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**DIVINE SAVIOR AND
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Cluster Newsletter Fall 2026

October is Right to Life Month. As Catholics, we believe that every human life is created in the image and likeness of God, from conception to natural death. We are called to care for the most vulnerable among us. To speak for the voiceless, to give hope to the hopeless, to stand for the powerless. We are called to do that at all times, in all places, in all situations, not just in October.

However, it is good that the Church takes a solid month to remind us all of our constant commitment to protect all human life. We are called to stand with the unborn, the poor, the sick, the migrants, those folks blessed with long lives, the mentally ill, the unemployed, the imprisoned, drug addicts, and more. We are to treat every human being with dignity and the respect they deserve as children of God.

We fight that all children have the right to be born. We are called to do all we can to support women and men with unexpected pregnancies so that they can choose life. We are called to fight that all those who are born are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve as sons and daughters of God. Let us all work hard to see the face of God in every person we meet, and react appropriately.

Deb Hamm, Parish Director

A Prayer for Nepal

Loving God, Draw near to the people of Nepal in this time of fear and loss. Receive into your mercy all who have died, and surround those still waiting for news about their loved ones with your steady presence. In the silence after the rushing water, be present to every family facing loss, every community clearing a path forward and every person wondering what comes next. May we respond with compassion, generosity and courage, trusting that your love does not abandon your people in their time of need. Amen.

Catholic Relief Services

A Prayer for the Unborn

from *RESPECT LIFE...*

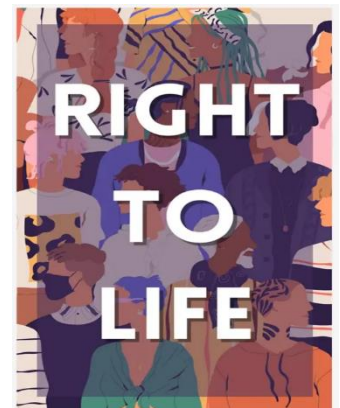
O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Prayer for Respect of Life from *Catholic Online*

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.





OUR LADY OF THE LAKES
306 BUTLER ST., RANDOM LAKE

Ham Dinner and Fall Festival

SUNDAY, OCT. 4TH
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

DINE-IN, DRIVE-THRU,
OR TAKE-OUT

ADVANCE DINNER:	AT THE DOOR:
\$15.00 ADULT	\$16.00 ADULT
\$7.00 KIDS	\$8.00 KIDS
(4 AND ABOVE)	(3 AND UNDER FREE)

**BUY TICKETS AT BURMESCH VARIETY
STORE, COLLINS STATE BANK, AND
THE OLL PARISH OFFICE**

DON'T FORGET YOUR MONDAY'S LUNCH!

QUESTIONS? 920-994-4380

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CHEESE IN
DINING ROOM
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CLUSTER HUMAN CONCERNS NEWS

During the month of November, we honor our deceased family and friends by setting up an Eternal Life Tree on the Blessed Mother's Altar at both of our parishes. Parishioners may bring Memorial Cards of their loved ones to put on the tree during November. The names of the deceased parishioners will be read at all weekend Masses on October 31 and November 1 in our cluster.

The OLL Human Concerns Committee will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 12, from 1-6 pm in the OLL Parish Center. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and type in zip code 53075 to find the Our Lady of the Lakes Blood Drive.



Please watch the bulletin for more events from the Human Concerns Committees, including food drives, Advent Giving Tree at OLL, Gift-a-Child Program at DS, stockings full of treasures for Residents of Gables on the Pond and our homebound parishioners, and more!

The Divine Savior Human Concerns Committee is looking for a new chairperson. There are volunteers to help carry out the work, but we need a leader. Call the DS office, or talk to a current member of the DS Human Concerns group, if you want to learn more about this great opportunity to care for God's people in need.



Group starting Wednesday, September 16

Join our **Men's Group** every **Wednesday morning at 6:00 am** at **Holy Cross basement starting Wednesday, September 16**, for the Fall semester. There's a light breakfast and coffee available starting at 5:45 am. The program is from 6:00-7:00 am. All men are welcome.

This year's program, ***The Revelation of the Father***, calls men to take the next step in their leadership by discovering that the heart of God the Father is reflected in their own hearts. Men are made for heroic love, faithful commitment, and enduring spiritual fatherhood. Their hearts are designed for sacrifice, and their strength is meant to be lived through covenant.

This is more than formation—it is a renewal that restores men, strengthens marriages, builds families, and forms not spectators, but builders: men prepared to become architects of an authentically Christian civilization.

Contact Tim Shininger at tjshininger@gmail.com or 262-623-2086 for more information.

