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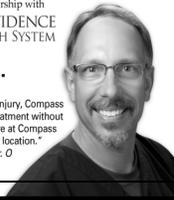
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PRAYER REQUESTS: Life can be difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, please contact memefrances@yahoo.com or Mary in the parish office. The only thing we ask of you is to please let us know if this 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.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is an act of love. We need volunteers on Wednesday. If you can help, please contact Janet Broderick at janetb8757@hotmail.com or (251) 635-1644.



The Men of St. Joseph are offering the Outback Retreat the weekend of October 25-27, 2019. The group is working with the Archdiocese of Mobile to specifically target students who are freshmen or sophomores in high school. The unique charism of this retreat is that one does not attend alone; rather pairs attend the weekend. The upcoming Outback is for a teen and a parent. This is a great way to evangelize both teens and parents. The hope is that once a parent and a teen are both evangelized they will return to the parish with a renewed openness. Please call or email Patrick Arensberg with any questions or concerns, or to arrange for someone to speak to parish about the retreat ((251) 433-6991(prensberg@mobarch.org))

Our Savior will be hosting their First ever **MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL** on October 26th in Jennings Hall after the 5 O'clock Mass. We would like to celebrate the richness of all the different cultures and traditions right here at Our Savior. We are looking for parishioners that might be interested in having a table to share their heritage and traditions. So far we have Vietnam, USA, Poland, Philippines, Nicaragua, Mexico, Canada and Italy. If you would like to help at one of these booths or set up one yourself, please contact either Deacon Francis or Tina Lyons in the office. Another thought we had was to see if we could get some adults, youth and younger children to take part in a fashion show to show off the traditional dress of the different cultures. Let us know if you are interested in participating! Watch for more detail in the upcoming weeks.



CHILD PROTECTION RETRAINING Volunteers, it's time to renew your training for Child Protection. We are using a new on-line system this year. You will find instructions on how to update training at protection.mobarch.org/training/.



THE 48TH ANNUAL LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR LAWN PARTY will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There is a need for homemade candy to be made and donated for our candy booth. All candy will need to be delivered the week prior.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
Father Jose Mesa, S.J.
Deacon Charles Kenny (retired)
Deacon Norman Gale
Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
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Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care
Juan Jose Gutierrez, Music Minister
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 7 p.m. Sunday
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday
Holy Days: 7 p.m. Vigil & 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. & 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 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

OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

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

PRAYER CHAIN

Frances Stewart or meme frances@yahoo.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. followed by Novena



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2019



SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

This coming Friday, 13 September, is the Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople and Doctor of the Church. He was a vehement opponent of what he saw as corruption, especially corruption in the imperial court, and he was exiled by the Empress Eudoxia, dying in 407 AD. This story is simple enough, but the depths are far more important and impressive.

Because John was originally a monk and was only “tricked,” as it were, into becoming Patriarch of the Empire’s new capital city. They did not know what they were asking for! He did not bend to bribes for those clergy seeking to advance their “careers.” His own lifestyle was in sharp contrast to that of the nobles and prelates of Constantinople. And his sermons were equally sharp critiques of their lifestyle. What did John (the “Golden-mouthed”) have to say?

He was willing to list numerous “paths of repentance” (suggesting those who needed them!): condemning one’s own sins, ignoring harm done by enemies, fervent prayer, almsgiving, and a humble, modest lifestyle (*Breviary*, Office of Readings, Tuesday, 21st Week). Consider what might happen to Abp Wilton Gregory if a) he’d been appointed by the Government and b) preached like this!

He was also a champion of the poor and of the obligations the well-to-do have to come to their aid: “Do you want to honor Christ’s body? Then do not...honor him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. ...What we do here in the church requires a pure heart, not special garments; what we do outside requires great dedication.

“Now, in saying this I am not forbidding you to make such gifts [to the church]; I am only demanding that along with such gifts and before them you give alms. [Our Lord] accepts with the former, but he is much more pleased with the latter. ...Of what use is it to weigh down Christ’s table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? ...Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all” (*Breviary*, Office of Readings, Saturday, 21st Week).

He was a brilliant commentator on Scripture, and his insights were sharp and important. He knew, for example, that the origins of the apostolic preaching had to have begun as a result of the reality of the Resurrection: “It is evident, then, that if they had not seen him risen and had proof of his power, they would not have risked so much” (*Breviary*, Office of Readings, Feast of St Bartholomew). And he himself risked a great deal by preaching the Truth of Jesus Christ to imperial power.

