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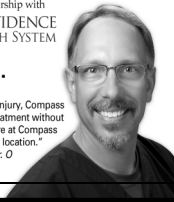
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**Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.**

**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.

### 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**

**RICE BOWLS** are in the back of the church. During Lent when you give up little things like coffee, candy, or alcohol we can make more room for God in our lives. The money you save can go to help those in need. Use these rice bowls to help with one of the big three of Lent: **almsgiving**. Rice bowl donations can be turned in at the offertory at each Mass during Lent.

## 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  
, 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: 3:30-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

## CONTACT

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## CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

**Finance Council:** Greg Carpenter  
**Liturgy:** Fr. David Tokarz  
**Parish Life Activities:** Dolores Hale  
**LAFF:** Mary Anthony  
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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)  
**Junior:** 6th - 8th grades  
**Senior:** 9th - 12th grades

## PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office [office@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:office@oursaviorparish.org)

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



## Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020



### THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Special Gospel readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent (Cycle A) are offered to us: the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. All three have to do with the journey of our catechumens and candidates to the Easter sacraments. Just as an historical footnote, there was a time when these three weeks were the totality of “Lent,” the period proximate of pre-baptismal preparation (as opposed to the “classes,” which we would call remote preparation—and which, by the way, took three years!).

I was going to offer you a paraphrase of this Gospel in the light of the coronavirus crisis (“You can’t drink from my cup!”), but I will refrain. Instead, let’s consider this woman and the dialogue Jesus engages in with her. It’s an example of what Fr Dennis referred to as a “conversation of Jesus.”

Jesus expresses a human need: hot, tired, thirsty. For all the emphasis the Fourth Gospel places on Jesus’ unique and divine relationship with the Father, He is still presented as very human. He has needs. And He is willing to engage in unlikely people to see if they can respond to Him. This woman does, but quite cagily—“Why do you want to trust me, a foreigner/heretic/woman?” Jesus dismisses her self-dismissal and elevates the dialogue to refer to “living water.” It will quench her thirst forever. The question remains—what is she truly thirsting for?

I am not necessarily convinced that the woman was looking for another “liaison” at the well, but there is great tradition in the Bible of meeting a wife at a well: that’s where Isaac’s servant encountered Rebecca; that’s where Moses first met Zipporah. Jesus, one might say, is pursuing her as a representative of the entire Samaritan people: come home to your true spouse, the LORD God (as they will, in Acts 8:4ff.). Jesus is also not bothered by the woman’s past: 5 husbands and a live-in! If this encounter were to happen today, the first thing out of a priest’s mouth would likely be, “Let’s work on all those annulments; then we can talk about you.” Jesus almost laughs as He tells her “...everything I ever did!” He’s OK with the woman. It’s like the church marquee that states: “When the devil reminds you of your past, remind him of your future!” She is thirsty for self-respect and dignity; He offers it to her by being non-judgmental, not condemnatory—He leads her out of her self-image, into His image of her.

She becomes a missionary—she brings her townspeople to Jesus just like Andrew brought Peter, or like Philip brought Nathanael (John 1:40-51), or like Philip and Andrew brought Greeks to see Jesus (John 12:20ff.). They may not have had much respect for her before, but her enthusiasm convinces them. Yes, the fields are ripe for the harvest (John 4:35ff.).

What are the thirsts that drive us? What are our deepest longings (perhaps we don’t even know them for fear of finding them and thinking they can never be satisfied)? The gift of Lent is the opportunity, through fasting, to taste those longings; through prayer, to recognize and name them; and through almsgiving to encounter the One who can quench them.

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	Vicki Scott
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**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

