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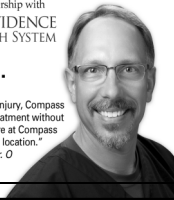
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Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.

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 Audrey Cline or the parish office at office@oursaviorparish.org

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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Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
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Life & Justice: Ricarda Manning
Knights of Columbus: Mike Perry
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4th Degree, Knights of Columbus: Joe Behr
 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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020



THE "BIG THREE" OF PRE-LENT

Some years ago there was a letter to the editor (I think in *The Montgomery Advertiser*) complaining about how cold it was for Mardi Gras, and why couldn't the date be pushed back a few weeks for nicer temperatures for parades? Well, duh! Parades and parties don't dictate the date: Easter does, and the system for determining Easter has been around, more or less, for about 1900 years.

But in the "old days" not only were folks not necessarily caught up in Carnevale, they knew they needed a run-up to Lenten penances. And so we had *Septua-, Sexa-, and Quinquagesima* Sundays: the weekends 70, 60, and 50 days before the 40 days of "real" Lent. That should tell us something about our view of ourselves! They were our original "Big 3."

But I'm going to jump on that bandwagon and devote these next 3 weekends' worth of bulletin essays to those very Sundays, and hopefully I'll be able to offer some concrete suggestions for Lent when it actually arrives (Ash Wednesday is 26 February, in case you were wondering).

As we know, the basic disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What can we do in these areas for this Lent? Let's take them one by one...

Fasting—what we all hate to do! How do we do it? Sometimes, it's by a mentality of "grit your teeth and suck it up" with whatever items we have chosen (chocolate, alcohol, desserts, coffee). Sometimes we make it; sometimes we don't. But the real question is the attitude with which we give things up, and what we do as a result of having these regulars go missing for a few weeks. The goal is not to binge on Easter, after all!

Prayer—a positive to fasting's negative. What extra ways can we discipline our souls and bodies with spiritual tools and benefits? Perhaps daily Bible reading would be good (a great idea if you cannot get to Mass during the week—check out the Mass readings for the day), or some time for quiet listening prayer (if you have kids, this will probably be 4:15 am!), or some extra prayer for someone you really don't like (re-read Matthew 5:43-48).

Almsgiving—this is where the rubber meets the road. Ideally, our prayer inspires us to greater sensitivity and generosity, and our fasting enables it. Opportunities abound: the Rice Bowl project, 2nd collections, donations to our food pantry, organizing structured "random acts of kindness," offering to drive elderly folks to appointments or church... Can you pick one?

The result will be an Easter far more fully entered into, a deeper disciple-walk with our Lord, a more solid rooting in our Faith—it will be a Faith that is not just a "Sunday thing" but an "every day" thing; it will be a Faith professed by living more than speaking. And that's a good thing!

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 Cruitt 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	World Marriage Day RE (9:45 a.m.) AE (9:45 a.m.) St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 a.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (7:00 p.m.) Contemplative Prayer (7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	Centering Prayer (10:30 a.m.) Church 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.) K of C 4th Degree (7:00 p.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)
Thursday	Catholics Returning Home (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.)

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

"Listen with the ear of your heart."

- St. Benedict of Nursia

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 p.m.: Jim Murray (d)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.: Joseph Yusko (d)
	11:00 a.m.: People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.: Communion Service
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.: Communion Service
Thursday	8:30 a.m.: Communion Service
Friday	8:30 a.m.: Communion Service



Advertiser of the Week

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: 1 Kings 3:4-13 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34
Sun.	Reading 1: Isaiah 58:7-10 (73A) Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 2 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16
Mon.	Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Gospel: Mark
Tues.	Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Gospel: Mark 7:1-13
Wed.	Reading 1: 1 Kings 10:1-10 Gospel: Mark 7:14-23
Thurs.	Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:4-13 Gospel: Mark 7:24-30
Fri.	Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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.

We 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.

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God." - St. Teresa of Avila

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 13,899
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 60,577
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 57,761
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (2,816)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 364
Building Fund to date	\$ 1,050

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

Parent meeting for First Eucharist is Sunday, February 16 at 10 am in Jennings Hall.

LEAP FOR LIFE FAMILY EVENT - Grilled hotdogs and Family Fun with Tommy Burns DJ Services at the **40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK OFF RALLY** is Saturday, February 29th, at 10:30am in the Women's Resource Center parking lot, 718 Downtowner Loop West. Guest speakers are Senator Bill Hightower, Representative Chris Pringle & Mr. Jerry Carl. Pick up signs and materials to promote 40 Days for Life in your church, family, and community. For info: Jennifer Porr 251-751-7401 or Mae Rehm 251-554-2032.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE covers the abortion site in prayer from 6am – 6pm from Ash Wednesday, February 26th – Palm Sunday, April 5th. To sign up for vigil hours to pray on the abortion sidewalk, visit www.40daysforlife.com/mobile. For help, contact Ricarda Manning 251-343-9204 or manning_r@bellsouth.net or Mae Rehm at 251-554-2032 or maemouse@aol.com.

FR DAVID will be away February 10th through February 25th. We will have communion services during the week while Fr David is away.

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.

PLEASE WELCOME FATHER BAPTISTE FROM FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please join us the weekend of February 15-16 to hear Rev. Glen P. Baptiste speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Baptiste will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Baptiste is incardinated in the Diocese of Montego Bay. Before preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, Fr. Glen taught at St. Louis University, served as an associate pastor in Missouri and served as Rector of the Cathedral Church in Hamilton, Bermuda.

PRAY for Bill Saeger who died January 31st. He was the father of Tina Lyons and the father -in-law of Doug Lyons. May he rest in peace.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS:

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. Envelopes are available in the pew. The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of their ability. Please, 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 TO DATE:

Pledges Received 135
Total Amount Pledged \$97,113.99

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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is this 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.