

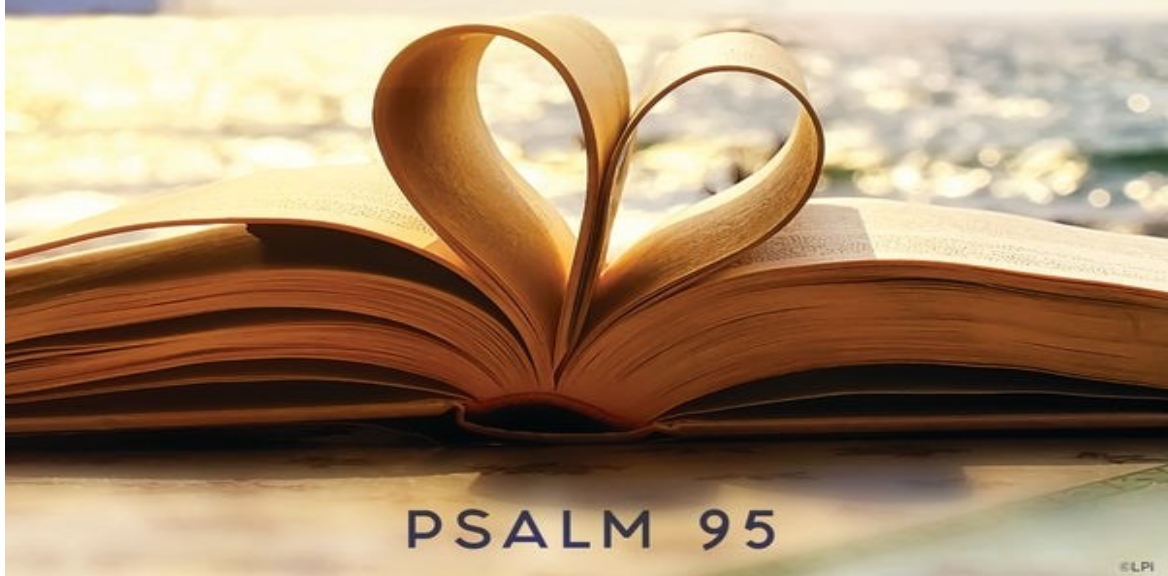


Sunday, August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*

**IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.**



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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

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 6th through August 10th

Wednesday:	8:30am	Maryann Gogola
Thursday:	8:30am	Joseph and Josephine Vilt
Friday:	8:30am	Deceased members of the Walters Family
Saturday:	4:00pm	Mildred and Edward Britt
Sunday:	8:00am	Vera Budzik
	10:00am	Blanche and George Nemec
	12 noon	Sammy Alegria

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.

*Congratulations to
Erika Vazquez &
David Giovanni Alvarado
on the Baptism of their
baby girl,
Nelida Valeria Alvarado!*

*Congratulations to
Kevin & Victoria Dailey
on the Baptism of their
children,
Luca & Oliver Dailey!*



Volunteers Needed For Laundering of Altar Server Robes

We are in need for some new volunteers! We are looking for volunteers to wash and iron the Altar Server Robes that were in storage.

We appreciate any and all ways that you can help and thank you for your continuous generosity.

Please contact the parish office at
630-969-1532 if you'd like to volunteer.



We would like to wish a happy 92nd birthday to Maria Refugio Guzman! May she have a blessed day and year to follow!

Active Senior Expo

Phone: 630-620-6347

Fax: 630-620-7996

Email: activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com

All seniors in the parish are invited to attend Active Senior Expo at no charge (regular admission is \$2). The event will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at the Darien Sportsplex, 451 Plainfield Road in Darien. Driving note: If coming from the east, use the 75th Street entrance; if coming from the west, use the Plainfield Road entrance.

Active Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services for seniors, free seminars, free giveaways, free musical entertainment and free door prices. Show hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and parking is free.

Simply present this bulletin (or a photocopy) at the door and you and all members of your party will be admitted free of charge.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2025 - 2026

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Monday : 9 am- 2 pm

Tuesday : 9 am- 2 pm

Wednesday : 12:30 pm - 6 pm

Thursday : 12:30 pm - 6 pm

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- 1ST - 6TH GRADE
 - FIRST COMMUNION
 - CONFIRMATION

**REGISTER
NOW!**

there is limited
seating.