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Arlene Norton 3/1/08	Donald Lemmon 3/16/15
Maribelle Weir 3/1/12	George McLean 3/16/07
Walter Bequette 3/1/12	Donald Sacramona 3/16/90
Janice Pocase 3/1/14	Libby Mann 3/17/11
Margaret Kirven 3/2/10	Ted Nameniuk 3/18/08
Ethel Carter 3/3/13	Elizabeth Anderson 3/18/12
Patty McLean 3/3/18	Frank Nash 3/18/17
Russ Masse 3/4/14	Winifred Tohill 3/19/08
Judy Darring 3/4/13	John Baker 3/19/14
Deana Williams 3/5/10	Elaine Villarrubia 3/19/14
Shawn Jacobs 3/4/06	Louise Carlson 3/20/08
Nellie Doyle 3/4/09	Gene Stassi 3/20/14
John M. Broderick 3/5/07	James Rufus Johnson 3/20/17
Frank Stapleton 3/5/12	Juancho Ortiz 3/22/16
Alberta Quina 3/5/12	Lois Jourdan 3/22/14
Edna Street 3/6/07	Robert Gray 3/22/15
Pete Chieplich 3/6/10	Kevin O'Connor 3/23/09
Chester Benson 3/6/10	Joy Heiter O'Rourke 3/23/09
Margaret Roh 3/6/18	Paul Spizuc 3/23/14
Martha Guimond 3/6/2020	Magdalena Woodniok 3/24/08
Michael Patano 3/7/16	Michael Doran 3/24/19
Bill Healy 3/7/18	Doc Giesselmann 3/25/14
Ollie Oberkirch 3/7/2020	Jim Thomas 3/25/15
Annie Hacker 3/8/11	Marylyn O'Rourke 3/25/94
Tommy Wilson 3/8/18	Billy Turner 3/25/16
Stephen Ellis 3/11/04	Tom Langan 3/26/15
Claude Christianson 3/10/05	Myzidia Hyatt 3/29/09
Stephanie Ellis 3/11/04	Linda Skeel-Haenel 3/29/19
Joseph Smith 3/10/07	Msgr. Joseph Jennings 3/30/15
Kathleen Jones 3/12/05	Priscilla Renaud 3/31/10
John Hagen 3/12/16	Timothy LaFramboise 3/31/17
Ruth Komrowski 3/13/11	Johnny Reid 3/31/17
Mary Cosci 3/13/17	Christine Johnson 3/31/18
Etta Lee Sciple 3/15/09	

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	RE (9:45 a.m.) AE (9:45 a.m.) St Vincent de Paul (9:45 a.m.)
<b>Monday</b>	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Line Dancing (6:30 p.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Centering Prayers (10:30 a.m.) Handmade Hugs (1:00 p.m.) Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) RCIA (6:30 p.m.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adoration (9:00 a.m.) Bible Sharing (9:30 a.m.) Holy Hour & Novena (6:15 p.m.) Scouts (6:30 p.m.) Finance Council mtg (6:30 p.m.) Choir (7 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Lenten Bible Study (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday</b>	Singing Needles (10:30 a.m.) Stations of the Cross (6:00 p.m.) Lenten Fish Fry (6:30 p.m.)



**PALACE CASINO TRIP** is planned for Sunday, March 29th. Bus leaves church at 12:30pm and returns to church at 7:30pm. Cost is \$20 & Free play is \$15. Sign-up sheet in back of the church.

**PRAY** for Martha Shepherd Guimond who died March 6th. She was the wife of Butch Guimond. **PRAY** for Ollie Oberkirch who died March 7th. He was the brother of Nancy Rydzynski. May they rest in peace.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Stanley Rydzynski (d) <b>11:00 a.m.:</b> Donald Lemmon (d)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Linda Skeel-Haenel (d)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Yvonne Hacker (d)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Dawn Spevacek Roe (d)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.:</b> Carla Barn (d)



**Advertiser of the Week**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Catholics in China**  
We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Exodus 17:3-7 (28A) <b>Reading 2:</b> Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 <b>Gospel:</b> John 4:5-42
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 2 Kings 5:1-15b <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4:24-30
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Daniel 3:25, 34-43 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5:17-19
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 <b>Reading 2:</b> Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Reading 1:</b> Hosea 14:2-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 12:28-34

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES FROM THE HOLY LAND** will be here the weekend of March 14th & 15th with their Olive Wood Carvings for sale after all the Masses. This sale maintains the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Thursdays during Lent starting March 5th until April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the church Fr David will be the guide for a journey through the "Seven Penitential Psalms," #6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. Come join us to share the roots of Jewish and Christian devotion.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

The contemplative prayer ministry is a way to bring the Gospel reading into our life by practicing an early form of prayer called Lectio Divina. There are two groups. The Spanish meets Sunday in the library at 5:00 p.m. and the English meets Monday in the church at 7:00 p.m. Contact Marta Gale for more information.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING LECTIONARY SHARING GROUP**

The lectionary sharing group meets to reflect on lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. They meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday in the activities building.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 10,285
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 121,154
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 113,147
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ (8,007)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 125
Building Fund to date	\$ 1,763
Rice Bowls	\$ 43

### NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**Religious education classes** are in session all 5 Sundays of March. Please bring your family to Stations of the Cross at 6pm on Fridays during Lent and stay for the Lenten dinner afterwards provided by the Knights of Columbus.