What does this great saint teach us? First and foremost, he shows us that nothing can separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39), nor should we allow anything to do this. Second, he reminds us of the critical importance of alms-giving. In fact, the 1st reading from this past Sunday (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 82-29) says the same thing: “...alms atone for sins.” Finally, he shows us that a holy life is a better option than a luxurious life. And he encourages us to choose wisely. Will we?

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	Michael Nelson
Joyce Bills	Jesus Gallego	Ashley Rickel
Keith Bumpers	Manuela Golden	Vicki Scott
Lisa Brazell	Rose Marie Kervin	Jeb Shell
Annie Ruth Chappell	Monica Knight	Kathy Sirak
Bill Ciccaglione	Rady Laron	Mary Ann Stanley
Mason Coker	Mary Lozano	Joe Vegliacich
Judy Courtney	Myrtis Mooney	Bradley Wells
Leah Dees	Marsha Naman	Elaine Zoller

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 a.m.) AE (9:45 a.m.) Library Widow's Web (1:00 p.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (6:30 p.m.) Contemplative Prayer (7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	Handmade Hugs (1:00 p.m.) Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) RCIA (6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday	Adoration (9:00 a.m.) Bible Sharing (9:30 a.m.) Holy Hour & Novena (6:15 p.m.) Scouts (6:30 p.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.) K of C 4th degree mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)



PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION will be Sunday, September 15th. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. followed by supper in Jennings Hall. Sign-up sheets for the meal are on the table in the back of the church.

MOD Pizza & The Neighbor Center

Pinebrook Shopping Center (3980 Airport Blvd, Suite A2)

Eat a Good Pizza and help a neighbor. **Tuesday, September 10th 10:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.** MOD Pizza will donate 15% of you purchase to help support The Neighbor Center. Bring a form found on the table in the back of the church or mention **The Neighbor Center** at the time of purchase.

BURSE CLUB COLLECTION will be this weekend. The annual membership dues are \$12. Your dues help pay for scholarships for the education of Seminarians within our Archdiocese. We have extra envelopes on the back table of the church if you did not receive one in the mail. Please also offer your support through prayers. You also will find prayer cards on table in the back of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Yvonne Hacker (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: Scott Stevens (d)
11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Fr. Howard Moussier, OBS (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Fr. James Dorrill (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Colossians 1:21-23
Gospel: Luke 6:1-5
Sun. Reading 1: Wisdom 9:13-18b (129C)
Reading 2: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
Mon. Reading 1: Colossians 1:24-2:3
Gospel: Luke 6:6-11
Tues. Reading 1: Colossians 2:6-15
Gospel: Luke 6:12-19
Wed. Reading 1: Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel: Luke 6:20-26
Thurs. Reading 1: Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38
Fri. Reading 1: 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14
Gospel: Luke 6:39-42



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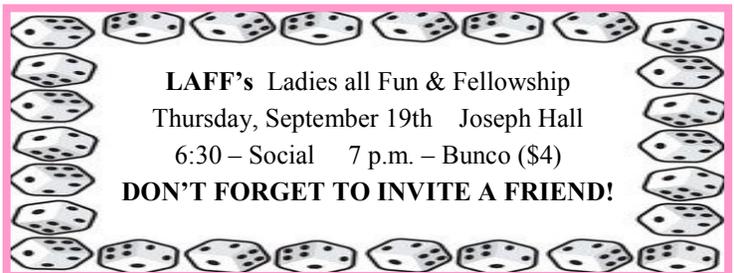


RAFFLE TICKETS: We have almost sold 200 tickets out of the possible 300 we hope to sell; only four more and then the big one. We all still have good odds to win but we would still like to sell more and give others a chance to join the fun. We are trying to sell after the Masses again so spread the word. Thank you for your participation.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION on Sunday between the Masses resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 9:45 in the library. Please join us for doughnuts and coffee. In the first meeting we will discuss the direction of the program for the coming school year. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at emret-tig@aol.com or 251-661-8619



PRAY for Mary Beth Ezell who died August 29th. She was the niece of Susan Dean. **PRAY** for Lorraine Roberts who died August 15th. She was the mother of Vicki Swank. May they both rest in peace.



