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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC MASS

General Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect.

1. If you feel sick or have been in contact with someone exposed to COVID-19: STAY HOME! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are ill. This dispensation applies also if you are healthy but cannot get in to Mass.
2. If you are high-risk (age, underlying conditions, other issues) you are welcome and encouraged to stay at home. We will continue to live-stream Masses during this time.
3. No more than 31 households will be able to attend. A "household" can be a single person living alone, or a couple, or parents (or single parents) with children.
4. Reservations will need to be made to attend. No reservations will be accepted over voice mail.
5. You will be required to check in with an usher at a table on the porch of the church. At all times, we must respect social distancing.
6. Masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. PLEASE wear one coming to Mass. Please do NOT wear gloves.
7. Do not bring in personal items (cell phones, purses). We want to minimize the risk of contamination.
8. Hand sanitizing entering church is required. We'll supply the sanitizer at the check-in table.
9. Ushers will seat you. Please follow their lead.
10. Once in a row, a "household" has to remain there; no wandering

around. If your little ones can't manage this, perhaps it will be time to leave them at home.

11. The Quieting Room is limited to one family only.
12. There will be no holy water for individuals at this point.
13. The collection basket will be on the floor in front of the baptismal pool. Just drop in your envelopes.
14. Please follow ushers' leads for Holy Communion, to guarantee safe flow of people. NO masks when coming to receive the Sacrament.
15. QUIET singing will be the rule. Singing sprays droplets much farther than speaking.
16. Follow ushers' leads in leaving the church after Mass. Once again, we must respect social distancing, including on all of the church property. NO gatherings in the courtyard or porch or parking lot.
17. Restrooms and water fountains are off limits. No hearing aids will be available.
18. We will be disinfecting after Mass. This is a burden for our ushers; if you are willing to volunteer to help, please call the church office.
19. In all things, everywhere on church property, inside and outside, respect social distancing!
20. If we cannot follow these guidelines, we will have no choice but to stop "public Masses." This is our way of respecting not only the health and safety of our parishioners, but also those of our community who might be in contact with our people. If we can follow the guidelines (especially with social distancing and disinfecting) there's the possibility of more weekend Masses. If not, then not.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts or debit or credit card, and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. Go to our website or download the online giving app on your mobile device. Contact Judy Pukac at 251-633-6762 x 203 with any questions.

For the web site go to www.oursaviorparish.org then click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy!

For the mobile app go to the App Store and search for Online Giving and register with Our Savior Catholic Church.



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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
Daniel Driskell, Music Minister
Mary Marks, Office Manager
Judy Pukac, Accountant
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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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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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



**Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020**



BE WELL, DO GOOD WORK, AND KEEP IN TOUCH

For some time Garrison Keillor would do a brief spot on NPR called "The Writer's Almanac." He would share dates and times of special events in the past relating to authors of one kind or another, and he would end with a poetic recitation." He always signed off with: "Be well; do good work, and keep in touch." I think this is especially appropriate for us this Labor Day weekend. We know all about the idea of trying to "be well." We know the difficulty, these days, of trying to "keep in touch." But what can we say about "do good work"?

In my own mind, I see a difference between "work," "labor," and "toil." We might argue about the nuances that distinguish "labor" and "toil," but "work" is an essential part of our life, and it was part everything since the beginning. It is NOT the result of the "Fall." Adam was charged with cultivating the Garden before he met Eve or the serpent or tasted the fruit of the Tree. There was then, and there is now, something about work that speaks to the dignity of the worker. This is especially true when whatever it is that is being produced is in fact "good work"—well done, and worthwhile.

So much "work" today is aimed at producing what can be sold at a profit for others, bought by folks who usually don't need it and too often can't really afford it. But we have been convinced (brow-beaten) into believing they can't live without it. Do we really NEED Instagram or Amazon Prime?

"Good work" by definition celebrates the dignity of the worker, but this dignity should also be respected by society at large. Let me play with a couple of word-pairs. Work is about activity that results in "production" and "creation." If it's truly GOOD work it will highlight genuine value, not simple convenience. Good work may be a cash crop, but it is never a cash cow. Now consider a married couple—their activity results in "re-production" and "pro-creation." In both cases, what is the result of their activity is something that transcends them—it now has an existence beyond themselves. In literature, this is sometimes referred to as the "intentional fallacy"—the idea that a bit of writing can mean only what the author explicitly intended. But this is not the case—as JRR Tolkien put it in describing "The Lord of the Rings"—the story grew in the telling, and readers may well find in it realities that the author was unconscious of. If God is the ultimate Creator, Tolkien said, then humanity is blessed with the ability to be a "sub-creator"—not creating *ex nihilo*, as God did, but sub-creating from the materials God has already provided.

This weekend we celebrate people who have dedicated their lives to producing good work. It might be things so incredible we can scarcely imagine them (like the Hubble Space Telescope). Or it might be so humble and ever-present we don't even consider it (like a zipper). But whoever they are, wherever they are, we salute you and want to join your ranks, to be those who produce good work—who truly and blessedly labor.

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...

