



Sunday, April 6, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

### ***THE MISSION STATEMENT***

*We, the members of Divine Savior Parish,  
called in Baptism by the Holy Spirit  
to be a people grounded in  
Word and Sacrament,  
strive to reach out to all peoples.  
Through collaboration and sharing of  
talents and gifts we are dedicated in  
prayer and in the works of justice  
to making the Kingdom of God present  
among all peoples, races and cultures.*



***We are praying for those affected by  
the Earthquake in Thailand.***

# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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## COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the parish office.

## BAPTISMS

Once a month at a Baptism service. Arrangements must be made one month in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

## MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the pastor at least six months to one year in advance and before all other arrangements are made. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

## CONFESSIONS

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR AN  
APPOINTMENT FOR CONFESSIONS. 630-969-1532**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays:** 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

**Holy days:** Check the bulletin or website

## BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Closed on Weekends and Holidays

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Phone:** 630-574-9740

**E-mail:** dre@divinesavior.net

**Office hours:** Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## JOIN THE CHURCH!

Are you interested in becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic faith? Contact the Religious Education office at 630-574-9740.

## JOIN THE PARISH!

Stop in the parish office during business hours to register.

## QUINCEAÑERAS

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración de una Quinceañera debe comunicarse con la Sra. Plazola al menos 6 meses antes la fecha deseada. Todas las familias deben ser miembros activos dentro de la parroquia y las señoritas deben haber recibido el sacramento del Bautismo, la reconciliación, la primera comunión y el sacramento de la confirmación o estar asistiendo en nuestra clases/programa de Confirmación por 1 año antes de la Quinceañera. Horas de servicio y un retiro se requerirán también.

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please e-mail submissions to **bulletin@divinesavior.net**  
**10 days** before the publication.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



*April 9th through April 13th*

Wednesday:	8:30am	Tom Vilt
Thursday:	8:30am	Rosa Eva Jarrin
Friday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Saturday:	4:00pm	Nora Ortanez
Sunday:	8:00am	For the Parishioners
	10:00am	For the Parishioners
	12 noon	For the Parishioners

## Bilingual Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday  
during Lent at  
6:30 PM,  
followed by  
soup and  
bread!\*



\*No soup and bread on days of  
Eucharistic Adoration.



This week, the Tabernacle Candle  
will be lit for George and  
Maryann Gogola.



## Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	Grace P.
Maureen C.	Herb G.
Mark C.	John Robinson
Terry R.	Anthony Gnutek
Mike N.	Norbert Wierzbicki
Sherry Toman	Maryann G.

Please call the office at 630-969-1532  
if you would like the parish to pray for  
someone. Please secure his/her  
permission prior to being included in  
the prayer request.



*Thank you to those who volunteered and came to our Bread and Soup Event!*

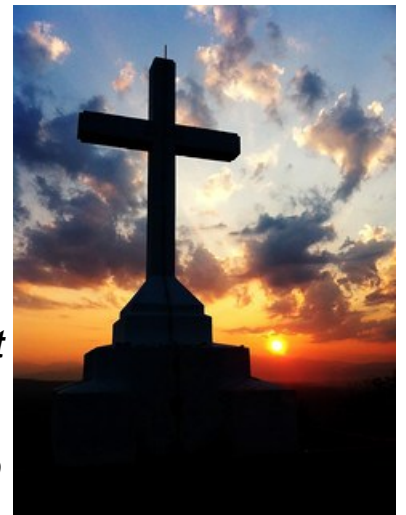


## *Lenten Talk*

### JESUS' LAST DAYS

Are you interested in getting a deeper understanding of what Jesus did – and what happened to Jesus and why – during His final days on earth, from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday? For example...

