



Sunday, April 19th, 2026  
Third Sunday in Easter

### **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.*

God's heart is torn apart by wars, violence, injustice and lies. But our Father's heart is not with the wicked, the arrogant, or the proud. God's heart is with the little ones and the humble, and with them he builds up His Kingdom of love and peace day by day. Wherever there is love and service. God is there.

- Pope Leo XIV

# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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## 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.

## CONFESSIONS

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

## COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please mail submissions to [bulletin@divinesavior.net](mailto:bulletin@divinesavior.net) 10 days before the publication.

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday:** 8 a.m., 10:00a.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 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.**

Closed on Weekends and Holidays

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Phone:** 630-574-9740

**E-mail:** [dre@divinesavior.net](mailto:dre@divinesavior.net)

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

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

## 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.

## 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 debenser 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

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



*April 22nd through April 26th*

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am Howard Robinson

Friday: 8:30am Phyllis Pertek

Saturday: 4:30pm Rosela Mendoza

Sunday: 8:00am Dominic V. Guidarini

10:00am Sandra Garcia

12:00pm Maria Sandoval

## PRAYER REQUEST



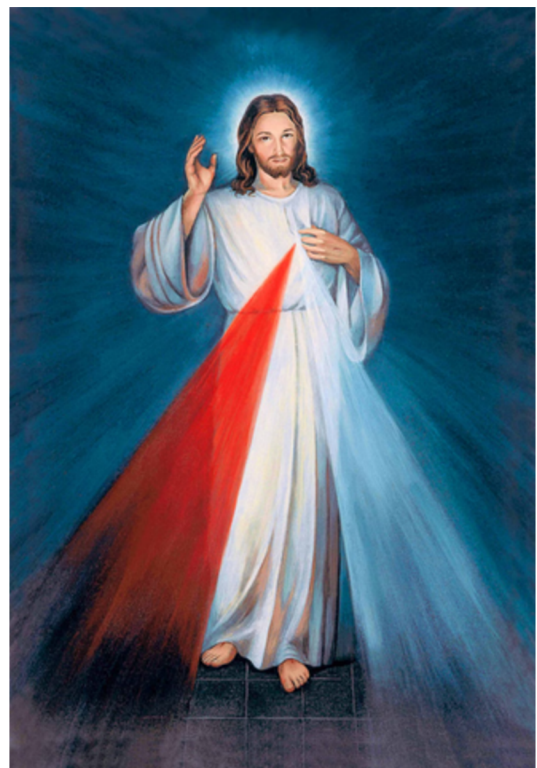
Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	John Robinson
Maureen C.	Anthony Gnutek
Mark. C.	Norbert Wierzbicki
Terry R.	Besty
Sherry Toman	Pete Cushion
Steven G.	Bev. G
Joann Costa	Emri R.
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina
Fr. Bill Conway	Paul Czech
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Kathy S.
Grace P.	Erna Eubanks
Herb G.	Kathy Hamilton
Kelly M.	Angelica Collazos
Justin Pratt	Rich Parent
Julie K.	Karen L.

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.



If you would like to have the Tabernacle Candle lit in memory, or for someone, please contact the Parish office. 630-969-1532



## In Remembrance of Pope Francis 1936-2025





“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit. The sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature.”  
- Pope Francis



In Sympathy  
Ed Szrama  
December, 1948 – April, 2026


Ed had a close relationship with his brother Ray. He enjoyed fishing and the Chicago sport teams.

*Join Us*  
 For a  
**presentation on the cause for  
 the canonization of Venerable  
 Augustus Tolton**





6:30-8 pm, Tuesday, May 5  
 at the Cathedral of  
 St. Raymond Nonnatus  
 604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL 60435  
 Parish Commons - Door 26

Join **Bishop Perry** from the  
 Archdiocese of Chicago for his  
 presentation on the cause for the  
 canonization of  
 Father Augustus Tolton



**KINDLY RSVP**

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For more information, contact [blackcatholicministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:blackcatholicministry@dioceseofjoliet.org)

*Plan Today  
 for  
 Peace of Mind Tomorrow*



It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning  
 your Catholic cemetery arrangements  
 today protects your family from  
 the heartbreak and financial worry  
 of having to make these  
 decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon  
 and visit [diojoliet.org/cemeteries](http://diojoliet.org/cemeteries)  
 for more details.