LAFF's Ladies all Fun & Fellowship
 Thursday, September 19th Joseph Hall
 6:30 - Social 7 p.m. - Bunco (\$4)

DON'T FORGET TO INVITE A FRIEND!

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

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Actual Offering Income	\$	14,486
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	424,038
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	428,891
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	4,852
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	523
Building Fund to date	\$	5,840

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious Education (RE) classes for 2019-2020 begin Sunday, September 8. Green registration forms are available in the back of the Church. Forms may be downloaded from the website. These classes are for students in grades K through 12 who do not attend a Catholic school. Class begins at 9:45 am and dismisses at 10:45 am.

Come and see! The **RCIA** Process began September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. All are welcome - non-Catholics, those never baptized, and Catholics who would like a refresher. We begin with a meal and would appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so that our volunteer chefs can plan accordingly. There are forms in the racks at the back of the church or you can call or email Jan Murray, 633-6762, x206, re@oursaviorparish.org.

If you are interested in being an **RCIA sponsor**, please contact Deacon Norman or Jan Murray. There will be an organizational meeting in the coming weeks.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does the Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please contact the office at either office@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 200 with any changes.



THE ANNUAL BLUE MASS honoring First Responders will be celebrated at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at 12:10 on **Wednesday, September 11th**. At this Mass we pray for the safety and for God's protection for all Fire, Law Enforcement, and Medical Emergency Personnel. All are invited to attend as a sign of prayerful support for those who serve and protect us.

HOLY LAND GIFTS - OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Holy Land Gifts from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish the weekend of **Sept. 21/22** and selling their religious olive wood gifts. The proceeds from the sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for their Catholic community.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please contact Tina at 251-633-6762 x 205 or youth@oursaviorparish.org

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."— St. Therese of Lisieux

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

SUNDAY FUNDAY!

Sunday, September 29th - Eastern Shore Lanes Bowling Lanes
Bowling, Laser Tag and Pizza
1:30 to 4:30 cost \$20
Permission Slip needed to attend! Please let Ms. Tina know ASAP so we have enough lanes.

ATTENTION all HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

The Archdiocese of Mobile, Office of Youth Ministries is planning a Pilgrimage to Washington DC for the March for Life. It is open to all High School youth in the Archdiocese in the 9th-12th grade. The dates for the pilgrimage are Wednesday, January 22 through Sunday January 26, 2020. You will miss 2 days of school, Thursday & Friday only. The cost is \$300 and includes hotel accommodations, museum, event fees and bus. You will also need money for meals and personal spending. We will leave on Wednesday evening and arrive in DC on Thursday. The March will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. We will head back to Mobile on Saturday, January 25th and arrive in Mobile Sunday, January 26th. I will need a \$150 deposit by September 23rd and the balance no later than December 16th.

Upcoming Meetings /Events:

- Sept. 29th – Youth Fun Day – Bowling, Laser Tag & Pizza at Eastern Shore Lanes
- Oct. 13th – Parish Picnic
- Oct. 20th – Little Sister's Lawn Party

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 252-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

PRIESTER'S PECANS



It's that time of the year again! Our Savior Youth will be selling Priest's Pecans as a fundraiser to help Our Youth attend their Annual Summer Service Camp with Alive in You. The pecan pies are our biggest seller. If you know how many you will need, let me know by **September 13th** so I can order plenty along with the mini pies. Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

CENTERING PRAYER AND FORGIVENESS PRAYER WORKSHOP



Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019
Times: Refreshments 8:30 a.m.
Workshop 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Place: Joseph Hall

Centering Prayer is a contemplative prayer practice which leads to the opening of mind and heart - our whole being - to God. The Forgiveness Prayer is a guided meditation that leads to forgiveness of self and others. Please join us as we teach and practice these prayer methods. Call for reservations - 251-648-6521 (Gloria) or 251-422-0540 (Alex) **Please make reservations by September 12, 2019.**



2019 FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to take part in the 12th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk on **Saturday, September 28th with Mass at 7 am, registration at 7:30 am and the walk starting at 8 am**, in support of local families in need. If you are unable to participate in the Walk, the Society encourages you to make a pledge in support of the Walk. Register online at www.fopwalk.org or call 251-432-5173. Also, our Vincents will have tables set up after each Mass the weekends of September 14th & 15th and September 21st & 22nd for you to register, sponsor a person or donate. Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause.