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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.

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 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. Contact parish office at office@oursaviorparish.org

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 their website at www.frassatimobile.com for more information!

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 x 203.

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.

USHERS NEEDED: We are in need of ushers especially at our 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, but we welcome volunteers at all Masses. An usher is the first person you see when entering the church as they greet you on your arrival and the last one you see as you leave. It is an awesome privilege to not only welcome people to the church, but being for others a representative of a welcoming and gracious God. For more information, please contact Bill Wakefield or the parish office at office@oursaviorparish.org

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!!

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.

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
Juan Jose Gutierrez, Music Minister
Mary Marks, Office Manager
Judy Pukac, Accountant
Kim McDowell, Maintenance
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

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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CHURCH ADDRESS

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Finance Council: Greg Carpenter
Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
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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: James Alexander
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 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

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020



HONEY AND VINEGAR

This past Friday (the 24th) was the Memorial of St Francis de Sales, an evangelist and apologist who famously wrote that folks could attract more flies (presumably the better kind!) with a teaspoon of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. He was extraordinarily successful in his ministry of evangelizing those who had become Calvinists in Geneva. What exactly did he mean?

Francis' approach to evangelization is a lesson for us. It can be described as the difference between "Get back over here or else!" versus "Come join us!" Born in the times of what has come to be called the "Baroque" period of architecture, it was a time of celebration of benefits more than fear of punishments. To quote Mr James Lees-Milne in his book *St Peter's*: "...the attitude of the Church had changed. It set out to win, not to repel. Instead of a gloomy, rebarbative front, it assumed a milder, more cheerful aspect.... There was much wisdom in this novel step... [It concentrated] upon the blessings to be reaped from observing Christian dogmas, rather than the penalties to be incurred from ignoring them... Above all, it sought to demonstrate the glory and benefit of the Sacraments in the most attractive manner..."

This is the logic that led Pope Saint Paul VI to write that in our times people needed witnesses more than teachers, and if they followed teachers it was because they were also witnesses. And I (and Francis de Sales) would add: witnesses of joy.

From my perspective, the best evangelization is not, strictly speaking, evangelization at all, but what used to be called "pre-evangelization." It is the lived witness that leads people to ask us, "Why do you do—why are you—the way you are?" From then, with an initial reply "I do this—am this—because of my faith in Jesus Christ." And away we go with authentic, effective evangelization! But we must never forget that whether we make a convert or not, we do what we do because of Him who requires it of us to be His disciples.

We want to draw people to the light and not threaten them with remaining in darkness (which they may or may not recognize—John 3:19-21). The phrase I used to use when a teacher was that we needed to be people who would present Jesus to others as an "attractive confrontation." By that, I meant to draw them to Him, and then to see the ways they would be challenged to change—only because of having fallen in love with Him first. We'll do anything for the ones we love, after all! Let's be effective evangelizers by being honey and not vinegar: no threats—let's draw others to Him for the sake of joy!

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

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Nick Ciccaglione 2/1/08	John Calametti 2/15/17
Don Lee 2/2/13	Carl Noller 2/17/87
Carmel Cotter 2/3/16	Noah Riddle 2/17/16
Mary Ellen Cruit 2/3/04	Dolores Ramos 2/18/14
Harriett Busby 2/4/99	Ignatius Darring 2/20/09
Tom Pennington 2/4/11	Judy Engler 2/20/16
David Zimlich 2/4/15	Jack Kenny 2/20/13
Steven Grant 2/5/00	Eugene Holt 2/20/13
Rose Ellis 2/6/06	Joan Duffy 2/22/08
Ethel Vaisin 2/6/19	Renee Gump 2/25/17
Joe Hacker 2/7/11	Agnes Griffith Harper 2/26/03
Charlotte Faye Grimes 2/7/19	Billy Kountz 2/27/07
John Klemm 2/8/15	Mike Walsh 2/27/11
Harry Ryan III 2/9/02	Jacob Moore 2/27/16
Josephine Stewart 2/9/09	Lejune Newman 2/27/12
Jo Shirey 2/9/17	Earl Jordan 2/28/07
Al Cosci 2/13/11	Tim Lovorn 2/28/08
Harold Reed 2/12/09	H. L Porter 2/28/08
Jim Murray 2/12/08	Dorothy Puckett 2/29/12
Don Maurer 2/12/16	
John Ellis 2/14/06	
Jacques Trefontaine 2/15/02	
Florence Bowdion 2/15/07	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RE (9:45 a.m.) AE (9:45 a.m.) St Vincent de Paul (9:45 a.m.) Widow's Web (1:00 p.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (6:30 p.m.)
Tuesday	Centering Prayer (10:30 a.m.) 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.)
Thursday	K of C mtg (7 pm) Catholics Returning Home (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	1st Friday Holy Hour (9:00 a.m.) Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)
Saturday	World Marriage Day

PRAY for Cecilia Lyons who died January 28th. She was the mother of Doug Lyons and the mother -in-law of Tina Lyons. May she rest in peace.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: If you are going to be out of town or not available any time during the months of April - June 2020, please let Mary in the parish office know by **February 28th**. If you are not receiving emails concerning the schedule, please let Mary in the parish office know your current email address so you will receive them in the future. Please contact Mary at office@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 200.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 p.m.: Mark Brannon (d)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.: Joseph Yusko (d)
	11:00 a.m.: People of the parish
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.: George & Nellie Doyle (d)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.: Jose Aguirre (l)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.: Stanley Rydzynski (d)
Friday	8:30 a.m.: Ardeth Fischer (d)

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PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41
Sun.	Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4 (524) Reading 2: Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Mon.	Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20
Tues.	Reading 1: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43
Wed.	Reading 1: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6
Thurs.	Reading 1: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
Fri.	Reading 1: Sirach 47:2-11 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION We will continue to discuss Dr. Edward Sri's book *Dawn of the Messiah* hoping to finish it by the Mardi Gras break. Please join us for coffee, doughnuts, and lively discussions in the parish library between the Sunday Masses. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at emrettig@aol.com or 251-661-8619.