*We're here to help!*

**Be an angel  
 to someone in need.**



**Catholic Charities Angel Fund**

You can help bring hope to neighbors in need by supporting the Catholic Charities Angel Fund. Your gift helps provide food, shelter, counseling, and other essential services to families, seniors, and individuals across the Diocese of Joliet.

Thanks to a generous angel donor, all donations will be matched (up to \$50,000), doubling the impact of your gift.

Please consider donating by May 3.

Visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org), call 815-724-1140, or mail a gift to:

Catholic Charities Angel Fund  
 16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403

On behalf of those served by Catholic Charities, thank you!



# DUPAGE COUNTY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**If you've stepped up to take care of a relative's child or children...**

**We can help! Resources are available to support you including:**



## Case Management

Provides information, referrals, and assistance with benefits programs

## Respite Services

Allows caregivers to receive a break from caring for the child with programs like after school care

## Financial Assistance

Receive financial assistance with rent, food, transportation, school supplies, athletic fees, and more

**For more information, call DuPage County Community Services**

PHONE: 630-407-6500  
TOLL-FREE: 1-800-942-9412  
TDD: 630-407-6502

***For other caregiver resources, call 211, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week***

# Coming this Fall...



### Dates – Time – Location

Tuesdays @ 9:00 AM in the Divine Savior Parish Center or via Zoom @7:00 PM (different groups & lively discussions, but same video)

Sessions 1-4: Sep 1st to Sep 22nd  
Sessions 5-11: Oct 20th to Dec 1st (2026)

Sessions 12-21: Jan 12th to Marc 16th  
Sessions 22-24: Apr 6th to Apr 20th (2027)

### For More Information

Registration before & after all Masses August 22nd & 23rd and 29th & 30th  
You will need a Workbook from Ascensionpress.com (\$39.95 + tax/shp) ,a Catechism and a Bible (RSVCE preferred)

Contact Paul Jara 630-776-2987 or ptj2763@gmail.com

In the newly refilmed ***Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation***, author Jeff Cavins, alongside many other trusted Catholic presenters, will show you how fourteen of the Bible’s narrative books tell the story of salvation history, from our origins to the present day. Guided by the presenters, you will explore over fifty extraordinary sites across the world where the stories of Scripture took place, bringing the biblical narrative to life.

Using updated workbooks, videos, and a unique color-coded chart, you will learn about the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Catholic Faith.

***The Bible Timeline*** will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life. By the end of this study, you will walk away with a rich knowledge of Scripture and the confidence to dive even deeper into God’s Word.

“I’ve been overwhelmed by trying to understand Scripture for years, and Mr. Cavins helped me get into it easily. This program was like having an experienced trail guide through a difficult mountain passage—it became much easier once you’re shown the way! And then that gave me the ‘bravery’ and tools I needed to start to study more, and in depth.”

—Andrew L.



## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

#### Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

#### Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/  
Jn 6:22-29

#### Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

#### Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/  
Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 6:44-51

#### Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

#### Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

#### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

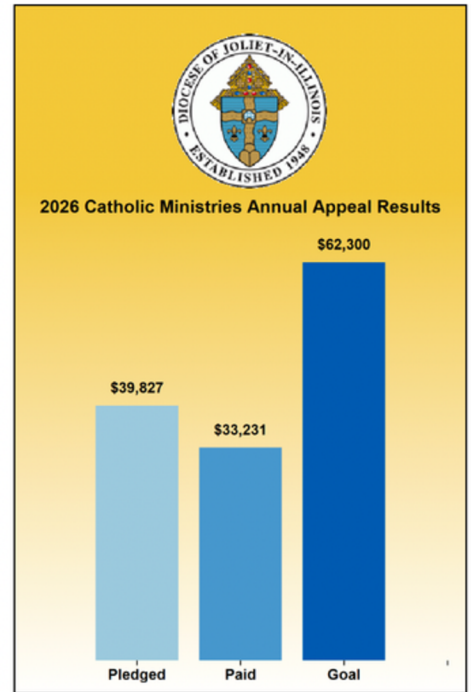
— *Father John Muir*

**2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report**

Results through 4/12/2026

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	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$39,827	\$65,845	(\$26,018)	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$33,231	\$58,886	(\$25,655)	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$6,596	\$6,959	(\$363)	\$200
Donors	119	136	-17	202
2026 Rebate	\$0			



2026 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>6%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$334.68</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>98</b>

\*\*\*For full LYBUNT listing view last page of report\*\*\*

Giving Circles	2026 Donors	2025 Donors	Difference
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	0	1	-1
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	0	0
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	1	2	-1
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	2	3	-1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	7	9	-2
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	109	187	-78
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>-83</b>



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

April Stewardship							
2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
5th	\$1,090.00		\$3,039.00	\$4,129.00	\$2,160.00	\$21,099.21	<b>\$27,388.21</b>
12th							
19th							
26th							
Month Total	\$1,090.00		\$3,039.00	\$4,129.00	\$2,160.00	\$21,099.21	<b>\$27,388.21</b>
<b>2025/26 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$256,199.61</b>	<b>\$78,538.17</b>	<b>\$97,729.26</b>	<b>\$497,450.09</b>	<b>\$29,630.00</b>	<b>\$118,924.83</b>	<b>\$581,021.87</b>

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  
 Elisabeth Carrillo - National Guard  
 David Blazin - US Army  
 Kevin Przybocki - US Army  
 Rachael Vicha - Navy  
 Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard  
 Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy  
 Lt. Jack O'Sullivan, MD - Navy  
 Edgar Nava Lopez - Marine



Lynsey M. Gabrielson - Navy  
 Major Jose E. Perez - US Army  
 Eric Jones - Army Reserves  
 Michal Kazmierczak - US Navy  
 Jon Black - US Army  
 Juanita Iris Mejia - Marines  
 Christopher Bianchi - Army  
 Brendan O'Sullivan, MD - Air Force  
 Gabryel Barrera - Marine Corp

### **Part-time Parish Office Receptionist – St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, Glen Ellyn, IL**

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church is looking for a part-time Parish Office Receptionist. St. James the Apostle Catholic Church strives to renew all things in Christ. We are looking for a person of genuine faith and great competence to fulfill administrative and clerical duties in the Parish Office. Additionally, excellence in communication, collaboration and organization is required. Beyond these prerequisites, we are seeking a person with emotional and social intelligence when interacting with parishioners and external vendors. At St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, we strive to maximize the effectiveness of our time and resources by focusing on shared responsibility and mutual respect and assistance as a staff. Qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent required; associated degree preferred. Prior experience as a receptionist required. Effective computer skills to include Microsoft Office Suite, preferred. Excellent verbal and written communication skills required. Must uphold the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full detailed job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://TheRomanCatholicDioceseofJolietinIllinois.com). To apply for this position, please send cover letter and resume to [mgroth@stjamesge.org](mailto:mgroth@stjamesge.org). Please reference Parish Office Receptionist in the subject line of email.

# Kids Corner

## Prayer

Lord, help me show others that I am a Christian by my words and actions.

## Mission for the Week

I will say, "I'll be glad to help. Tell me what to do first."




## Sharing the Gospel

Pretend Jesus is at your home. He sits at the dinner table with your whole family. He breaks bread with you. He fills each cup with a drink. He plays with you and helps you with your homework. He tells you that he loves you. You thank him for the food and ask him to bless your family. Jesus says, "I've got to go, but I'll remain in your heart forever."

Now color the picture!



Which letter **begins** each picture name?  
Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.

	F	F	E	T
	S	C	R	S
	C	R	O	C