The Divine Savior St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a **Bundle Weekend** on Sept. 26 & 27. There will be a SVdP truck parked in the Holy Cross parking lot to accept any donations you would like to make. Please be generous!



At the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, September 26, there will also be a blessing of current SVdP members from both of our Cluster Conferences. Please prayerfully consider whether you would like to become involved in this ministry. It is a great way to be the hands and feet of Christ!

Divine Savior & Our Lady of the Lakes presents:

High School Youth Group

Open to ALL HS Students
No need to be DS or OLL members
Bring friends!

Last Tuesday of most months:
**September 29
October 27**

Call/Text Susan U.
w/Q's:
262-623-2382

6:30-8:00 PM
at Holy Cross Chapel
(5330 Co Hwy B, Belgium)

Upcoming
Safeguarding
Session:
9/28/2026

Any students or chaperones 18 and over **MUST** be safeguarded.

Divine Savior Catholic School

Divine Savior Catholic School is off to a great start! This year we will be focused on our theme: **Made for More**. Each month we will highlight a new way that God has made us for more. During the month of September we will focus on PATIENCE. We are looking forward to seeing how patient our students and staff can be this month.



We have some exciting news! In May we received a Bruce Krier Grant. This was a *School Safety Grant*. This summer we were able to replace eight windows that were warped and difficult to open and close. We were also able to add a film to each of the windows to create a privacy screen. Our building has just been re-keyed to allow for a safer school and our interior safety doors are being replaced! The Bruce Krier Foundation is a true blessing for our school.

In early August we learned that DSCS was awarded a Love One Another Grant to add three new interactive TVs to our school. We are so thankful for the generosity of those who donated to the Love One Another Campaign. These grants allow our school to continue to grow, compete with area schools and still remain fiscally responsible!

DSCS is thrilled to welcome Cindy Widish as our new middle school math and science teacher, Jessi Eischen as our new 3K teacher and Kari Stone who will be helping in 5K and doing some cleaning for our school! I am also happy to announce that two of our DSCS alumni students are coming back to help out in our extended day program. Welcome back Josie Morano and Leah Eischen.

Yours in Faith, Principal Lynn Sauer



Be sure to follow us on our facebook page: **Divine Savior Catholic School** to see what we are up to all year long!

The DSCS PTA, our main fundraising group, has an exciting fall event coming up! On Saturday, October 17, we will be having our 5th annual *Smarty Pants Trivia Event*. This is our PTA's largest fundraiser of the year. It includes an evening of fun, food and trivia, an online auction and a calendar raffle. Watch for information to register your team coming soon!



GriefShare

Grief Support Group for those who have experienced the death of loved ones.
A safe space to journey through loss together. You don't have to walk this path alone.

September 15 through December 15
Every Tuesday evening 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Our Lady of the Lakes
230 Butler St.
Random Lake, WI 53075
Community Room
\$25 Fee for Program Booklet

Facilitators:

Deb Hamm & Mike Polyak

To Register or if you have questions, please contact
Deb Hamm at 262-488-4542 or dhamm@dsoll.org



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 5:00-7:00 pm
at St. Mary's Chapel,
Random Lake



Second Sunday of the month 1:30 – 3:30 pm
(from April through November)
September 12, October 11, November 8
at St. Nicholas Chapel, Dacada

First Mondays from 2:00-5:15 pm
at St. Rose Chapel, Fredonia

CLUSTER RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturdays 3:45-4:15 pm in Holy Cross
Mondays 5:00-5:25 pm in Fredonia
Wednesdays 8:30-9:00 am in Random Lake

Cluster Youth Faith Formation News

The Beatitudes

Welcome to Youth Faith Formation 2026-27! The theme that we'll be focusing on this year is "Attitude of the Beatitudes." Jesus began His public ministry shortly after being tested in the wilderness. He spent the next three years of His life teaching and showing us how to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven. Some of His most profound teachings are found in Matthew chapters 5-7 which are known as His famous "Sermon on the Mount." In the first part of the sermon, Jesus lists eight ways of living to obtain the riches of God's gifts. When Jesus gave these talks, He wasn't speaking just to the crowds 2000 years ago, but also to us today. These eight beatitudes aren't meant to be suggestions, but rather instructions on how we are to conduct ourselves in today's secular world. This year we'll be helping our youth to understand just how to do that in a time when they are being pressured not to live in a faith-filled way.

