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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 Trista Montgomery at 251-633-6762 with any questions.**

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

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 10th.

LINE DANCING meets every Monday in Jennings Hall. Classes start at 6:15 p.m. with a cost of \$5 per person. It is a fun and healthy form of exercise where everyone comes together to have a good time. Come join the fun!!

TAI CHI CLASS

It is a low-impact; slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion."

Classes meet:

Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Jennings Hall.
 Social distancing will be observed at all times.
 No cost **Everyone is invited.**

40 Days for Life - Spring 2022 campaign is an internationally coordinated 40-Day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. **The Spring 2022 campaign begins Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and ends Palm Sunday, April 10th.** Volunteer on the sidewalk for one hour per week during the campaign, to pray at the abortion facility Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop West, by visiting <http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile>, or for assistance, contact George Lundy, Campaign Manager at george.lundy@wofco.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is in the business of "giving." For volunteer information about our ministry, contact Mary Berthiaume - cell #: (770) 630-1697 or email: almarhs5@gmail.com. Our meetings are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9:40 am (between masses) in the Quiet Room. Visitors are always welcome. If you are a parishioner or know of someone living in our area that is in need of assistance, please call our helpline at (251) 633-6762, Option 4

PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

**ALL DONATION CENTER LOCATIONS
 ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM,
 BUT CALL FIRST.**

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the Church and in the Parish Office. 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 Mary Berthiaume should you have any questions.

TICKETS are now AVAILABLE from the KofC

If you are interested in purchasing a 2022 Raffle Ticket, please let one of our Knights or Tina know and they will be glad to get you your ticket. New this year, Contact Tina if you are interested in purchasing your ticket through VENMO.

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 then click on the Facebook logo at the top right corner and then click on videos to your left.
- 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.

RICE BOWLS are in the back of the church. During Lent when we 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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS are in the back of the church. They will help guide you through the 40 days of Lent with prayers, meditations and inspiring essays. Please take one per family.



COFFEE, DONUTS AND FELLOWSHIP
 every Wednesday following 8:30 Mass.
 Please join us in Joseph Hall!

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 4 pm
Friday 8 am - 3 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 5:00 pm Saturday
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday
Holy Days: 7 pm
Vigil & 8:30 am & 7 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
and by appointment

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 the parish office to schedule a preparation session.

Confirmation, RCIA, First Eucharist:

Jan Murray, re@oursaviorparish.org
Matrimony: Fr. David (six months before the wedding).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K - 12 meet Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



3rd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

**MEDITATIONS FOR LENT**

I hope some of these passages can help in focusing the remainder of the Lenten days (after all, we're almost half-way home)...

In down-to-earth Hebrew, to 'meditate' is to chew one's cud. The familiar cattle of Hebrew existence proved a helpful image for the devout believer 'whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders God's law day and night' (Psalm 1). The browsing cow nibbles constantly at the lush pasture and when it has filled its stomach lies down, regurgitates what it has gathered and chews 'meditatively' on its cud until the cud is fully assimilated. —William G Storey
Chew well, everyone!!

Bach might have been forgotten forever had not Mendelssohn discovered some monks wrapping parcels in music parchment—and gave the St Matthew Passion back to the world. ...As a matter of fact, the melody of his moving chorale, 'O sacred head now wounded,' was the melody of a popular street song of the day, but Bach's religious genius was so great that it is now recognized as one of the most superb pieces of religious music ever written.

There is nothing so secular that it cannot be sacred. —Madeleine L'Engle
Let's let all the aspects of our 'secular' life become sacred as well.

Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and devour our brothers and sisters? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor. —St John Chrysostom
Can we truly and fully fast in this way for the remainder of Lent?

We must remember the original meaning of Lent, as the 'ver sacrum,' the church's 'holy spring' in which the catechumens were prepared for baptism, and public penitents were made ready by penance for their restoration to the sacramental life in a communion with the rest of the church. Lent then is not a season of punishment so much as one of healing. —Thomas Merton
Have we discovered where we need healing? Are we open to God's healing touch?

Every lapse into despair is a mortal wound inflicted [on us]... [But] you can't conceive, my child, nor can I or anyone, the appalling strangeness of the mercy of God. —Symeon the New Theologian and Graham Greene.

Let's keep despair far from us as we journey to Easter. Let's embrace (even if we cannot understand it) the strangeness (and gloriousness) of the mercy of God. It begins and ends in the Upper Room—from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday evening—from Last Supper to the gift of His peace.

Fr. David

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Please pray for those who are sick and suffering in our parish, in a special way...

