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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!

**PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER SEALS
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 DONATION CENTER LOCATIONS 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 in to 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 Susan Compton (susancompton10@gmail.com) with ques-

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.**

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.

OUR SAVIOR PARISH MEMORIAL BRICK PROJECT

Our Savior Parish is pleased to offer you the opportunity to purchase an engraved memorial brick which will be placed in the front walkway of the main entrance to the Church. We offer a 4"x8" brick for a \$40 donation or three 4"x8" bricks for a \$100 donation.

To order your brick(s) please see Trista in the church office or visit www.polarengraving.com/OurSaviorCatholicParish.

There is a maximum of 3 lines of engraving with a total of **20 spaces** per line for each brick.

OUR SAVIOR MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

OUR SAVIOR IS HOSTING THE **2ND ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**, on October 22nd after the 5 O'clock Mass. We would like to celebrate the richness of all the different cultures and traditions in our parish. We are looking for parishioners who are interested in having a table to share their heritage and traditions. So far, we have Poland, USA, Ireland, Nicaragua, Italy, Philippines, Vietnam, Germany. We are waiting for confirmation on Argentina and Mexico.

If you would like to help with one of these booths or set up one yourself, please contact either with Deacon Francis or Tina Lyons.

ENIGMA: Even now I give myself away

A Monthly Fellowship Night for Young Black Catholic Men & Young Black Christian Men who attend Catholic Schools : 8th grade-25 years old

WHAT: Fun, Fellowship, Food, Fraternity & Faith

WHEN - Sundays...October 16, November 13, December 11, January 8, March 12, April 16, May 7

TIME: 4:00-6:00pm Open Gym/Open Practice Field

6:00-7:00pm Home-cooked Dinner

7:00-7:30pm Program

WHERE: CYO HALL 11 North Lafayette Street ☐ Mobile, Alabama 36604

PARISH OFFICE

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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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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.



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2022

"How can we not be filled with WONDER?"

DD PART III

The essence of Liturgy, according to Pope Francis, is that it is grace—it is not "...the fruit of an individual interior searching for Him, but it is an event [the encounter with God] given" (#24). It is the Lord who seeks us, for us to encounter Him, to receive the Lord into our hearts and souls in the Eucharist, to become part of Christ-Church (= Mystical Body, Head & members). The goal is community (us) rooted in unity (Christ the Head). If this is what Liturgy is all about, I wonder why we don't wonder?

I have deliberately just used the word "wonder" in two different ways. The first is really the asking of a question—like "I wonder what the King is doing tonight" (from *Camelot*). The second is more fundamentally liturgical, and it is this sense that the pope wants to emphasize and to recover in our worship. This kind of "wonder" is related to the word "wonderful," meaning filled with wonder/amazement. Our word "miracle" actually is derived from the Greek word meaning a wonder—something that causes us amazement (and, ideally, gratitude; consider the responses of the people to Jesus' miracles).

Have we lost the sense of wonder because the elements of our Eucharist are too small, too sad, too ordinary? After all, it's only a little wafer, a short sip of over-sweet wine. But then, consider the Incarnation itself. How could it be that the Divine Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Eternal Word, be found in Jesus of Nazareth? He was a man who ate and drank, slept and woke up (perhaps even snored), who needed His diaper changed, who sweated with work, who had to deal with aching muscles, indigestion, colds and headaches... This man: God?? How incredible (how "wonder-filled," if we believe it!).

For myself, I have many "peak moments" as a priest, in my spiritual encounters with the Lord. One of them, surprisingly, happens every Wednesday morning before Mass. Since we have all-day Adoration on Wednesdays, and since I consecrate a Host every week for this purpose, it means I must empty the pyx that held the Host of the previous week. I do so by breaking the Host into four parts and placing them in the ciborium. They are typically used for Holy Communion at that Mass. But as I am holding the Host and breaking it, there is in me an overwhelming awareness of Who I am holding and what I am doing—how it's a small re-creation of Calvary, and as I break the Host I am reminded that it is my sin that brought the Lord to the Cross. I am filled with wonder that my Lord is willing to place Himself in my hands. And I am filled with wonder that He is also willing to be placed into your hands, in your body, for your and my good. How can I (we) not be filled with wonder?