Along with our regular student classes, we will be continuing to hold family classes as well. The first one will be at the beginning of the year and will incorporate an interactive prayer service on the theme of the year. The second class will be during Advent and include an Archdiocesan speaker who will come and talk about the role of angels in our lives. The final class will be a Catholic trivia night with the parents taking on the students. We did this last spring and the students actually beat the parents by one point! Also, along with the family classes, we will continue to offer the rosary before class, prayer intentions for our families and parishioners, Adoration and opportunities for Reconciliation. Our goal is to not only help the students learn more about their faith, but submerge them in their faith lives and get them to want a deep relationship with Christ.

At this time, I'd also like to acknowledge and thank our catechists and volunteers who will be teaching and leading our youth this year: Dana Fischer (K5-1st), Ryan Fischer (aide); Kati Dimmer (2nd), Eve Burmesch and Antonette Zellmer (aides); Barb Duenk (3rd); Madonne Rauch (4th); Jenny Stemwell (5th); Kristin McCabe (6th), Monica Cain (aide); Cory Dimmer (7th); Jeff Lanser (8th); Darrell Boeck (9th), Jamie Birenbaum and James Riesselmann (aides); Matthew Boeck (10th); Bill Johannes and Joe Watry (Confirmation); Karen Halleman, Kelsey Plier and Eric Riesselmann (substitutes).

We're looking forward to another great year of building faith in our youth and church communities. Please continue to pray for our program. We also invite you to send any prayer requests you have and we'll be glad to pray for you during our pre-class rosary.

Peace and blessings, Terri Riesselmann,
Director of Cluster Youth Faith Formation

I Still Do Marriage Ministry

Mission statement

As a cluster parish program, our goal is to help provide married couples opportunities to strengthen their commitment to each other and to God. We do this through engaging events several times a year that bring both parish communities together.

2026-27 Event dates

Sat. **Oct 24th** **Date Night** 6pm

Join us at Pacifico Restaurant in Sheboygan for dinner and fun.
Dutch treat. RSVP to (262) 945-5778 **by Fri. Oct 16th**

Sat. **Jan 9th** **Marriage Retreat** 8:30am-12:30pm DSCS

Come listen to some great speakers give witness on different marital subjects, spend time with your spouse to reconnect, spend some quiet time in adoration, and much more.
RSVP to either parish office by **Monday Jan 4th**.

Sat. **Feb 6th** **St. Valentine's Dinner & Show** 5pm DSCS

(5pm cocktails and 6pm dinner with entertainment to follow)
RSVP to either parish office by **Monday Feb 1st**.

Sat. **April 10th** **Trivia Night** 6pm OLL

Spend the evening engaged in "questionable" entertainment, cuisine and cocktails.



Building and Grounds Updates:

In July, a representative from Catholic Mutual Insurance Company visited our buildings and properties. Although there were a few issues that need to be addressed, our insurance representative was very pleased with how well we take care of our properties. We are so grateful for the many volunteers and financial backers who help ensure our buildings and grounds are in good shape and that our parishioners are safe.

Here are a few updates on on-going or upcoming projects in our cluster:

CHAPEL AUDIO SYSTEMS

The **OLL-St. Mary Chapel Audio System** has been completed and the **DS-Holy Cross Chapel Audio System** work is nearly complete. We are just waiting for smaller speakers for the overflow space that will be mounted where the old speakers are currently located. Our final chapel that will be receiving audio upgrades is St. Rose in Fredonia. This work will be done in the coming months. *These audio systems were paid for by Love One Another money. Safety cameras will also be installed at OLL and Holy Cross through Love One Another donations.*

DS-HOLY CROSS PROJECTS

The new **Holy Cross Chapel Septic System** is nearing completion. Some plumbing work needs to be done inside the building and then the outdoor work can be completed.

The **Cement Approach to the Handicapped Area** is being repaired. Future work will be done on the **Sidewalk Areas** at the west entrances to the Chapel and the **Parking Lot** at Holy Cross Chapel.



DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROJECTS

New **windows** were installed this summer in many of the school classrooms, along with privacy screening. The building has been rekeyed. New **internal security doors** are being installed as this newsletter is being written. These doors will replace the original sets of interior doors that do not close securely. All of these projects were paid for by a security grant from the Bruce Krier Foundation. We are grateful for their continued support!



Installation of new door in progress

OLL-ST. MARY CHAPEL PROJECT

Bids are being gathered to repaint the medallions on the steeple in Random Lake.

OLL-ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL PROJECTS

The **Steeple** at St. Nicholas Chapel will be reshingled in spring and a new cross will be erected atop the steeple. A parishioner has generously volunteered to create and donate the new cross. Bids are also being gathered for tuckpointing the steeple. The hope is to have all of these projects done at the same time so we can rent the same lift for all the projects.

