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PRAYER REQUESTS: Life can be difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, please contact Frances Stewart at 251-300-7840 or memefrances@yahoo.com or Mary in the parish office. The only thing we ask of you is to please let us know if this person has either recovered, died or is no longer in need of further prayer.



THE FRASSATI SOCIETY OF MOBILE is a new young adults group (20's and 30's) that has been approved by Archbishop Rodi. The Society has four pillars: fellowship, spiritual formation, service, and recreation. The monthly "Frassati Nights" will be an opportunity for faith formation and fellowship with others. They meet the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Little Sisters of the Poor. Visit our website at www.frassatimobile.com for more information!



LINE DANCING is every Monday in Jennings Hall. Classes are from 6:30-8 pm. The cost is \$4 per person. Come join the fun!!



MEMORIAL BRICKS: We are ready to start a new section. 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 ext 203.



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.



TAI CHI CLASS meets here every Monday at 10am in Jennings Hall. It is a low-impact; slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion". Everyone is invited.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: If you are going to be out of town or not available any time during the months of April-June 2019, please let Mary in the parish office know by **February 28th**. If you are not receiving emails concerning the schedule, please let someone in the parish office know your current email address so you will receive them in the future. Any changes or exceptions may be sent to office@oursaviorparish.org or by calling 251-633-6762 x 200.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
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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
Juan Jose Gutierrez, Music Minister
Mary Marks, Office Manager
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Kim McDowell, Maintenance
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 11 am
Spanish Mass: 7 pm Sunday
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday
Holy Days: 7 pm Vigil & 8:30 am & 7 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 pm & by appointment

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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 Amy Walsh (251-605-8870) 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 K4-12 meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 am -10:45 am

PARISH OFFICE

8 am—4 pm Monday—Thursday & 8 am—3 pm Friday

OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Email: youth@oursaviorparish.org
Junior: 6th - 8th grades
Senior: 9th - 12th grades

PRAYER CHAIN

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9 am—6 pm followed by Novena



OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019



BREATHING WITH BOTH LUNGS

The title of this essay was referred to a few weeks ago in my homily. It reflects the passion of Pope St John Paul II to bring unity to the two great Churches of the Latin West and the Orthodox East. Why hasn't it happened?

The split occurred over a period of centuries of misunderstanding and miscommunication. It was driven forward by mutual claims to primacy and the arrogance especially of the papal legate in 1054, a date that has become the traditional beginning of the split, and exacerbated by the sack of Constantinople by Westerners during the Fourth Crusade. A paper agreement of union was worked out (under duress: Constantinople was under siege by the Turks) at the Council of Florence in the 15th century, but it was immediately rejected by people in Constantinople (especially the monks). The sack of the Eastern capital in 1453 really finalized the break. What began with disagreements ended up in great resentment and bitterness. People hurt and angry very often have long memories of the insults...

It seemed as though a breakthrough might happen at the end of the Second Vatican Council. As a result of their previous meeting in the Holy Land, Pope St Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras formally agreed to drop the mutual excommunications under which the two Churches had been living. Things looked hopeful.

The desire of John Paul II led to dialogue with Patriarch Demetrios, and perhaps if it were only up to them, there would have been success, as seems to be the case today with Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew. But the Orthodox structure involves a number of "auto-cephalous" Churches—they stand independently, and the Patriarch of Constantinople really has only titular headship. For Orthodoxy to move toward Rome (and vice versa), all the Orthodox Churches would have to be in agreement. Especially with regard to Pope John Paul II, the Russian Orthodox (who actually claim superiority over Constantinople) would never come to agreement with a Polish pope.

Still, a few days ago we celebrated Ss Cyril and Methodius, named by John Paul II as co-patrons (along with St Benedict) of all Europe. They were Greeks who evangelized the Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe in the 9th century and were warmly supported by the pope in their missionary efforts. They are a sign that all things are possible with God—even perhaps the breaking down of prejudices and resentments that keep us from acting as brothers and sisters. We must never forget that the great patron saints of Rome and Constantinople are, after all, St Peter and St Andrew: brothers! Our diversity of language, liturgical style, and even theology simply do not need to keep us out of communion. During the Jubilee of 2000, Pope John Paul II called for a "purification of memories." If we could achieve this between East and West, how good and pleasant it would be: brothers and sisters dwelling in unity!

