



## **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.*

Sunday, April 26th, 2026  
Fourth Sunday in Easter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# I AM THE GATE.

— JOHN 10:9 —

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

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# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

**Website:** WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

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## JOIN THE PARISH!

Stop in the parish office during business hours to register.

## 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.

## 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 29th through May 3*

Wednesday: 8:30am Maryann Gogola

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am Elisa Reyes

Saturday: 4:30pm Nora Ortanez

Sunday: 8:00am Francis & Jean  
Nessinger

10:00am Maryann Gogola

12:00pm Eduardo Pineda

## PRAYER REQUEST



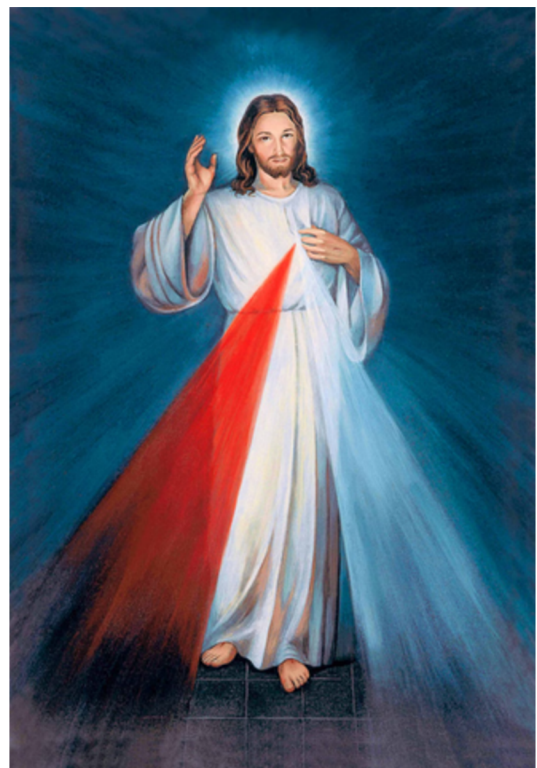
### Prayers for the sick:

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 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.



The Tabernacle candle will be lit for Maryann Gauden





BLESSINGS ON YOUR  
*FIRST RECONCILIATION*  
APRIL  
SATURDAY 25 10:00 AM  
"Welcome to the joy of God's  
forgiveness".  
**DRESS CODE: SUNDAY BEST**  
6700 MAIN ST. DOWNERS GROVE, IL  
*DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH*

Students receiving the sacrament of reconciliation:

Liam Estrada  
Henry Farthing  
Evelyn Flores Mejia  
Logan Hohl  
Dominic LaCassa  
Logan Mackie  
Patrick Mantucca  
Juana Martinez  
Omar Martinez  
William Mittermann

Alvin Pedraza  
Anthony Hernandez  
Julia Miga  
Natalia Mondragon  
Marcos Palma Lopez  
Valentina Quintana  
Noemi Quintana Corona  
Ambar Sanchez Carranza  
Samuele Scarcelli

Timothy Schneider  
Luke Sudholt  
Rainy Tazelaar  
Yaneth Aguilar  
Leonel Alcantara  
Jorge Arias  
Selma Victoria Garcia  
Jesus Daniel Marente  
Sarah Martinez Jimenez

Axel Mejia  
Matteo Pizano  
Diego Quintana  
Camila Rojas  
Jorge Ruiz Gonzalez  
Daniela Ruiz Perez  
Ernesto Salguero  
Emily Sanchez  
Jesus Vargas



Special Message for a second collection from Bishop Dennis E. Spies
May 2nd & 3rd
Mensaje Especial por una segunda coleccion del Obispo Dennis E. Spies
2 y 3 de Mayo



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we continue celebrating the joy of the Resurrection, I have a special request for the people of our diocese on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County. On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

How the Funds Will Be Used

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.

Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

+ Dennis E. Spies

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Dennis E. Spies
Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz Pascua! Mientras seguimos celebrando la alegría de la Resurrección, tengo una petición especial para la gente de nuestra diócesis en nombre de nuestros hermanos y hermanas del condado de Kankakee.