Pope Francis is explicit that there is only one proper form for Eucharistic celebration: "The liturgical books promulgated by Saint Paul VI and Saint John Paul II...are the unique expression of the *lex orandi* [rule of prayer] of the Roman Rite" (#31). If that is the case, and if desire for the "Tridentine Mass" is based partially on misplaced nostalgia, then the real task is to celebrate the Roman Rite as powerfully and properly as we can, to facilitate the experience of encounter with the Lord that should transform us. A priest came to me last year to ask if I would help him to schedule clergy workshops on exactly this topic. And this leads to **DD PART IV**.

-Fr David

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Please pray for our deacons who will be on retreat

September 19-21. We appreciate you!

There will be no Holy Hour or Novena on September 21.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30pm in Joseph Hall. Come and bring a friend. Casual dress. Good food.

Topic: *Unpacking a Catholic Church*

Contact Jan Murray (re@oursaviorparish.org) for more information.

LIFE CHAIN!!!

Please join Our Savior parishioners October 2nd at 2 pm in front of Jennings Hall to pray for an end to abortion as well as the respect of all life. Signs and water provided.

40 Days for Life FALL 2022 campaign begins Wednesday, September 28th, and ends Sunday, November 6th. During this campaign, volunteer your first time on the sidewalk with a Certified Sidekick, even if simply for a second, then you will want to commit to sign up for one hour per week! For the abbreviated signup calendar, and more information about other Respect Life volunteer needs, including support of women in our community facing unplanned pregnancies, visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile> or contact Ricarda Manning at manning_r@bellsouth.net.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN

The annual "Friends of the Poor Walk/Run" will take place on Saturday, September 24 on the Spring Hill College Campus. This has been a big fundraiser for St. Vincent DePaul Our Savior.

This weekend and next we will be in the back of the church after each mass accepting pledges and signing up walkers/runners. Your generous donations will be much appreciated. You can also get more specific information about the walk at that time.

Our Savior Knights of Columbus has had its sixth drawing. We have over one hundred tickets left, plenty to go around. Knights are available on the porch after the masses on the weekends and Tina has some in the office. If you would like a ticket, please let us know.

The winners are of the sixth drawing are:

\$25 – Beverly Crews

\$50 – Tammy Garrett

\$100 – Brian Carpenter

We have three more drawings and then the big one. Good luck to all.

Thank you for your participation. Profits go to help worthy causes. So, in the end, we are all winners.

"Called to Love Women's Conference"

The Archdiocesan "Called to Love Women's Conference" will be held on Saturday, October 8, at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. This Conference will focus on the beauty of womanhood, with an emphasis on the physical, psychological/sociological and spiritual aspects. The Conference is open to all women of the Archdiocese, high school age and older. For more information or to register: <https://mobarch.org/called-to-love>

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm: People of the Parish
Sunday	8:30 am: Nikki Harrell (I) by Elvia Wilson
	11:00 am: Annette Baxter
Tuesday	8:30 am: Vives B. Lemmon, Jr (d) by Judy Pukac
Wednesday	8:30 am: Rocky Farragut (d) by Judy Ord
Thursday	8:30 am: Thomas Klinar (d) by Diane Simpson
Friday	8:30 am: Scott Stevens (d) Philip & Hope Stevens