FREE ONLINE NEW LENTEN SERIES

METANOIA: A Journey with Christ into conversion. This ten part series begins February 3rd and ends Holy Week. It features Father David Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University of Steubenville and founder of Ministry of the Wild Goose. Beautifully filmed in the Holy Land. Journey into a season of grace, hope, repentance and transformation! thewildgooseisloose.com

Judy Adams

PRAYER CHAIN: Are you looking for a way to be involved in a ministry at Our Savior Church? Many people cannot get involved directly in a ministry but we can all pray. Many are older or ill themselves but can take the time to help others through the power of prayer. Prayer is a way for us to reach out of ourselves, to put aside our loneliness and pain for the sake of another. All you need to be able to do is pray—and we can all do that. If you are interested in joining our prayer chain, please contact Audrey Cline or the parish office (office@oursaviorparish.org)

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 8,682
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 48,462
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 43,862
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (4,600)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 0
Building Fund to date	\$ 686

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes are in session February 2, 9, 16. There is no class on Sunday, February 23 due to Mardi Gras.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2020

Our Savior Youth is holding their annual food drive to help St. Vincent DePaul stock their food pantry. Last year we were able to help 240 families, a total of 717 family members. Without your help we may not have been able to help these families. Last year we collected over 14,000 nonperishable food items. We would LOVE your support again this year.

Our Savior Youth will be at the back of the church the weekend of February 1st & 2nd handing out Souper Bowl of Caring Bags !

We also set up an online giving with You Give Goods, by donating online they will email you a tax receipt for your purchase.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DONATING ONLINE:

- (1) yougivegoods.com (click on the link)
- (2) click on Donate to Causes
- (3) Search by Food then hit search
- (4) Look for Our Savior Youth's Souper Bowl of Caring 2020 (should be a picture of our church)
- (5) Click on picture then click on shop now

All goods ordered online will be shipped directly to Our Savior at the end of our drive.

CENTERING PRAYER AND THE FORGIVENESS PRAYER

A weekly prayer group with the focus on Centering Prayer and the Forgiveness Prayer meets on Tuesday at 10:30 am. in the Quiet Room area of the Church. For information call Alex - 251-422-0540 or Gloria - 251-648-6521.

“Since all our love for God is ultimately a response to His love for us, we can never love Him in the same way He loves us, namely, gratuitously. Since we are fundamentally dependent on God and in His debt for our creation and redemption, our love is always owed to Him, a duty, a response to His love. But we can love our neighbor in the same way that He loves us, gratuitously—not because of anything the neighbor has done for us or because of anything that we owe him, but simply because love has been freely given to us. We thereby greatly please the Father. God the Father tells Catherine [of Siena]: “This is why I have put you among your neighbors: so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me—that is, love them without any concern for thanks and without looking for any profit for yourself. And whatever you do for them I will consider done for me.”

- Ralph Martin, *Fulfillment of All Desire*, p. 261

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Alive in You Updates

Just a reminder if you haven't already sent in your original \$100 deposit, please do so as soon as possible.

The second payment of \$120 was due January 15, 2020.

The Thanks for Giving Dinner was a huge success. Thanks to all our parishioners who attended. We are so very grateful for your support. Thanks to all our youth and adult helpers for cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We received so many nice compliments about you!

We are gearing up for the Souper Bowl of Caring Project to help fill our St. Vincent DePaul's food pantry.

Saturday and Sunday, February 1-2, we will pass out bags to parishioners after all the Masses.

Sunday, February 2, we will deliver bags to surrounding neighborhoods. Meet in Jennings Hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

February 2nd – Deliver Bags to surrounding areas – 12:30- 3:30 (need adult drivers to help out)

February 8th – Pick up bags and sort in Jennings Hall – 9:30 – 1:30

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.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME If you have friends or family who were baptized Catholic but not receiving the sacraments regularly, now is the time to invite them home to stay. Our Savior is having a free and informal six week series that meets once a week on **Thursday at 7:00 p.m. until February 13th**. There is no fee, dress code or obligation to participate. For more information call Judy Pukac at 251-648-3024.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so now. If you prefer to donate online, you can text “CCA” to 91999 for a link. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you answer the Call to Give to those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help Our Savior meet our goal of **\$129,500** this year and obtain 100% participation.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR WEEK 1:

101 Pledges Received
\$75,791 Amount Pledged

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is next weekend. Please come and celebrate your vocation to family life with us. The Parish Life Committee will offer cake and punch after all the Masses.

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For itinerary, costs, and other information, please contact Fr Tom Weise 334-520-0031