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	Michael Dees	Jeb Shell
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Lisa Brazell	Rose Marie Kervin	Linda Skeel-Haenel
Annie Ruth Chappell	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
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Mason Coker	Mary Lozano	Joe Vegliacich
Judy Courtney	Ashley Rickel	Bradley Wells
Leah Dees	Vicki Scott	Elaine Zoller

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Nick Ciccaglione 2/1/08	Florence Bowdoin 2/15/07
Don Lee 2/2/13	John Calametti 2/15/17
Carmel Cotter 2/3/16	Carl Noller 2/17/87
Mary Ellen Cruit 2/3/04	Noah Riddle 2/17/16
Harriett Busby 2/4/99	Dolores Ramos 2/18/14
Tom Pennington 2/4/11	Ignatius Darring 2/20/09
David Zimlich 2/4/15	Judy Engler 2/20/16
Steven Grant 2/5/00	Jack Kenny 2/20/13
Rose Ellis 2/6/06	Eugene Holt 2/20/13
Ethel Vaisin 2/6/19	Joan Duffy 2/22/08
Joe Hacker 2/7/11	Renee Gump 2/25/17
John Klemm 2/8/15	Billy Kountz 2/27/07
Harry Ryan III 2/9/02	Mike Walsh 2/27/11
Josephine Stewart 2/9/09	Jacob Moore 2/27/16
Jo Shirey 2/9/17	Lejune Newman 2/27/12
Al Cosci 2/13/11	Earl Jordan 2/28/07
Harold Reed 2/12/09	Tim Lovorn 2/28/08
Jim Murray 2/12/08	H. L Porter 2/28/08
Don Maurer 2/12/16	Dorothy Puckett 2/29/12
John Ellis 2/14/06	
Jacques Trefontaine 2/15/02	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 a.m.) St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 a.m.)
Monday	Tai-Chi (10 a.m.) Line Dancing (7 p.m.) Contemplative Prayer (7 p.m.)
Tuesday	Handmade Hugs (1 p.m.) Men of St. Joseph (6 p.m.) RCIA (6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday	Adoration (9 a.m.) Bible Sharing (9:30 a.m.) Holy Hour & Novena (6:15 p.m.) Scouts (6:30 p.m.) Choir (7 p.m.)
Thursday	LAFF (6:30 p.m.) Finance Coun.cil mtg (6:30 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)
Saturday	Security Mtg (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall

GOOD SAMARITAN DONATION PROGRAM

Our Savior will be taking part in the Good Samaritan Donation program with Goodwill Easter Seals of the Gulf Coast. The Good Samaritan Program is designed to allow churches to partner with Goodwill to serve the community. The basic process to this program is: you make a donation to the retail store and Our Savior will get credit for it from the Yellow donation card you hand in at that time and in return they will send us store certificates to be redeemable for merchandise. This will allow Our Savior and St. Vincent DePaul Society to help those in need. Example if we donate 10 bags to Goodwill they will send us ten \$5 store gift certificates to be given out. You will still receive your tax donation receipt for your personal taxes. For us to get credit you will need to take one of the yellow donation cards. We will have them in the back of the church and in the office. If you have any questions please contact Tina Lyons in the office or Christina Richie from St. Vincent DePaul Society.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: Agnes Murray (d)
Sunday	8:30 am: V. J. Crochet, Jr. (d)
	11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am: Fr. John Robinson (d)
Wednesday	8:30 am: Jim Cline (d)
Thursday	8:30 am: Paul Neel & Family (l)
Friday	8:30 am: Linda Behr (d)



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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Genesis 3:9-24 Gospel: Mark 8:1-10
Sun.	Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-8 (78C) Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26
Mon.	Reading 1: Genesis 4:1-15, 25 Gospel: Mark 8:11-13
Tues.	Reading 1: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Gospel: Mark 8:14-21
Wed.	Reading 1: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 Gospel: Mark 8:22-26
Thurs.	Reading 1: Genesis 9:1-13 Gospel: Mark 8:27-33
Fri.	Reading 1: 1 Peter 5:1-4 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who pledged to this year's Catholic Charities Drive. We received 157 pledges totaling \$102,515. It's not too late to make a pledge. You can pledge online or mail in your pledge to the archdiocese or to Our Savior. You can also drop your pledge in the collection basket.



PRAY for Ethel Vaisin who died February 6th. May she rest in peace.

GOODWILL EASTER SEALS TOUR

On **Tuesday, February 26th**, we will tour their offices downtown and see what all they have to offer. We will meet right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass for anyone who would like to go. Please let Tina know if you are interested.

NEW LADIES AUXILIARY GROUP

Our Savior is looking to start back up the Ladies Auxiliary. Membership is open to any Catholic/or Christian female 18 years of age or older. Our group will have the following objectives: to participate in Charitable, Church and Community activities and to assist in promoting our Knights of Columbus Council activities, most of us already help with most activities. Please let Tina know if you're interested in becoming a member. I will set an informational meeting after we see if there is any interest. First order of business would be to come up with a name for our group so put on your thinking cap now and send me your ideas.



