



Sunday, April 5th, 2026
Easter Sunday

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 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN
RAISED!

MATTHEW 28:6

Parish Information

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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 10 days before the publication.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8a.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

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 8th through April 12th

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am Rosa E. Jarrin

Saturday: 4:30pm Nora Ortanez

Sunday: 8:00am Jim Hanley

10:00am Angelo Caldarazzo

12:00pm Sammy Alegria

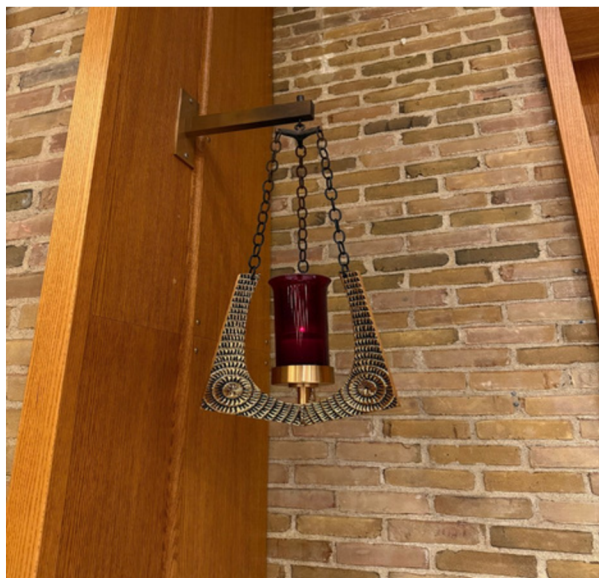


PRAYER REQUEST

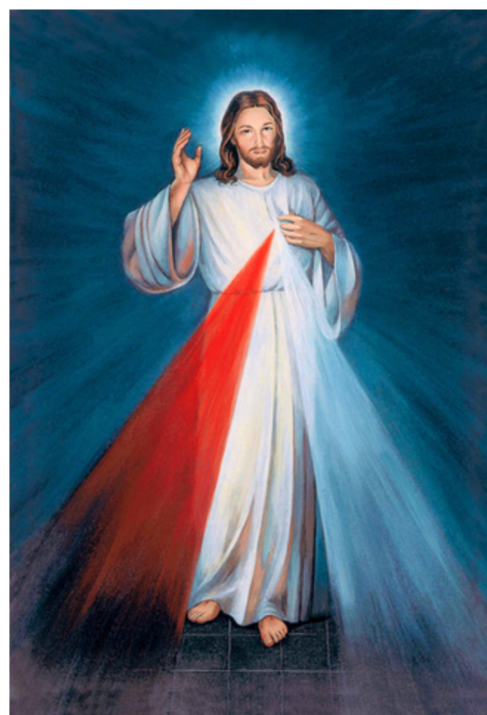
Prayers for the sick:



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	Melissa Weidner
Julie K.	Rich Parent
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





HAPPY EASTER 2026
WITH JOYFUL HEARTS WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE
THE VICTORY OF LIFE AND LOVE!!!!

Today, once again, we are invited into a new journey...
a new beginning...
a new life with our Risen Lord!!!
The stone is rolled away...
the darkness is overcome...
and hope is alive!!!

Jesus is not in the tomb — He is with us, walking with us, loving us, calling us.

Let us open our hearts to this great mystery of love.

Let us not be afraid to begin again.

Let us allow His light to shine in every part of our lives.

When we remain in Him...

and He remains in us...

everything is made new!!!

Let love take root in your heart...

and from that root, only goodness, peace, and joy can grow.

“Love and do what you will” (St. Augustine)

What a beautiful joy to celebrate together —
with our families, our parish, and all creation —

this new life we have been given!!!

LOVE IS ALIVE!!!

LOVE HAS WON!!!

LOVE IS ALL!!!

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!!!

- Fr. Agustin





Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 28th



THANK YOU!

Your Kindness blossomed,
creating a truly
happy Easter for our children.
your gift love will
never be forgotten.





Lenten Reconciliation



A beautiful night; Come back to me, with all your heart. Thanks to Fr. Scott, Huggins, Bishop Conlon, Fr. Jim Radek, Fr. Jim Schwab, Fr. Miguel and Fr. Agustin who all took part in the reconciliations.



Last Soup and Bread hosted by the Filipino community!



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 for more details. We're here to help!



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?

Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, in Darien, IL (in the southwestern suburbs), on April 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.



Support the next generation of parish priests



Join Cardinal Cupich, Fr. John Kartje, Bishops, religious, seminarians, and friends of Mundelein for a joyful evening. Evening highlights: formal dinner, live auction, performance by Mundelein Seminarian Choir, panel discussion with honorees, paddle raise.

Live auction items | In-person bidding only:

- Lunch & private tour of NYC's St. Patrick Cathedral with Archbishop Ron Hicks
- Christ & the Cosmos catered dinner with Fr. John Kartje, USML Rector/President, who holds doctorate degrees in Scripture (Catholic University of America) and astrophysics (University of Chicago)
- Special Mass with Fr. Jason Malave
- Exclusive, private viewing of Cardinal Mundelein's prestigious Americana Collection & lunch at USML

Special Honorees:

As Those Who Serve Award



Fr. Jason Malave
Pastor, Queen of Apostles

Christo Gloria Award



Matt & Christi Marcheschi
FOCUS Missionaries

Thursday, April 16, 2026
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

Tickets \$400 general / \$250 under 40

Sponsorships available



Scan the QR code for more information & tickets.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he "**ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.**" (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

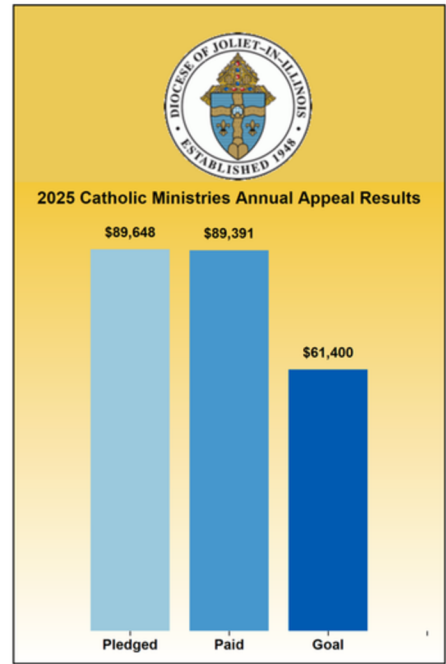
— *Father John Muir*

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 1/4/2026

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$89,648	\$70,294	\$19,354	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$89,391	\$69,734	\$19,657	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$258	\$560	(\$303)	\$520
Donors	200	224	-24	224
2025 Rebate	\$19,593			



2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$448.24	1,919
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
48

For full LYBUNT listing view last page of report

Giving Circles	2025 Donors	2024 Donors	Difference
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	1	0	1
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	1	-1
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	2	1	1
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	3	2	1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	9	11	-2
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	185	209	-24
Total Donors	200	224	-24

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

March Stewardship



2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
1ST	\$14,318.00	\$2,236.77	\$2,405.14	\$18,959.91	\$285.00	\$585.85	\$19,830.76
8TH	\$5,534.00	\$2,269.00	\$2,809.00	\$10,612.00	\$415.00	\$533.75	\$11,560.75
15TH	\$5,755.00	\$2,315.00	\$1,789.00	\$9,859.00	\$1,526.00	\$360.65	\$11,745.65
22ND	\$6,964.00	\$2,040.00	\$2,434.00	\$11,438.00	\$333.00	\$10,300.49	\$22,071.49
29th							
Month Total	\$5,755.00	\$2,315.00	\$1,789.00	\$9,859.00	\$1,526.00	\$360.65	\$11,745.65
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$5,755.00	\$2,315.00	\$1,789.00	\$9,859.00	\$1,526.00	\$360.65	\$11,745.65

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. 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



WE ARE HIRING!
Join our team

Position Needed – Parish Secretary

Divine Savior Parish, 6700 Main St. Downers Grove IL, is seeking a Part-time Bilingual Parish Secretary (20 hours a week) to provide a variety of general administrative duties for the parish, including but not limited to:

- **coordinating arrangements for funerals, baptisms and weddings, sacramental record keeping,**
- **parish database record keeping,**
- **coordinating the parish calendar and assisting the needs of the pastor, parishioners and parish staff, as needed.**

This position requires one to be fluent in English and Spanish. Please send a resume to luis@divinesavior.net or call the Business Manager, Luis Gonzalez at 630-574-9734.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

Mission for the Week

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

Now color the picture!



Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.