El 10 de marzo, fuertes tormentas y tornados causaron una destrucción generalizada en la zona, dañando hogares, vehículos, la escuela católica Bishop McNamara y afectando a familias en toda nuestra diócesis, incluidas las de algunos de nuestros sacerdotes. Muchos ahora se enfrentan a una recuperación larga y difícil. Seguimos orando por todos los que resultaron heridos o sufrieron pérdidas.

Cómo se utilizarán los fondos

Cada dólar recaudado cubrirá directamente dos necesidades urgentes:

Familias en Necesidad - Caridades Católicas de Joliet gestionará un proceso de subvención para proporcionar ayuda financiera a familias que hayan sufrido grandes dificultades.



Escuela Católica Bishop McNamara - Asistencia con reparaciones en edificios, autobuses, campos deportivos y otras propiedades no cubiertas por el seguro.

Todos los fondos se distribuirán de forma responsable a quienes lo necesiten. Gracias por sus oraciones, su generosidad y cuidado mutuo. Que la esperanza de la Pascua nos fortalezca como un solo Cuerpo de Cristo.

+ Dennis E. Spies


Atentamente en Cristo,
Obispo Dennis E. Spies
Administrador Apostólico para la Diócesis de Joliet

*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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 Black Catholic Ministry

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!

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING TEXTILES & BOOK COLLECTION

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

### ITEMS ACCEPTED

#### Computers & Peripherals

- PCs
- Main Frames
- Modems
- Printers
- Monitors
- Terminals
- Tape Drives
- CD-ROM Drives
- Floppy Disk Drives
- Plotters
- Mouse
- Keyboards
- Scanners
- Cables

#### Office Equipment & Products

- Telephones
- Phone Systems
- Answering Machines
- Fax Machines
- Copy Machines
- Cellular Phones
- Pagers
- Postage Machines

#### Small Home Appliances, Home Improvement Products

- Hair Dryers
- Circuit Breaker Boxes
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Power Tools
- Electronic Motors
- Wire
- Fixtures
- Toasters
- Coffee Makers (No Glass)
- Blenders, Mixers, etc. (No Glass)

#### Home Entertainment & Other Items

- TVs
- VCRs
- DVD Players
- Stereo Equipment
- Joy Sticks
- Cameras
- Camcorders
- Video Game Players

#### Textiles

- Clothing, sheets, household  
textiles in any condition
- No heavily soiled items
- Items must be bagged.

**Collection sponsored by eWorks ESI and CTS Green Team is open to all residents and small businesses. If you have more than 50 items (3 pallets or greater) please contact eWorks to arrange for a special pickup. Disposal fee will apply for all televisions and monitors.**

**CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs And Monitors**  
**Under 21 inch screen = \$25.00 per unit**  
**21 inch screen and over = \$35.00 per unit**  
**Cash or Credit Card accepted - Please No Checks**

**Donations to support the Green Team service projects are greatly appreciated!**

**Christ The Servant Parking Lot**  
**8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517**  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Exact change only. Do not sign credit card receipts.**

**Book collection – one box per car.**

**Textiles Will be Accepted – in Plastic Bags Only**

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Large appliances, batteries, wooden speakers, hazardous and chemical waste will not be accepted. All items should be delivered unboxed and free of excess packaging materials.

### Questions?

**Electronics & Textiles contact eWorks at  
217-364-7543 [www.eworksesi.org](http://www.eworksesi.org)**

### Event questions?

**Contact Larry at 630-418-6928**



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EDUCATION

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18  
(second choice)

### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20

### Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

### Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
Jn 14:1-12



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11*

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

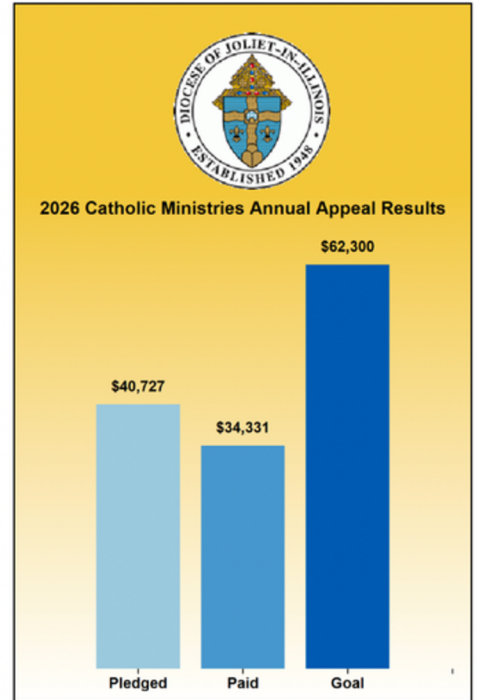
— *Father John Muir*

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

Results through 4/19/2026

152 - Divine Savior Parish - Downers Grove

|                | 2026     | 2025     | Inc/Dec    | 2025 (Final) |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|
| Parish Goal    | \$62,300 | \$61,400 | \$900      | \$61,400     |
| Amount Pledged | \$40,727 | \$66,065 | (\$25,338) | \$90,123     |
| Amount Paid    | \$34,331 | \$59,816 | (\$25,485) | \$89,923     |
| Balance Due    | \$6,396  | \$6,249  | \$147      | \$200        |
| Donors         | 122      | 138      | -16        | 202          |
| 2026 Rebate    | \$0      |          |            |              |



| 2026 Parishioners            |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>2,119</b>                 | <b>6%</b>          |
| # of Registered Parishioners | Participation Rate |
| <b>\$333.83</b>              | <b>1,997</b>       |
| Average Gift                 | Nonparticipants    |

| Number of LYBUNTS (Last Year But Not This Year) |
|---|
| <b>95</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)     | 112         | 187         | -75        |
| <b>Total Donors</b>                    | <b>122</b>  | <b>202</b>  | <b>-80</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                             | \$7,606.00          | \$2,392.00         | \$2,574.00          | \$12,572.00         | \$2,078.00         | \$1,534.00          | <b>\$16,184.00</b>  |
| 19th                             | \$12,382.00         | \$2,057.00         | \$2,124.00          | \$16,563.00         | \$490.00           | \$721.31            | <b>\$17,774.31</b>  |
| 26th                             |                     |                    |                     |                     |                    |                     |                     |
| Month Total                      | \$21,078.00         | \$4,449.00         | \$7,737.00          | \$33,264.00         | \$4,728.00         | \$23,354.52         | <b>\$61,346.52</b>  |
| <b>2025/26 Fiscal Year Total</b> | <b>\$276,187.61</b> | <b>\$82,987.17</b> | <b>\$102,427.26</b> | <b>\$555,720.09</b> | <b>\$32,198.00</b> | <b>\$121,180.14</b> | <b>\$614,980.18</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

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

One day as Sister Faustina went for Adoration, she heard Jesus telling her these words: "Tell the world about My mercy and My love. The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. ... My daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. ... Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace."  
 (Diary 1074)

You are invited to pray and be in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during First Friday Holy Hour on Friday afternoon, **May 1, 2026, in the Church from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM**. There will be time for silent meditation; then at 3:00, the Hour of Mercy, together we'll pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany and Prayers. We will bring all our personal intentions to Jesus, give thanks for all the goodness and love God has given to us, pray for poor and homeless people, and for peaceful resolutions to the wars and violence throughout the world. Come and help spread Love and Mercy from the Lord during this holy hour. "Jesus, I Trust in You!"



# Kids Corner

## Prayer

Jesus, help me hear the right voices, and not follow the wrong voices.

## Mission for the Week

I will listen and follow directions of my parents and teachers right away.

## Sharing the Gospel

You are one of God's sheep. Jesus calls you by name. You recognize his voice. Close your eyes. Listen to the voices of your family and friends. You can tell who is talking by the sound of their voices. You choose to follow Jesus on his path. You love God above everything. You love your neighbor as yourself. You share your toys, money and food with your family and the poor.

Now color the picture!



Help the sheep find the shepherd.