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| Bill Barber | Manuela Golden | Jeb Shell |
| Keith Bumpers | Rose Marie Kervin | Kathy Sirak |
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| Mason Coker | Myrtis Mooney | Bradley Wells |
| Judy Courtney | Marsha Naman | Elaine Zoller |
| Leah Dees | Michael Nelson | |
| Michael Dees | Ashley Rickel | |
| Jesus Gallego | Vicki Scott | |

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Jim Goffi (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: Kay Myers (d)
11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Walter P. Neel (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Dennis Ripkowski (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Tom Karcher (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Msgr. Bill James (d)



Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Gospel: Luke 6:1-5

Sun. Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:7-9 (127A)
Reading 2: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Mon. Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tues. Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a
Gospel: Romans 8:28-30

Wed. Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thurs. Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Fri. Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

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ALL DONATION CENTERS WITH RETAIL LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00PM, Azalea Road, Airport Road, Schillinger Road, Tillman's Corner and Moffett Road

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the Parish Office but please call ahead. Please turn your yellow donation form into Goodwill when donating. This allows Our Savior and Saint Vincent de Paul Society to receive \$5 gift certificates for our Friends in Need. **THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS,** for your participation and generosity. Please contact Christina Richie should you have any questions.

OUR SAVIOR LIVE-STREAMING MASSES

We will be **live-streaming Daily Mass** on Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 a.m. and **Sunday Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Facebook.

Two ways to view the Masses:

- 1) Go to our website www.oursaviorparish.org and select resources menu at the top right, and then click on the link "Daily Mass".
- 2) Log into Facebook and search for Our Savior Catholic Church. Please make sure you click on follow us on Facebook to get notices when a video is posted.

RESERVATIONS FOR PUBLIC MASS

- Reservations will need to be made to attend Public Mass.
- No reservations will be accepted over voice mail.
- We currently have public Mass for Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m.; only.
- You will need to call the Parish Office **251-633-6762 x 200** for reservations during normal office hours.
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- When making reservation for either the **Saturday 5:00 p.m. or Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass**, please provide name, number of members in your household, and your phone number.

KNIGHT'S KORNER

RAFFLE TICKETS: The group here at the Our Savior Knights of Columbus all hopes that you are doing well. We are trying to get back to a semblance of normalcy. We actually held a Knights meeting. Though it was with masks and social distancing, it was a meeting nonetheless. Small steps but there were steps taken. Because we had a meeting, we have had our fifth drawing. We are starting to sell more tickets but we each still have a good chance to be chosen. Raffle tickets sell for **\$25 each**. We still have four more drawings to go, and then the big one. Good luck to all of us. Thank you for your participation. Any profits that we receive will be going to help worthy causes. So in the end, we are all winners.

Our Savior Knights of Columbus

SPECIAL COLLECTION: HURRICANE RELIEF

The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to have a special collection to assist the victims and Catholic parishes during the hurricane season. You may donate through Online Giving which is found on Our Savior's website or by check. When paying by check, please write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your generosity.

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend for **Holy Land**. Please be generous.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly baptized member: Tyler Thien Nguyen (parents: Hy & My Kim Nguyen).

PRAY for Doris Henriksen who died August 30th. She was the mother of Sandra Crane. May she rest in peace.

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| Anticipated Offering Income | \$ 12,115 |
| Actual Offering Income | \$ 6,891 |
| Anticipated Offering Income to date | \$ 424,038 |
| Actual Offering Income to date | \$ 386,718 |
| YTD Offering: Over (Under) | \$ (37,320) |
| Budget Offering Year | \$ 630,000 |
| Building Fund this week | \$ 115 |
| Building Fund to date | \$ 5,677 |
| Beirut Relief | \$ 2,193 |

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes for grades K-12: As of now, we will not meet in person for religious education classes until January. Registration is now available online on the webpage: www.oursavior.org. Details for picking up books will be available after registration. Catechists are still needed. Please contact Jan Murray at 633-6762, x206 to volunteer.

Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about the Catholic faith should contact Jan Murray at 633-6762, x206. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Catholics are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is the desiring of Jesus Christ to enter our heart when we are unable for various reasons to receive actual Holy Communion. Pope Francis has urged Catholics to perform Spiritual Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic. This practice was established in the Church for centuries and recommended by several saints.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

Thank you for your help!

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THE BURSE CLUB—SEPTEMBER 13TH

A letter from the Archbishop Rodi, a burse club envelope, and a seminarian prayer card was mailed to all parishioners. Additional envelopes and prayer cards will be available in the parish office and the church. Please drop your donations in the offertory basket or by the parish office. Your donations help pay for the education of the seminarians within our Archdiocese.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

The Archdiocese has given us guidelines to follow and we are working on a plan to see how we can safely get our youth program up and running safely. The first thing is that I need all parents to sign a Covid-19 waiver form. I will be sending a copy of this form in the next couple of weeks. Parents I would need you to sign it and return it to me before your youth can participate in any youth activity. Watch for email updates, Ms. Tina

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th grade & High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade. Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.



Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary, O sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me, whenever I call on thee; for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion, fill my soul when I utter thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help.

(Recite 3 Hail Mary's)

CORONAVIRUS NOVENA - REDEMPTORIST CONFERENCE

Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus. Comfort your people who are vulnerable anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk. Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly. Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen

"The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder . . . What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection."

— St. Padre Pio