DS-ST. ROSE CHAPEL PIANO DONATION

Fr. Steve Lampe donated a piano to the St. Rose Chapel. We thank him for his generosity. The old piano that was donated in 1983 by a parish family in memory of their son had not been working for many years and repairs would have been very costly.

Friends of the Poor Walk

The Sheboygan County Council for St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 26, at Firehouse Park, 3911 County Road Y, Sheboygan.

Registration begins at 9 am. There will be a blessing and the walk starts at 10 am. A grilled lunch takes place at 11:30 am. Raffle prizes begin at 12 noon. The walk is scheduled rain or shine. Registration fees are \$5 child, \$25 adult, \$50 family, \$75 team of four. Non-perishable food items will also be collected. The proceeds from the walk will be used to help supply our neighbors in need with beds, shoes, and coats. For more details, please call 920-547-4844. All are welcome!



Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Congregation

2026-2027 Parish Budget

The following budget was approved by our Finance Council, effective on July 1, 2026.

2027 tax year (same as 2026) minimum suggested church support levels are as follows:

- **Married Couples and Families - \$33 per week, \$1,700 annually.**
- **Singles and Mixed Religion Marriages - \$16.50 per week, \$850 annually.**

For those parishioners on fixed incomes or who are financially unable, we ask that you give what you can afford.

	2025-26 <i>Budget</i>	2026-27 <i>Budget</i>
Operating Revenue:		
Contributions / Donations	\$ 428,478	\$ 428,218
Bequests	\$ -	\$ -
Tuition and Program Fees	\$ 11,922	\$ 11,333
Rentals	\$ 5,190	\$ 4,613
Other Revenue	\$ 22,476	\$ 15,000
Fundraising Revenue	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,213
Total Operating Revenue:	\$ 493,066	\$ 483,377
Operating Expense:		
Salaries and Salary Related Benefits	\$ 253,718	\$ 198,339
Supplies & Purchases	\$ 61,826	\$ 68,780
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 81,583	\$ 76,167
Other: Property/Liability/Assessments	\$ 95,939	\$ 140,091
Total Operating Expense:	\$ 493,066	\$ 483,377
Net GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -

2026-2027 Budget Notes:

- 2026-2027 budget has been submitted as a balanced budget.
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- 2026-2027 DSCS Enrollment: 101 students. Tuition = \$3,500.
- OLL Catholic School Support: 36 students (5yr. average) at \$2,769/ea.
- 3.25% wage increase for staff.

Per Archdiocese:

- Assessment is 6% for income earned in 2025-2026 fiscal year. Payable in the 2026-27 fiscal year.
- PIPIT annual insurance renewal 7% increase for property, casualty & liability premiums.
- Health insurance - 8% increase effective Jan. 1, 2027.

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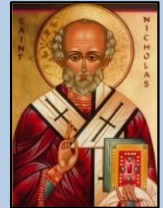
Events at St. Nicholas Chapel, Dacada

All Souls service 1:00 pm
November 1

Rosary 1:00 pm
October 4, 11, 18, 25

**St. Nicholas
Mass**

with brunch
to follow
December 6 –
Time TBD



Behold Your Child

is a ministry for couples who experience the loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth or early childhood death.

We have four cemeteries (Random Lake, Dacada, Holy Cross and Lake Church) that currently have space for burials. When we receive enough donations, we will also add space in the Fredonia cemetery. If you would like to help ensure this ministry continues to be provided for free for these families, please contact Terri Schueller or Deb Hamm to make a donation.

Mark Your Calendars!

There will be prayer services at our main cluster cemeteries on **Monday, November 2.** Watch the bulletin for times and locations.



Be An Informed Voter!

As the November Election approaches, you can find many resources on the USCCB.org website that can help you be a responsible Catholic voter. Go to USCCB.org and search for Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.



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Contributions / Donations	\$ 645,410	\$ 628,271
Bequests	\$ -	\$ -
Tuition / Program Fees	\$ 511,695	\$ 546,611
Rentals	\$ 31,020	\$ 32,540
Other Revenue	\$ 16,386	\$ 32,119
Fundraising Revenue	\$ 21,315	\$ 30,673
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 1,225,826	\$ 1,270,214
Operating Expense:		
Salaries and Salary Related Benefits	\$ 879,364	\$ 963,843
Supplies & Purchases	\$ 150,607	\$ 95,367
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 157,261	\$ 147,035
Other Expenses	\$ 38,594	\$ 63,969
Total Operating Expense:	\$ 1,225,826	\$ 1,270,214
Net GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -

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- Cemetery income/expense will no longer be reflected in the operating budget as balanced line items (previously included in other revenue/expense). Those items will be reported on the profit loss statements as non-operating receipts/disbursements.

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