**Fr David** will be speaking on the **Penitential Psalms** at 7pm in the Church each Thursday during Lent. Plan to attend as part of your Lenten prayer. You'll be glad you did!

**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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile). For help, contact Ricarda Manning 251-343-9204 or [manning\\_r@bellsouth.net](mailto:manning_r@bellsouth.net) or Mae Rehm at 251-554-2032 or [maemouse@aol.com](mailto:maemouse@aol.com)

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** meets on Sunday between the Masses. We meet in the parish library. We will begin a video series on the prophets of the Old Testament. Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and interesting discussions. For more information, especially the workbooks for this program please contact Eileen Rettig 251-661-8619 or [emrettig@aol.com](mailto:emrettig@aol.com)



**EASTER LILY MEMORIAL** may be donated in the name of a loved one. There is a list and envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please write your name on the envelope along with your donation, and drop it in the basket.

**PREVIOUSLY BLESSED PALMS** will be collected during the Lenten Season. Please place your previously blessed palms in the basket in the back of the church through Palm Sunday, April 5th.

### KNIGHT'S KORNER

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** We will be selling raffle tickets after the Masses for \$25 each. Please see a knight for tickets or more information. All tickets drawn go back in for the next month's drawing. The first drawing will be in **April**; so buy your tickets early so you have more chances of winning. **Good luck everyone!!**



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to assist with the cleaning of the church for Easter. Can you dust, clean windows, or vacuum? We would love to have you join us on Saturday, April 4th. We start at 7:30 a.m.

but you are welcomed anytime and, hopefully, we will be finished by mid-morning. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to give service to the church. No hand is too small. It's also a great way to meet others. Any questions, call Laura Fellrath @ 666-4025



**SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON** will be Sunday, March 22nd in Jennings Hall after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please make plans to join us.

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

#### Save the Date!

Soup & Sandwich Souper Bowl of Caring Thank You Lunch  
Sunday, March 22nd 12:30 in Jennings Hall  
Parents, I need volunteers to make either make a pot of soup or a tray of sandwiches. Please let me know if you can help out. We usually serve about 90 plus with this event.

#### Souper Bowl of Caring 2020

Final Count 11,743 nonperishable food items for Our SVDP Food Pantry estimated worth \$26,422

We would like to Thank everyone, our surrounding neighborhoods, those who purchased on line and our parishioners. You are truly making a difference to so many families!

#### Next Up: Lenten Dinners

Once again our youth will be helping out the Knights of Columbus with their Lenten Dinners. We will supply all the desserts for the next 3 Friday nights.

Please have your dessert here by 6pm so we can be ready to serve by 6:30. We will need about 3 or 4 youth to stay and help each week. Please let me know ASAP what weeks you can help out.

#### Alive in You Updates:

#### In 91 days and we will be leaving for Alive in you 2020!

T-Shirts will be ordered this week and plans are made for our Monday free day! Watch for an email with more details.

#### Upcoming Meetings /Events:

**March 20th & 27th** - Stations of the Cross 6pm and Lenten Dinner at 6:30

**March 21st** – set up for Soup & Sandwich 3 o'clock

**March 22nd** – 11:30 Jennings Hall Soup & Sandwich (need about 8 servers)

**March 30th** – Alive in You Parent Meeting 6:30

**April 3rd** - Stations of the Cross 6pm and Lenten Dinner at 6:30

**April 4th** – Palm Sunday Bake Sale work day( more info 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](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org) or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be at 6:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

**PARISH LENTEN SUPPER** will follow the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.. The Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious Lenten meal in Jennings Hall. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12. Pizza will be available for children.

**40 Days for Life Halfway Rally (Tour Claire's Hope, a former abortion facility) will be held on Monday, 3/16/20, 6pm, at 328 S. Sage Ave, #100.** Claire's Hope is one of a kind. This former abortion clinic has been redone to be an educational facility about abortion. It is a place with a darkened past and a shining future. We will celebrate the memory of Claire Hope Cox and honoring the sanctity of human life. Her parents say "She entered this world surprising us all. She left us here together astounded. Her passing has left us stunned at the effect that she had on us. We always knew from the moment we learned of her illness, before her presence in this world, that all of her days were ordained. How glorious and comforting it was to know that in the midst of the turmoil of her short life, there truly WAS a plan....a DIVINE PLAN." For info: Mae Rehm 251-554-2032.

**"He does not come down from Heaven each day to stay in the gold ciborium. He comes down to find another Heaven He cherishes infinitely more than [that], the Heaven of our souls, made in His image, living temples of the Most Blessed Trinity!"**

– St. Therese of Lisieux