



Sunday, August 10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
- Lk 12:39-40

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Parish Information

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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



August 13th through August 17th

Wednesday:	8:30am	Katherine Valla
Thursday:	8:30am	Joe Zelenka
Friday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Saturday:	4:00pm	Nora Ortanez
Sunday:	8:00am	John Ritzer
	10:00am	Eugene Heinrich
	12 noon	Chuck and Julie Zemaitis

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2025 – FRIDAY

MASS TIMES WILL BE:
8:30 A.M. – English
12:00 Noon – English
7:00P.M. – Spanish



If you would like the Tabernacle
Candle lit for a loved one, please
call the Parish Office at
630-969-1532



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	Marge Cushion
Steven G.	Betsy
Michelle Johnston	Edith Kubas
Nenita Jawor	Pete Cushion
Joann Costa	

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.

Important Update for Parishioners: Action Required Regarding CMAA InPew Envelopes

The Development Office of the Diocese of Joliet is committed to maintaining transparency and open communication with our parishioners. We wish to provide an important update concerning the status of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) InPew Envelopes.

As many of you are aware, we encountered an unexpected challenge with UPS back in March, which resulted in the loss of 23 packages containing InPew Envelopes, many with checks made out to the CMAA. To date, UPS has been unable to locate these missing packages. In light of this situation, we strongly advise parishioners who made a gift via check using an InPew Envelope to verify their transaction with their bank.

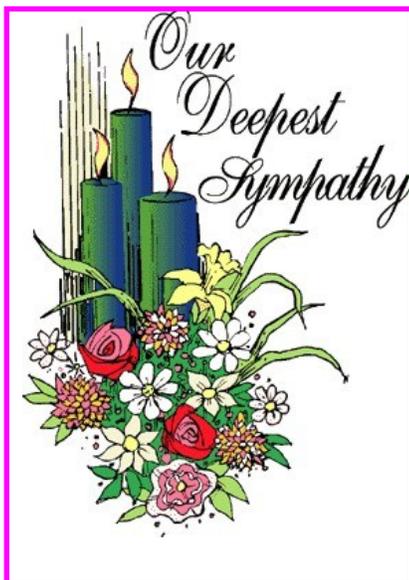
If you find that your check has not been cashed, we recommend you take the necessary steps to stop payment on that check.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to the CMAA, and we hope you will prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 CMAA through one of our mailings, or by making a secure gift over the phone by calling (815) 838-8515, or online at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org. Please deduct any incurred bank fees from your gift to the CMAA.

The Development Office would like to reassure all our parishioners that there have been no reported incidents of fraud related to these delivery issues. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we worked tirelessly to remedy this issue as best we could.

And we are humbled and grateful for your generous support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal which is so vital to our mission. Your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of so many, and we are thankful for your ongoing commitment to our shared mission of spreading Jesus' kindness and love to all.

For more information, please contact the Development Office at (815) 838-8515 or our Chief Development Officer, Jane Lager, at jlager@dioceseofjoliet.org.



Trudy Messenger
January 3rd, 1937 - August 2nd, 2025

Trudy had an adoring love for the city of Chicago, especially taking time to go to Marshall Fields during Christmas time to spend time in the Walnut Room.

She also loved to spend time outdoors camping and traveling to new places. Two of her favorite places she traveled to were Australia and New Zealand.

Her love for her golden retrievers, cooking, and sewing will not be forgotten.

She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

“We’re Going to Sell Out!” Encountering Jesus at Our Youth Conference

“We are going to sell out all the tickets instantly!” That was my spontaneous reaction when I first heard the news: [Father Mike Schmitz](#) had agreed to be our keynote speaker for our [2025 Youth Conference in the Diocese of Joliet](#).

If you do not know who Father Mike Schmitz is, it likely means you do not spend much time online or listening to Catholic podcasts. A priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz has become one of the most recognizable Catholic voices in the digital world. His [Bible in a Year](#) and [Catechism in a Year](#) podcasts have touched millions of lives. With a rare mix of clarity, humor, and conviction, he brings the Faith alive to all generations.