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	Ashley Waldie

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE 2012-2022

John Haugsness 9/1/15	John Lindell 9/11/13
Sue Seelig 9/1/15	Flo Callaghan 9/14/18
Joyce Murphy 9/1/15	Kenneth Wattier 9/14/21
Burkhard Dohm 9/2/18	Julianna Watson 9/16/16
Harold Klemm 9/3/13	Al Pawlowski 9/16/18
Bruce Brown 9/3/18	Louise Cullefer 9/19/16
Clifford Willis 9/4/13	Julia Nunez 9/19/16
Fannie Beca 9/4/16	Helen Mazurek 9/19/21
Terry Cronis 9/4/18	Cindy Bair 9/20/13
Stanford Speer 9/6/21	David Jacobs 9/20/17
Jerry Turner 9/7/20	Mary Briedenich 9/21/12
Shirley Dennis 9/8/14	Bernie O'Leary 9/22/01
Wally Reinhardt 9/8/16	Frank Hale 9/25/14
Evelyn Parker 9/8/21	Shirley Peabody 9/26/20
Tom Doyle 9/9/21	Carol Burkholder 9/26/21
Amy Langford 9/10/12	Arthur Giles 9/27/12
Bob Skeel 9/10/14	Bob Higdon 9/27/13
Melanie L. VanArdsdale 9/10/21	Gary Henriksen 9/28/17

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Feast Day Celebration

September 18th — 6:00pm — Jennings Hall — Come enjoy a delicious meal with fellow parishioners in celebration of our parish feast "Exaltation of the Holy Cross."

Looking Ahead

Multicultural Festival	Trunk or Treat
October 22nd	October 30th
Confirmation	Merry Mart
October 26	November 6th

Finance Council: Bill Gunkel
Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life: Dolores Hale
Parish Council: Mischa Armstrong
LAFF: Mary Anthony
Life & Justice: Ricarda Manning
Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Lyons
Sister Parish Com: Kathy Powell

St Vincent de Paul: Susan Compton
Boy Scouts: Edward Nehls
Knights of Columbus: Michael Smitherman, Council 11366 (251)402-3473
4th Degree, Knights of Columbus: Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918

Anticipated Offering Income	\$12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$13,206
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$448,269
Actual Offering Income to date	\$463,233
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$14,964
Budget Offering Year	\$630,000
Building Fund this week	\$378
Building Fund to date	\$8,661

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK—SEPTEMBER 19-23

MONDAY	Tai Chi (10:00am) Line dancing (6:30pm)
TUESDAY	Handmade Hugs (1:00pm) Men of St. Joseph (6:00pm) RCIA (6:30pm)
WEDNESDAY	Donuts & Coffee (9:15am) Adoration (9:00—5:00pm) Choir Practice (7:00pm)
FRIDAY	Singing Needles (10:30am)

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sun.	Reading 1: Amos 8:4-7 Reading 2: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Mon.	Reading 1: Proverbs 3:27-34 Gospel: Luke 8:16-18
Tues.	Reading 1: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Gospel: Luke 8:19-21
Wed.	Reading 1: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13
Thurs.	Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Gospel: Luke 9:7-9
Fri.	Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Gospel: Luke 9:18-22
Sat.	Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Gospel: Luke 9:43b-45

Pope Francis' 2022 September Intention

The Abolition Of The Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

What's Happening in Youth Ministry!

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Shine Catholic Missions Presents

“Magnificent 7”

A Confirmation/Youth Retreat

Along with lots of FUN & FELLOWSHIP, there will be time for talks, discussions, food, music and Mass.

All High School Youth & Confirmation Youth are invited to our 1st ever SHINE RETREAT!

Saturday, Oct.8th from 9am-9pm

Jennings Hall

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Trunk or Treat

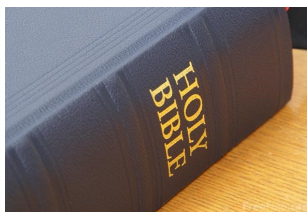
Save the date!

Sunday, October 30th

PREP

Classes (K-12) in session Sunday 9:45-10:45am

September 18, 2022.



**“FIAT” - FAITH IN ACTION
TOGETHER**

Sunday, September 18, after the
8:30am Mass

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:

“Coffee-Fellowship-Intellectual engagement”

Looking ahead — For September 25: Period of study—"Patriarchs"

Suggested readings: Genesis 12:1-9, Genesis 15, 17, 22, Genesis 25:19-23, Genesis 29:1-30; Genesis 32:22-32; Genesis 37-50

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.”