 Registrations:
In the Parish Center

CONTACT MRS. BIANCA FOR MORE INFORMATION
AT DRE@DIVINESAVIOR.NET OR CALL
630-969-1532



\$275.00 per child
*** Sibling discount**
\$50.00 Sacrament

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! La Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OCIA) 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 OCIA 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 3, 2025

Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

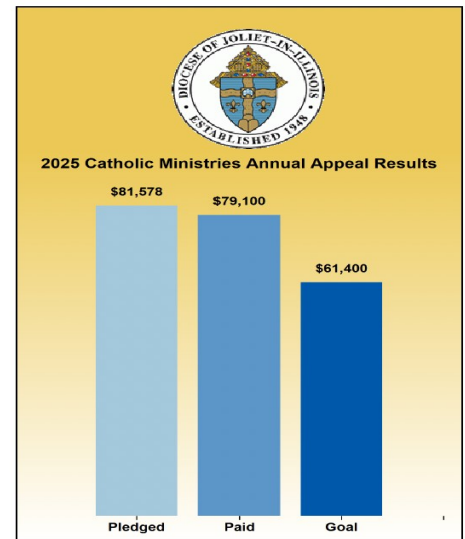
— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 7/27/2025

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$81,578	\$63,149	\$18,429	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$79,100	\$58,527	\$20,573	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$2,478	\$4,622	(\$2,144)	\$520
Donors	183	205	-22	224
2025 Rebate	\$12,390			



2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$445.78	1,936
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
60

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)	171	209	-38
Total Donors	183	224	-41



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

July Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
6th	\$ 7,796.00	\$ 2,308.25	\$ 2,879.00	\$ 12,983.25	\$ 324.00	\$ 362.77	\$13,670.02
13th	\$ 7,656.00	\$ 2,276.16	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 11,701.16	\$ 265.00	\$ 280.00	\$12,246.16
20th	\$ 5,273.00	\$ 1,487.00	\$ 2,219.00	\$ 8,979.00	\$ 1,732.00	\$ 291.00	\$11,002.00
27th	\$ 4,946.00	\$ 2,262.55	\$ 1,860.14	\$ 9,068.69	\$ 530.00	\$ 244.76	\$ 9,843.45
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Month Total	\$ 25,671.00	\$ 8,333.96	\$ 8,727.14	\$ 42,732.10	\$ 2,851.00	\$ 1,178.53	\$46,761.63
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$25,671.00	\$ 8,333.96	\$ 8,727.14	\$42,732.10	\$ 2,851.00	\$ 1,178.53	\$46,761.63

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



Prayer

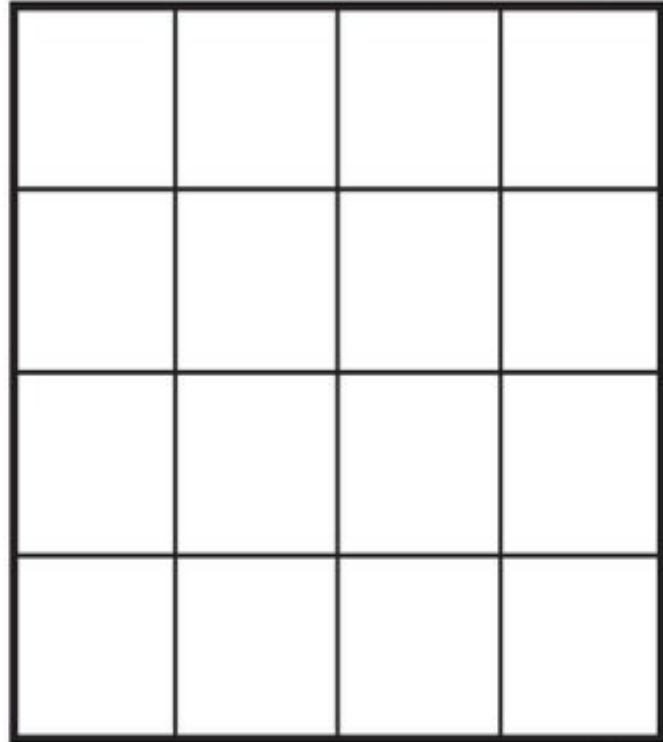
Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to you.

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Mission for the Week

When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.



Sharing the Gospel

When you put Jesus first in your life, you will have everything you need. Having a lot of stuff won't really make you or God happy. God doesn't want you to keep your blessings to yourself. God wants you to share what he has given you. Be "rich" in only the things that God cares about. The closer you grow with God, the happier you will be.

Now color
the picture!