- Why did Jesus ride a donkey, and not walk, into Jerusalem?
- Why did Jesus go on a rampage in the temple?  
(Money changers and animal sellers were commonplace)
- Why did a crowd praise Him on Palm Sunday and want Him crucified on Friday?
- Why was Jesus crucified anyway? (Blasphemy lead to torture/stoning, not crucifixion)



Parishioner (and former Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister) Mark Hoffmeyer will answer these and other questions in a presentation on Jesus' Last Days on Tuesday, April 8, from 7-8 pm in the Church. Please come and spend a little time this Lent learning more about events surrounding Our Lord's Passion. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Bishop Hicks' Column**  
**April 2025**



**From Teenager to Saint: The Roadmap of Carlo Acutis**

The Catholic Church is about to name the first saint who was a "Millennial!" And he is making a big splash! In an era where young people are often seen as distant from faith, Carlo Acutis gives us an example of a new path to reality and holiness in this digital world. Born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Italy, he will be canonized on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

He grew up as a typical teenager, playing soccer, video games, and the saxophone. His young faith blossomed alongside his deep love for the Eucharist as he attended Mass daily, making it central to his life. Carlo's use of technology to spread the Gospel and document Eucharistic miracles worldwide shows how technology can be a powerful tool for good and for evangelization.

Carlo passed away from leukemia at the age of 15, inspiring multitudes of people with his courage and faith. As a celebrated role model for young people, Carlo showed that holiness is achievable at any age. One of his famous quotes is, "To always be close to Jesus!" His life and words continue to inspire us to cultivate a close relationship with Jesus through prayer, the Eucharist, Confession, visiting holy sites, and helping others in need.

Just recently, I received a letter from the pastor in Crest Hill. Last year, in Phase II of our Targeted Restructuring Process, the parishes of St. Ambrose and St. Anne were united to form one new parish. Since then, the parish has entered a process of unification and renaming. He shared with me how the parishioners actively submitted recommendations for a new name for their parish. Originally, 90 names were submitted. After discernment through listening sessions and small groups, the selection was narrowed down to the top three names. Then, those three possibilities were given to me for my final choice. All three names were strong and worthy. However, after a time of prayer and reflection, one name stood out clearly for me... Saint Carlo Acutis!

By naming the newly united parish after him, we are not just honoring his memory but also encouraging parishioners to emulate his example of living faith boldly in today's world through the Eucharist. As we strive to pass on our faith to the next generations through catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action, this newly minted saint will hopefully inspire us, both now and into the future.

If you would like to learn more about Carlo Acutis, I encourage you to see the new film, **"Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality."** For three days, April 27-29, 2025, it will be shown in 945 theaters across the United States. Once the first 5,000 tickets are sold, the film has been guaranteed an additional three days in theaters.

I saw clips of this film at a preview during the November meetings for the *United States Catholic Conference of Bishops*. I was fascinated by the life of Carlo Acutis and his impact on the youth of today. I also learned that all proceeds from this film will benefit causes for the youth, support the further spread of the Gospel, and help fund future National Eucharistic Congresses.

I invite you to consider seeing this movie as an individual, as a family, as a youth group, and/or as a parish outing. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about a young saint and help evangelize others by inviting them to see it. You can purchase tickets through a pre-sale program. Locations and advance ticket sales are now available at [www.carloacutisfilm.com](http://www.carloacutisfilm.com). Even if you cannot see the movie right now, I urge you to visit this website, watch the trailer, and share it with others!

Before dying from leukemia, Carlo said, "Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us." These saintly words highlight Carlo's deep faith in Jesus and encourage us on the way to holiness.

On Sunday, April 27, 2025, with fervent devotion and enthusiastic hope, please join me and the universal Catholic Church – no matter what your age – in exclaiming, "Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!"



Divine Savior Parish & The Easter Committee

Invite you and your  
Family  
to an:

# Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:30PM

6700 MAIN ST, DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60516

WEST PARKING LOT

WE WILL GATHER IN THE CHURCH FOR A BLESSING  
BEFORE THE EASTER EGG HUNT!!

**Don't forget your Basket!!**



Let's celebrate the  
Resurrection of  
Jesus Christ with  
our Children.



# FISH FRY



## FRIDAY

APRIL 11

FROM 5:00-8:00 P.M.

TICKETS WILL BE ON  
SALE AFTER EACH  
MASS IN THE  
NARTHEX THROUGH  
April 6th  
ADULTS \$15  
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$8

**VEGETARIAN  
OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE**



Divine Savior Parish Center

Contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you'd like to Donate or Volunteer.