Marie Boyd Jesus Gallego
Manuela Golden Louis Naman
Mary Ann Stanley

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Henry Graveman 3/1/99	3/10/05	Lois Jourdan 3/22/14
Arlene Norton 3/1/08	Stephanie Ellis 3/11/04	Robert Gray 3/22/15
Maribelle Weir 3/1/12	Joseph Smith 3/10/07	Kevin O'Connor 3/23/09
Walter Bequette 3/1/12	Kathleen Jones 3/12/05	Joy Heiter O'Rourke 3/23/09
Janice Pocase 3/1/14	John Hagen 3/12/16	Paul Spizuco 3/23/14
Patricia Smith 3/1/2019	Janice Harding 3/12/20	Magdalena Woodniok 3/24/08
Margaret Kirven 3/2/10	Ruth Komrowski 3/13/11	Michael Doran 3/24/19
Ethel Carter 3/3/13	Mary Cosci 3/13/17	Sherry Norville 3/24/20
Patty McLean 3/3/18	Mabel Lloyd 3/14/2020	Ed Mallon 3/24/21
Russ Masse 3/4/14	Etta Lee Sciple 3/15/09	Doc Giesselmann 3/25/14
Judy Darring 3/4/13	Ken Huggins 3/15/13	Jim Thomas 3/25/15
Deana Williams 3/5/10	Donald Lemmon 3/16/15	Marylyn O'Rourke 3/25/94
Shawn Jacobs 3/4/06	George McLean 3/16/07	Billy Turner 3/25/16
Nellie Doyle 3/4/09	Donald Sacramona 3/16/90	Tom Langan 3/26/15
John M. Broderick 3/5/07	Libby Mann 3/17/11	Myzidia Hyatt 3/29/09
Frank Stapleton 3/5/12	Ted Nameniuk 3/18/08	Linda Skeel-Haenel 3/29/19
Alberta Quina 3/5/12	Elizabeth Anderson 3/18/12	Msgr Joseph Jennings 3/30/15
Edna Street 3/6/07	Frank Nash 3/18/17	Priscilla Renaud 3/31/10
Pete Chieplich 3/6/10	Winifred Tohill 3/19/08	Timothy LaFramboise 3/31/17
Chester Benson 3/6/10	John Baker 3/19/14	Johnny Reid 3/31/17
Margaret Roh 3/6/18	Elaine Villarrubia 3/19/14	Christine Johnson 3/31/18
Martha Guimond 3/6/20	Louise Carlson 3/20/08	
Michael Patano 3/7/16	Gene Stassi 3/20/14	
Bill Healy 3/7/18	James Rufus Johnson 3/20/17	
Betty Lou Wagner 3/7/22	Shari Allenbach 3/20/20	
Ollie Oberkirch 3/7/2020	Juancho Ortiz 3/22/16	
Annie Hacker 3/8/11		
Tommy Wilson 3/8/18		
Stephen Ellis 3/11/04		
Claude Christianson		

Knights of Columbus Council 11366 Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Join us in Jennings Hall March 25th

Fried Fish, Green Beans, Boiled Potatoes, Cornbread, Grits, Dessert
\$8 Plate

Children's 2 slices of Cheese Pizza, Dessert
\$3 Plate

All prepaid meals need to be placed Saturday through Wednesday.

Go to www.oursaviorparish.org; click on **ONLINE GIVING** tab;
scroll down to Lenten Dinners; you will be able to pay for your order.

PLEASE COME INTO JENNINGS HALL FOR ALL TO GO ORDERS

THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

It is an association of Christian Men united under the Catholic Church who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leader of their families. A weekly one hour meeting is held at **6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in Joseph Hall**. For more information, please contact Deacon Francis or Mike Perry.

Finance Council: Bill Gunkel
Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Act: Dolores Hale
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Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Lyons
Sister Parish Com: Kathy Powell

St Vincent de Paul: Mary Berthiaume
Boy Scouts: Edward Nehls
Knights of Columbus: Michael Smith-erman, Council 11366
4th Degree, Knights of Columbus: Joe Behr, Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm:	People of the Parish
Sunday	8:30 am:	Monica Bertolino (I)
	11:00 am:	Teresa Cochran (I)
Tuesday	8:30 am:	Cathy Burch (I)
Wednesday	8:30 am:	Mae Rehm (d)
Thursday	8:30 am:	Annette Murray (d)
Friday	8:30 am:	Jean McFadden (d)

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1:	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
	Reading 2:	Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
	Gospel:	Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sun.	Reading 1:	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C)
	Reading 2:	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
	Gospel:	Luke 13:1-9
Mon.	Reading 1:	2 Kings 5:1-15b
	Gospel:	Luke 4:24-30
Tues.	Reading 1:	Daniel 3:25, 34-43
	Gospel:	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed.	Reading 1:	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
	Gospel:	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs.	Reading 1:	Jeremiah 7:23-28
	Gospel:	Luke 11:14-23
Fri.	Reading 1:	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
	Reading 2:	Hebrews 10:4-10
	Gospel:	Luke 1:26-38

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Religious Sisters And Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Lenten Bible Study will be 4 Tuesday evenings in Lent, beginning March 8th, 7:00 p.m. in the church, Fr David will be the guide "The Evangelists & Their Gospels." Come and explore the origins of our knowledge of our salvation in Jesus Christ. These presentations will also be live-streamed through the Our Savior Parish Facebook page, and will also be available "on demand."