THANK YOU all for the phone calls, text messages, emails, cards but especially your prayers while I was out with my back. I appreciate each and every one of you. **Judy Pukac**

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 10,051
Online Giving	\$ 4,613
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 72,692
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 75,131
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	2,438
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 85
Building Fund to date	\$ 1,164

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

First Eucharist Parents, please be practicing prayers at home with your children. If you finish your banner before the due date, you may bring it in to the religious education office for safe keeping. Remember, it is important to attend Mass each week as a family. Finally, we ask that you practice receiving the Eucharist at home with your child so that he or she knows the response is "Amen"; and that they make a throne to receive the Eucharist in their hands and take the chalice carefully from the priest or minister so that nothing spills. Interviews are April 10. If you have not signed up for a time, please contact Jan Murray as soon as possible.

Parishioners, please continue to pray for our **Catechumens** and **Candidates** as they continue their journey. Their next big event is the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election both of which will be celebrated on March 17, 2019.

Religious Education Classes, 4K-grade 12, are in session each Sunday in February. Thanks to all our dedicated catechists and assistants and to our students who come so faithfully throughout the year. God will bless you!



Big Thanks to the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** for the money to pay for the **TOTAL COST** of the tablecloths for the Church. These tablecloths were handmade with beautiful embroidery in Manila, Philippines through the courtesy of Mrs. Angie Garriz.

THANK YOU to Mrs. Angie Garriz who took time from her vacation to order and supervise the job.

THE MOBILE AREA INTERFAITH CONFERENCE invites you to a unique Reentry Simulation Event on **Thursday, February 28th** 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (boxed lunch provided) at Volunteers of America Southeast (1204 Hillcrest Rd.). Come gain an understanding of the significant obstacles faced by men and women attempting to navigate through the system upon their release from incarceration as they return home to their communities. For more information, please call 251-308-8725 or email theneighborcenter@gmail.com

A SECURITY MEETING is scheduled here and we would like all ushers and a representative from all groups and committees that meet here to be present for this meeting.

Date: Saturday, February 23rd

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Place: Jennings Hall

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Tina (251-633-6762 x 205)

SEARCH RETREAT

March 15-17 Camp Baldwin in Elberta

On a Search Retreat weekend, you will experience a strong sense of a Catholic faith community, personal testimonies from the Search team, small group discussions, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, quiet prayer time, and great fellowship. The weekend begins on a Friday evening and ends on a Sunday afternoon. For more info & to register: www.archmobyouth.org/search



YOUTH UPDATES

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, March 30th, we have the opportunity to help out South Alabama Jag-Gals with their Southern Belle Brunch & Bingo. This will be a service project for our confirmation class but will need about 6 extra youth to help us out. We will be serving 126 ladies a sit down brunch. Our job will be to set up the tables, serve the food and clear tables before the bingo starts. The events run from 9:30 am to about 2 pm. Please let me know if you are interested ASAP. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Permission slips will need to be filled out since this event takes place at the Mobile Carnival Museum.

SOUPER BOWL of CARING Update

We counted over 14,000 nonperishable food items for those in need. We will continue to collect for the month of February and then celebrate with our Soup & Sandwich Thank You Luncheon.

Watch for more details.

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people, working together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. The idea for the Souper Bowl of Caring came from this prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those that do not have a bowl of soup to eat." It all began on Super Bowl Sunday back in 1990. This simple prayer inspired a youth group to create a fun, yet meaningful way to fight Hunger and to reach out to those in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS REMINDERS

March 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th – Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinners (watch for details)

March (date to be announced) Soup & Sandwich Thank You Luncheon

March 30th - Service project with South Alabama – more details to follow

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th grade & High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade.

Please bring a snack or drink to share with the group at our gatherings.

Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205 if you have any questions.



YOUNG AT HEART GROUP is planning a Dinner Cruise on **Wednesday, March 13th** the cost will include a buffet, and live music while you cruise the coast.

- Duration: 2.5 hours
- Dinner: Two-entrees, self-serve buffet with plenty of sides and salad to select from for your meal
- Dress: Business-casual
- Included: Cruise on our 2 level climate controlled paddlewheel, The Perdido Queen. Dinner, live music and a full cash bar are included.
- Weather: Perdido Queen Dinner Cruises operate rain or shine
- The vessel is heated or cooled

Contact Tina by Thursday, February 28th for more information and reservations.

"Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve... The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end... They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ." — St. Francis of Assisi, *Letter to the Faithful*, later version, ##30-31, 48-50