



Sunday, August 17, 2025
Twentieth 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.*

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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Parish Information

CONTACT US

Website: WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

Address: 6700 Main Street,
Downers Grove, IL 60516-2799

Phone: 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

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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.

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**

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 20th through August 24th

| | | |
|------------|---------|--|
| Wednesday: | 8:30am | For the Parishioners |
| Thursday: | 8:30am | For the Parishioners |
| Friday: | 8:30am | Joseph and Josephine Vilt |
| Saturday: | 4:00pm | Donald Walaszek |
| Sunday: | 8:00am | Maria Reyes |
| | 10:00am | Angelo Caldarazzo |
| | 12 noon | José Guadalupe Preciado José Estrada Socorro Arellano y Salud Hilda Preciado |



**Congratulations
to Jasmin and Mia on their
first mass as Altar Servers!**



**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit
for Chuck and Julie Zemaitis'
Anniversary.**



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 |
| Joann Costa | Pete Cushion |
| D. Woods | Bev G. |
| Fr. Bill Conway | |

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.



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





Nenita Jawor
November 10, 1949 - August 10, 2025

GREETER AND USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to be greeters and ushers! We have a great core of volunteers but we are in need of volunteers to cover absences and/or to rotate on weekends. All that is needed is the ability to smile and welcome parishioners and visitors. Training will be provided for ushers and all that is needed is a smile and enthusiasm!



If you are interested or if you would like more information, please contact Marie Borowski at, msborows@sbcglobal.net or call or text at +630-465-7044



“Sometimes the longest journey we make is the sixteen inches from our heads to our hearts.” - Elena Avila

Have you (or anyone you know) ever wondered:

What does the Catholic Church really teach?

Why do Catholics receive sacraments?

Why do I need to go to Mass?

How can I become a member of the Catholic Church?

How can I receive a Sacrament(s) that I missed when I was younger?

If the answer to any of those questions is yes, please join us for the upcoming O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly known as R.C.I.A.) journey. The journey takes place on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Welcome Night on September 9 in the Pastoral Center.

Participants on the journey must be over 18 and no longer in high school.

Registration is required prior to starting the journey and must be completed no later than Friday, August 29. The registration fee is \$150. Please contact Bianca in the Religious Education Office at (630)574-9740 or dre@divinesavior.net for more information and/or to register.



“A veces, el viaje más largo que hacemos son los dieciséis centímetros que separan nuestra cabeza de nuestro corazón.” - Elena Ávila

Te has preguntado alguna vez (o conoces a alguien)?

¿Qué enseña realmente la Iglesia Católica?

¿Por qué los católicos hacen sus sacramentos?

¿Por qué necesito ir a misa?

¿Cómo puedo hacerme miembro de la Iglesia Católica?

¿Cómo puedo recibir un sacramento que no recibí de joven?

Si la respuesta a alguna de estas preguntas es sí, únete a nosotros en el próximo viaje de la R.I.C.A. (Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos). El viaje se lleva a cabo los martes a las 19:00 h, comenzando con la Noche de Bienvenida el 9 de septiembre en el Centro Pastoral.

Los participantes deben ser mayores de 18 años y no estar en la escuela secundaria. Es necesario inscribirse antes de comenzar el viaje y debe completarse a más tardar el viernes 29 de agosto. La cuota de inscripción es de \$150. Para más información o para inscribirse, comuníquese con Bianca en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al (630)574-9740 o a dre@divinesavior.net.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week.

"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 8/10/2025

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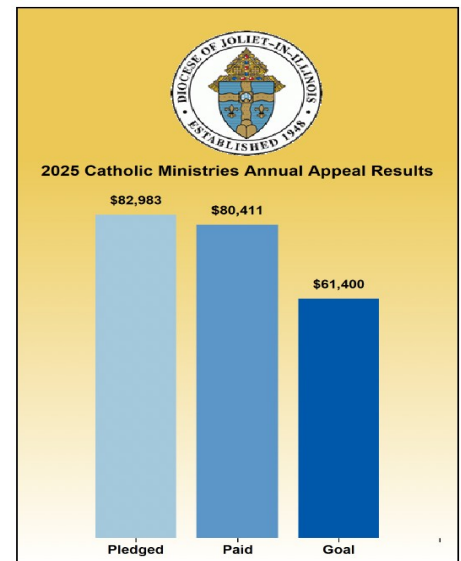
| | 2025 | 2024 | Inc/Dec | 2024 (Final) |
|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Parish Goal | \$61,400 | \$56,800 | \$4,600 | \$56,800 |
| Amount Pledged | \$82,983 | \$63,488 | \$19,495 | \$70,294 |
| Amount Paid | \$80,411 | \$59,107 | \$21,304 | \$69,774 |
| Balance Due | \$2,572 | \$4,381 | (\$1,809) | \$520 |
| Donors | 186 | 206 | -20 | 224 |
| 2025 Rebate | \$13,308 | | | |

| 2025 Parishioners | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2,119 | 9% |
| # of Registered Parishioners | Participation Rate |
| \$446.15 | 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 | \$ 5,947.00 | \$ 1,586.00 | \$ 2,494.00 | \$ 10,027.00 | \$ 355.00 | \$ 293.00 | \$10,675.00 |
| 17th | | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| 24th | | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| 31st | | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| Month Total | \$ 11,402.00 | \$ 3,432.00 | \$ 4,988.00 | \$ 19,822.00 | \$ 540.00 | \$ 583.56 | \$20,945.56 |
| 2025/26 Fiscal Year Total | \$37,073.00 | \$ 11,765.96 | \$13,715.14 | \$62,554.10 | \$ 3,391.00 | \$ 1,762.09 | \$67,707.19 |

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



Kids Corner

Write a little poem for Jesus.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you always.

Mission for the Week

Be very loving when you tell others about Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

When you talk about Jesus, you will probably get a strong reaction from people. Some people love Jesus with their whole heart, and their lives really show it. Other people don't want to follow Jesus, and talking about him may even make them angry. Families and friends can be torn apart by that anger. No matter what, stay close to Jesus, and he will stay close to you.

Now color
the picture!