THE PARISH COUNCIL will have nomination forms in the pews this weekend and next for you to nominate someone or yourself to represent the Parish on the council.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..."
Matthew 25:35

Our Savior Youth is hosting a Food Drive to help those in need. Please consider taking our challenge of 40 Cans for Lent to provide food for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and St. James Major. There are 2 ways to participate: 1st: Our virtual food drive by going to Oursaviorparish.org and click on **ONLINE GIVING** to donate and we will do the shopping for you. 2nd: You can fill a box and drop it off at the church or to Tina in the office no later than April 10th Palm Sunday.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$11,568
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$133,269
Actual Offering Income to date	\$134,893
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$1,623
Budget Offering Year	\$630,000
Building Fund this week	\$226
Building Fund to date	\$2,639

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	St. Vincent dePaul (9:40am) Widow's Web (12:15pm)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00am) Line Dancing (6:15pm)
Tuesday	Handmade Hugs (1:00pm) Men of St Joseph (6:00pm) Bible Study Church (7:00pm)
Wednesday	Donuts & Coffee (9:15am) Adoration (9:00am—6:00pm) Spiritual Discussion Group Library (9:30am) Holy Hour/Novena (6:00pm) Choir Practice (7:00pm)
Thursday	Parish Penance Service (7:00pm)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:00 am) Stations of the Cross (6:00pm) Lenten Fish Fry (6:30pm)

Widows' Web will be meeting this Sunday, March 20 following 11:00 Mass (12:15) in St. Joseph's Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Our mission is to provide support and encouragement to each other in our loss as we seek a new life of purpose and service.

The reservations are not yet closed for Fr David Tokarz's June 2022 pilgrimage **"Great Saints of Italy."** We leave Saturday 11 June and return Friday 24 June. Included will be Ss Peter and Paul, Philip Neri, Francis of Assisi, Dominic, Mark, Anthony of Padua, John XXIII, and Ambrose and Charles Borromeo. For more information, including costs and full itinerary, email Fr David: djtokarz1950@gmail.com.



THE PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be **Thursday**, March 24, 7:00 P.M. At this time we will also celebrate First Reconciliation for our young people. Several "guest priests" will be invited to help us with confessions.

EXTRAORDINARY 2ND COLLECTION this weekend for Relief for Ukraine. **SPECIAL COLLECTION** next weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.

EASTER LILIES may be donated in the name of your loved ones. There are envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please fill out the envelope along with your donation, and drop it in the basket.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUTH MINISTRY!

HELP NEEDED for the Lenten dinners! Please see Ms. Tina if you can help with the Lenten Dinners. We need a few youth/parents to help bake desserts and a few extra hands to help serve and clean up afterwards. Let me know what week you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/20 Sort food items donated - Jennings Hall
12:30 - 2 Lunch will be served at 12:45 (please bring a snack or drink to share)
3/25, 4/1, 4/8 - Stations of the Cross / Lenten Dinners

Youth group is open to all youth in the 2nd through 5th grade and their families along with Middle School Youth 6th-8th grade & High School Youth 9th-12th grade. Parents and Youth, if you would like to be added to the email/constant contact list so you can receive updates please send your email to youth@oursaviorparish.org



PREP Classes will continue,
March 20th, 27th and April 3rd.

First Reconciliation March 24th
First Communion May 30th

Adult Religious Education

Will continue class in the parish library from 9:45 to 10:45 on Sunday morning. We are using Dr. Scott Hahn's book *The Lamb's Supper* and a separate study guide, both available through Amazon.com and other booksellers. For more information contact **Eileen Rettig 251-661-8619** or emrettig@aol.com

Attention Young Adults March 20th from 9:45-10:45, a weekly class will be held to discuss how we, as Catholic Christians, can shine God's light in a fallen world. The subject matter will be tough and controversial, but by digging into the Bible, Catechism, looking at the Saints, other Christian writings, and having real discussions, .

WEDNESDAY SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION GROUP Join us in the Parish Library at 9:30 beginning this coming Wednesday, March 9. To begin with we will look at Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com.

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."