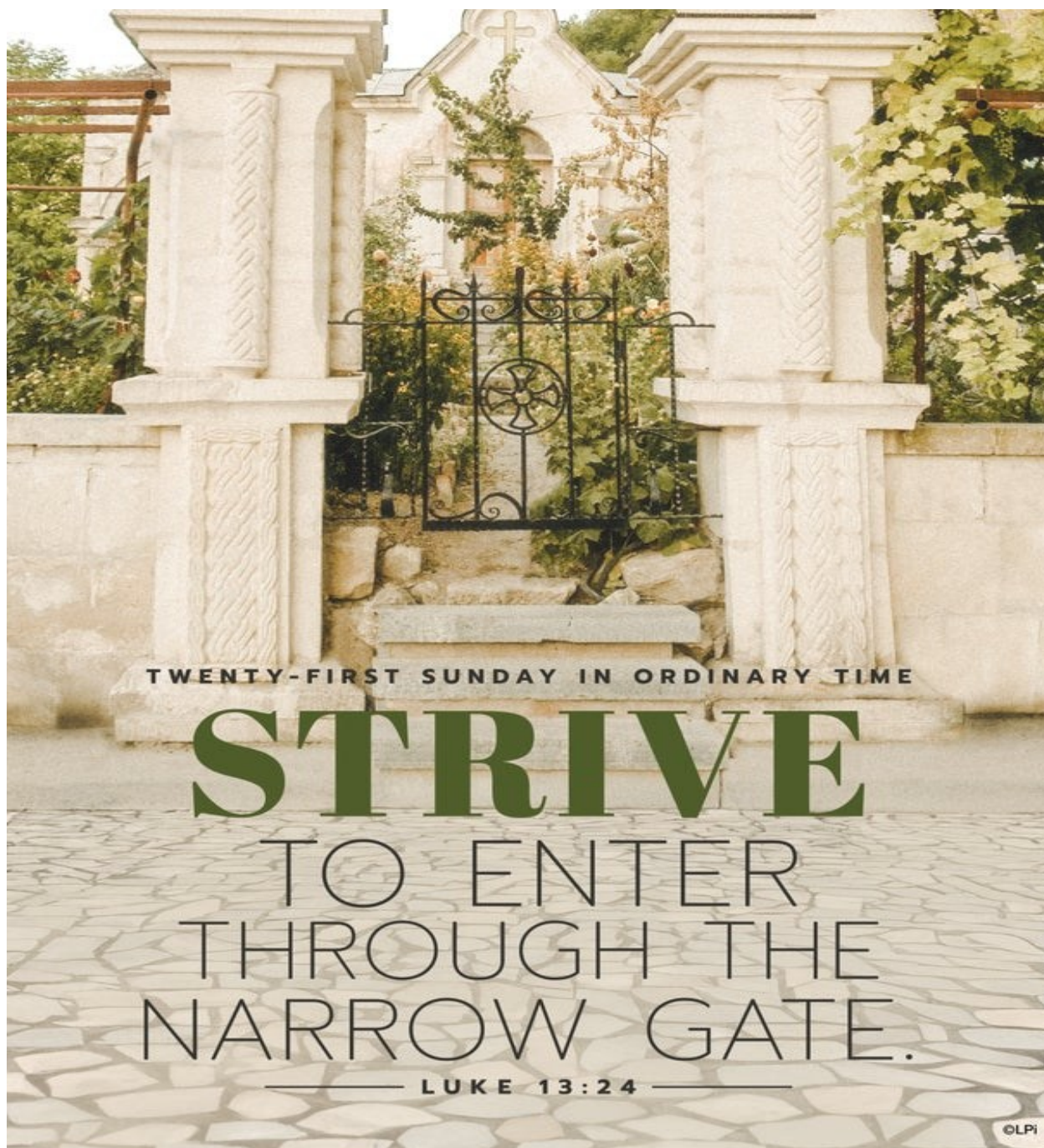




Sunday, August 24, 2025
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*



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

STAFF

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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 27th through August 31st

Wednesday:	8:30am	Tom Vilt
Thursday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Friday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Saturday:	4:00pm	Rosela Mendoza
Sunday:	8:00am	Vera Budzik
	10:00am	Nicholas Landgraf
	12 noon	Zeferina Galeana and Antonion Santiago's anniversary of passing



**Congratulations
to Rosie on her first mass as
an Altar Server!**



**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit
for the Holy Souls of Purgatory.**



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

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.



