been ordered! There is still time to order if you missed the September 10th date. Here's what we have available. This year we will be selling:

- 1 lb Bags Pecan Halves-Roasted/Salted -10 bags **\$16.50**
- 1 lb Honey Glazed - 6 bags **\$16.50**
- 1 lb Bags of Praline Pecan Halves - 6 bags **\$13**
- 1 lb Bag of Pecan Divinity - 7 bags **\$16.50**
- Back Country Snack Mix -2 bags **\$13**
- Gimme S'more snack Mix - 6 bags **\$13**
- Roasted & Salted Peanuts - 8 bags **\$5.50**
- 9" Pecan Pie - 9 pies **\$14**
- 3" Mini Pecan Pies **\$2.50** each or **3/\$5** - 40 available



GIFT TINS

- Pecan Candy Christmas Tin 14oz - 7 available **\$18**
- Pecan Variety Pinwheel 12 oz - 6 available **\$15**
- Sweet & Savory Snack Gift Tin 1lb.3oz - 5 available **\$23.50**
- Classic Cheese Straws 8oz Tin - 3 available **\$18**

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

CONGRATULATION

SOCIETY OF SVDP "MEMBER OF THE YEAR"

Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA, a subsidiary of the National Council of the US Society of SVDP that work hand in hand was named National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) "Member of the Year" for 2021. This is a wonderful honor and we have our generous Parishioners to thank for enabling us to contribute in every way toward the many disasters.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Join Us For **Trunk or Treat** on October 31st
 Our Savior Youth will be hosting their 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 2pm-4pm. We are in our planning stages, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please let Ms. Tina now if you would like to decorate your car and hand out treats. I'm hoping to have about a dozen or so cars lined up.



PRAY for Carol Burkholder who died September 26th. She was the sister of John O'Rourke. May she rest in peace.



Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to be leaders of our funeral lunch team. The leader would arrange a reception following a funeral or memorial service allowing family and friends an opportunity to meet in an informal setting sharing stories and memories of a loved one as they continue to celebrate life.

Were Searching for Volunteers

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	10,108
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	472,500
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	459,173
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(13,327)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	28
Building Fund to date	\$	6,684
Disaster Relief	\$	11,069

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND ZOOM ACCESS

Adult religious education resumes October 3rd. We will start with chapter one of *The Eucharist: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics*. Please bring a Bible along with the book to class in the parish library 9:45-10:45.

The Zoom session on Monday, Oct 4th will begin at 6:30 p.m. Email me at emrettig@aol.com so I can send you the link for you to just click on. It is not necessary to have a zoom account to access the program.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE / AE (9:45 a.m.) St Vincent de Paul (9:45 a.m.)
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 RCIA (6:30 p.m.) Joseph Hall
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	K of C mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

STAND UP FOR LIFE!

Life Chain 2021

Sunday, October 3rd

2:00pm-3:00pm

Cody Road in front of Our Savior Catholic Church

Life Chain is a peaceful witness and prayer vigil on behalf of unborn children and their mothers.

Could you pray one hour with us?



40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2021 CAMPAIGN runs from Wednesday, Sept 22nd – Sunday, Oct 31st, 6am – 6pm daily. 1.) Pray and Fast for an end to abortion. 2.) Sign up to pray for one hour/week or just one hour the whole campaign at the abortion facility, Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop West by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/mobile 3.) Reach out in our community by spreading the joy of LIFE. Wear precious feet,

pass out pro-life literature, put a pro-life sign in your yard, get educated and then educate others about the evil of abortion and about the beauty of LIFE. For questions or help signing up, please contact Ricarda Manning at 251-343-9204.

"It is a lesson we all need—to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path."

— St. Katharine Drexel

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



WHAT'S HAPPENING with Youth Ministry

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We have a Date for our retreat!

All Middle School Youth 6th-8th grade

Your retreat will begin Saturday, October 23rd. This will be an overnight retreat beginning at 10am Saturday Morning and ending Sunday, October 24th with Fr David doing an Outdoor Mass at 3pm. Families are invited! Please pick up your Permission Slips and packing list from Ms. Tina.

All High School Youth & Our Confirmation Class

Your retreat will begin Sunday, October 24th with check in at 9am and ending with Fr David doing an Outdoor Mass at 3pm. Please see Ms. Tina for your paperwork.

Retreat Location:

Camp Christian
5834 Rabbit Creek Rd
Theodore, AL 36582
Cost: \$10

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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 interested 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 3, 2021, at 9:45am. Classes end at 10:45am. **Each student must be pre-registered to attend class on October 3. There will be no registrations on-site on October 3.** Archdiocesan protocols require the following: Everyone entering the building must have a temperature check and wear a mask while inside. Physical distance of 3 feet will be maintained in classrooms with 6 feet distancing being the norm in other areas of the building. **Each student and volunteer must have a signed COVID waiver form on file in order to attend class on October 3.**

CONFIRMATION interviews began Wednesday, September 22, 2021. If you did not receive an appointment letter, please contact Jan Murray at 633-6762, x 206 or re@oursaviorparish.org.

Check out the bulletin section for the **Youth Group** for retreat details.

The **RCIA** process begins Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30pm in Joseph Hall in the Activities Building. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome.

CONGRATULATION to Vicki Wakefield. We are proud to announce that Vicki is this year's nominee for the annual 'Christ the King Medal'.