And that is exactly why we were elated when he was chosen as one of the speakers for our inaugural [Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference](#). Yet long before a speaker was booked or ticket sales opened there was a dream to bring a Youth Conference to our diocese. For years, teens from the Diocese of Joliet had been traveling long distances to experience dynamic Catholic conferences hosted by [Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio](#). The fruit was undeniable: renewed faith, deep conversions, and young people stepping into lives of discipleship. We began to ask, what if we brought that encounter home? What if we did not just send our teens away to find Christ, but invited Christ into our own backyard?

So, we did it. With prayer, planning, and no shortage of volunteers, collaborators, and donors, the Steubenville-Joliet Youth Conference took place on the weekend of June 27 - 29, 2025, at [Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois](#). The response was overwhelming.

Nearly 2,000 teens, plus chaperones and youth ministers, filled the campus. More than 1,700 confessions were heard. Parishes that had never connected before were praying side by side. There were moments of joyful chaos with laughter, dancing, and games, and moments of reverent silence that moved even the most skeptical hearts. One youth minister told me, “It felt like this conference had been running in our diocese for ten years.” And in a way, it had, only in prayer and in the longing of many hearts.

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, our young people were immersed in an experience centered around Christ. There was music and praise, compelling keynote talks, breakout sessions for young men and women, and powerful times of small group reflection. But it was Saturday night’s Eucharistic Adoration that left the deepest mark. I watched as Jesus in the monstrance was processed through the crowd. Two thousand voices quieted. Two thousand hearts opened. Christ was truly present—not only in the Eucharist, but also in their lives.

The weekend concluded with the Sunday closing Mass, which I had the privilege of celebrating. After the final prayer, Father Mike Schmitz stepped forward and invited anyone who was not yet baptized, but who had felt stirred by the Lord over the weekend, to come forward to receive a special blessing. He then invited any young people who were considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to do the same. Slowly, and then more confidently, over 100 teens stood and came forward. Some were weeping, and others were smiling with unapologetic joy. As I extended my hands in blessing over each group, the entire crowd prayed for them too.

Sometimes, I worry that if a young person loves God and wants to participate in the sacramental and communal life of our Church, they can feel like an anomaly or like they are the only ones with this desire. And that can be isolating and discouraging for them. Yet, at this Youth Conference, Christ was working in their hearts, and emboldened their steps toward faith, hope, and the future with the Church. Looking out at the participants, I saw joy, renewal, and courage. These teens were not just attending a

Church-sponsored youth conference. They were meeting the Lord and being sent out as disciples. I thank the many partners who made this possible, such as our parishes, our Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and of course [Partnership For Youth](#) who organized the logistics of the conference. Together, apostolates, higher education, and the local church can work together to build the Kingdom of God.

We are committed to building something sustainable and Spirit-filled for the youth of our Church. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 dates for our next Youth Conference are already set: [June 26 - 28, 2026, again at Benedictine University](#). Praise be to God, it is that popular! So, stay alert for when those tickets go on sale, because if this year was any indication, they will not last long.

DIVINE SAVIOR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2025-2026

LET'S GET READY!

REGISTER NOW!

* 1ST - 6TH GRADE

* FIRST COMMUNION

* CONFIRMATION

6700 MAIN ST.
DOWNERS GROVE, IL, 60523
PARISH CENTER

- \$275.00 PER CHILD

- SIBLING DISCOUNT

- \$50.00 SACRAMENT

ACCESSIBLE PAYMENTS

CONTACT MRS. BIANCA, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
BY EMAIL DRE@DIVINESAVIOR.NET
OR CALL 630-574-9740



We are pleased to announce that the start of work on replacing the HVAC equipment in the Parish Center will take place.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Blue Envelope program for your generous and special donations, which will facilitate the realization of this project.

The work is scheduled to start Monday, August 11th, with a projected completion date of September 15th.

During this period, the Parish Center will be temporarily closed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parish Office at 630-969-1532.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a fully participating Catholic? We can help! The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for adults 18 years of age or older who are *not Catholic* because they were *never baptized*, or because they were *baptized* in another Christian tradition. The OCIA is also open to *baptized Catholic* adults who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist (Holy Communion).

The OCIA is a spiritual journey to discover Jesus in our lives and receive the Sacraments. Each week we learn more about Jesus and the Church, answer questions, and enjoy interesting discussions about the Catholic faith.

The OCIA Journey will begin with Welcome Night on September 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center here at Divine Savior. It will be presented in English and Spanish. We meet for one hour on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Registration is open now until August 29, and the fee is \$150. We have a wonderful team of friendly parishioners waiting to share their faith and guide you along the path to Jesus.