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## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

#### Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/  
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny*: Ez 37:12-14/  
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

#### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-  
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

#### Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/  
Jn 8:21-30

#### Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/  
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

#### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

#### Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42

#### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

#### Next Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/  
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

**"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3).** Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **"left alone before him."** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir





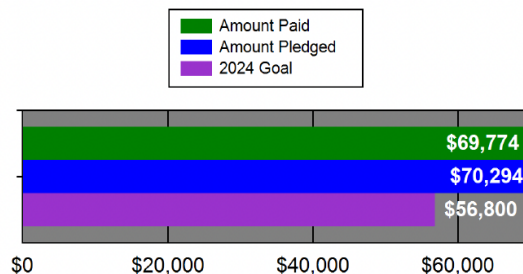
## CMAA Report By Parish

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 1/19/2025

Parish # 152

Parish Name Divine Savior Parish - Downers Grove

	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
Goal	\$56,800	\$56,000	\$800	\$56,000
Amount Pledged	\$70,294	\$66,299	\$3,995	\$66,299
Amount Paid	\$69,774	\$66,299	\$3,475	\$66,299
Balance Due	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$0
Donor Count	224	230	-6	230
2024 Rebate	\$9,082			



Fr. Agustin  
and the staff of  
Divine Savior Parish  
thank you for  
your generosity.

## March Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
2nd	\$ 7,932.00	\$ 2,320.62	\$ 2,388.14	\$ 12,640.76	\$ 393.00	\$ 437.35	\$ 13,471.11
9th	\$ 4,941.00	\$ 4,325.85	\$ 2,727.00	\$ 11,993.85	\$ 245.00	\$ 1,861.10	\$ 14,099.95
16th	\$ 6,226.00	\$ 2,086.00	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 10,079.00	\$ 1,732.00	\$ 554.97	\$ 12,365.97
23rd	\$ 6,525.20	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,577.00	\$ 11,325.20	\$ 525.00	\$ 580.95	\$ 12,431.15
30th	\$ 7,359.11	\$ 2,343.00	\$ 4,405.14	\$ 14,107.25	\$ 275.00	\$ 646.50	\$ 15,028.75
Month Total	\$ 32,983.31	\$ 13,298.47	\$ 13,864.28	\$ 60,146.06	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 4,080.87	\$ 67,396.93
2024/25 Fiscal Year Total	\$287,139.14	\$ 78,310.65	\$ 90,078.62	\$455,528.41	\$ 27,149.00	\$52,900.02	\$535,577.43

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners may include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to [Bulletin@divinesavior.net](mailto:Bulletin@divinesavior.net). Please notify us when the service person returns home.

### ***WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS***

Jeremiah Curtis - Taji, Iraq  
Elisabeth Carrillo - National Guard, Iraq  
David Blazin - US Army, Qatar  
Kevin Przybocki - US Army, Afghanistan  
Anthony Vicha - National Guard, Springfield  
Rachael Vicha - Navy  
Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard, New York  
Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy  
Lt. Jack O'Sullivan MD - Navy

Lynsey M. Gabrielson - Navy, San Antonio  
Major Jose E. Perez - US Army, Chicago, IL  
Eric Jones - Army Reserves  
Michal Kazmierczak - US Navy  
Jon Black, US Army - Okinawa, Japan  
Juanita Iris Mejia - Marines, CA  
Christopher Bianchi - Army, Middle East  
Capt. Brendan O'Sullivan, MD - Air Force





## Prayer

Dear God, help me to be kind to my friends when they make mistakes. Help me remember that sometimes I make bad choices, too.

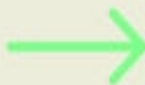
## Mission for the Week

Name one thing you have done wrong. Jesus can forgive you for your mistakes. Try to forgive other people, too.

## Sharing the Gospel

When we do something wrong, God does not want to punish us. God just wants us to stop, learn from our mistake, and make better choices next time. Try to remember that the next time you catch a friend sinning. Instead of tattling, talk to your friend, and gently help your friend do what is right..

Now color  
the picture!



Fit this Gospel Message into the empty squares.

You may go now, but don't sin anymore.