Welcome new parishioners, the Hinojosa Hernandez family! We are so excited to have you be a part of our community!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
WILL RETURN TO NORMAL
SCHEDULE

Monday August 25th

MONDAY *To* THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Contact Mrs. Bianca
for any questions at
dre@divinesavior.net
or call 630-574-9740**

welcome
to Religious Education
Mrs. Demos



**Mrs. Sarah will be teaching
Confirmation I**



*Susan Janca
April 1956 – August 2025*



*Congratulations to
parents,
David and Nicloe Orr
and Godparents
Chad and Nancy Hooper
on the Baptism of
Evelyn Sophie Orr!*



“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 24, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10,
11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday:

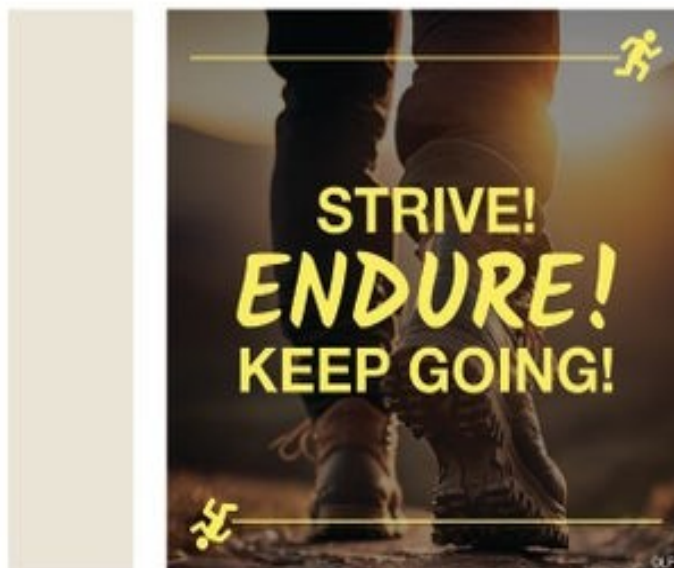
1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
(1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

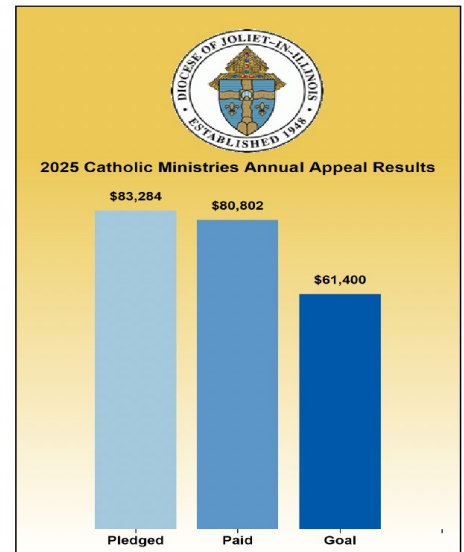
— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 8/17/2025

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$83,284	\$63,813	\$19,471	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$80,802	\$59,512	\$21,290	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$2,482	\$4,301	(\$1,819)	\$520
Donors	186	207	-21	224
2025 Rebate	\$13,581			



2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$447.76	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	\$ 5,453.00	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 1,739.00	\$ 8,776.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 2,094.85	\$12,360.85
24th				\$ -			\$ -
31st				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 16,855.00	\$ 5,016.00	\$ 6,727.00	\$ 28,598.00	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 2,678.41	\$33,306.41
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$42,526.00	\$ 13,349.96	\$15,454.14	\$71,330.10	\$ 4,881.00	\$ 3,856.94	\$80,068.04

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

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do all that I can to grow closer to you.

Mission for the Week

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.

Sharing the Gospel

Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will want to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.

Now color
the picture!



JESUS
TAUGHT
SAVED

NARROW
LOCKS
KNOCK

DOOR
FEAST
KINGDOM

J U E S W A O N I H W
A K N O C K Y S O J E
R I U A L F E A S T M
H N E T N A U V G A H
T G P L A I T E H U T
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