So if you have any questions, and if Jesus is whispering in your ear to better live your life with Him as a Catholic, please contact Bianca Jimenez at (630) 574-9740; [email: dre@divinesavior.net](mailto:dre@divinesavior.net).

Ritual de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA)

¿Conoce a un familiar o amigo que esté interesado en convertirse en un católico de plena participación? ¡Podemos ayudar! Ritual de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) es para adultos de 18 años o más que no son *católicos* porque nunca fueron *bautizados* o porque *fueron bautizados* en otra tradición cristiana. La RICA también está abierta a *adultos católicos bautizados* que no han recibido los Sacramentos de la Confirmación y/o la Eucaristía (Sagrada Comunión).

La OCIA es un viaje espiritual para descubrir a Jesús en nuestras vidas y recibir los Sacramentos. Cada semana aprendemos más sobre Jesús y la Iglesia, respondemos preguntas y disfrutamos de interesantes discusiones sobre la fe católica.

El Viaje de OCIA comenzará con la Noche de Bienvenida el 9 de septiembre de 2025 a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Parroquial aquí en Divine Savior. Se presentará en inglés y español. Nos reunimos durante una hora los martes por la noche a las 7:00 p.m. La inscripción está abierta desde ahora hasta el 29 de agosto y la tarifa es de \$ 150.

Tenemos un maravilloso equipo de feligreses amigables que esperan compartir su fe y guiarlo a lo largo del camino hacia Jesús.

Entonces, si tiene alguna pregunta, y si Jesús le susurra al oído que viva mejor su vida con Él como católico, comuníquese con Bianca Jiménez al (630) 574-9740; [Correo electrónico: dre@divinesavior.net](mailto:dre@divinesavior.net).

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

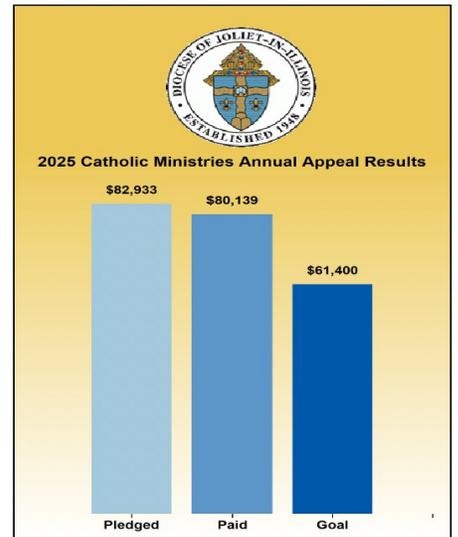
This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34)**. Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— *Father John Muir*

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report
Results through 8/3/2025
152 - Divine Savior Parish - Downers Grove

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$82,933	\$63,199	\$19,734	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$80,139	\$58,762	\$21,377	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$2,794	\$4,437	(\$1,643)	\$520
Donors	186	205	-19	224
2025 Rebate	\$13,117			



2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$445.88	1,933
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
59

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)	2	2	0
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	7	11	-4
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	174	209	-35
Total Donors	186	224	-38



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

August Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
3rd	\$ 5,455.00	\$ 1,846.00	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 9,795.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 290.56	\$10,270.56
10th				\$ -			\$ -
17th				\$ -			\$ -
24th				\$ -			\$ -
31st				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 5,455.00	\$ 1,846.00	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 9,795.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 290.56	\$10,270.56
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$31,126.00	\$ 10,179.96	\$11,221.14	\$52,527.10	\$ 3,036.00	\$ 1,469.09	\$57,032.19

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, 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



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Prayer

Dear God, help me to stay close to Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will read, play, and listen to things that make God happy.

Sharing the Gospel

One day Jesus will come back from heaven. He could come back any day now - nobody knows when. So, you and I need to be ready. Put God first in your life. Love God with your whole heart. Live every day in a way that will make Jesus smile. Be ready to go to heaven!

Now color
the picture! →

ready	master	home
lamps	night	thief
servants	morning	coming

reday	r e a d y
cmnig	_____
hmeo	_____
nithg	_____
srevnast	_____
thefi	_____
mronnig	_____
msatre	_____
lmasp	_____

