



Sunday, August 31, 2025
Twenty-Second 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

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

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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

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Phone: 630-574-9740

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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



September 3rd through September 7th

Wednesday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Thursday:	8:30am	Ingrid Francisco
Friday:	8:30am	Joseph and Josephine Vilt
Saturday:	4:00pm	Lydia and Joseph Zelenko
Sunday:	8:00am	Edison and Jesse Policarpio Anniversary of Passing
	10:00am	Francis Nessinger
	12 noon	Sammy Alegria

***YA NO LO PIENSES MAS
YO YA QUIERO CASARME***

CONTIGO...



Invitation for Marriage Preparation

***PIDE INFORMACION AL:
(630)969-1532
CON LUPITA***

***MIE-JUE: 8:00 – 4:00 PM
VIE: 8:00 – 12:00 HRS***

***Registration closes
September 5th!***



**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit
for Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez.**



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.
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Janice Sinnick
Jennifer Sinnick	

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.

There's Something About (Mother) Mary!

By: Ken Erguiza, music minister

No, the subject of this article is not about a famous 90s' movie or even a proposed sequel! Rather, it is about a more famous Mary than the one played by Cameron Diaz: the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Before going any further, it must be noted: Mary tends to be misunderstood or looked at very simply in Christianity. We know she is the mother of Jesus. However, if we leave it at that, we miss out on giving great honor to Mary and, by extension and more importantly, praise and thanksgiving to God. In fact, no other Christian faith has devotions to Mary than our Catholicism.



For starters, our Blessed Mother is known by numerous names, among them:

Immaculate Mary
Holy Mother of God
Refuge of sinners
Mother of the Church
Queen of Heaven
Queen of All Saints

Among our Marian devotions:

Prayers to God through her intercession (e.g.: Hail Mary, Memorare, Angelus, and Regina Caeli)
Celebrating Masses in honor of her being the Mother of God, and also her Immaculate Conception, Assumption into heaven, and Queenship

Processions (e.g.: Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Rosary, Fatima/Lourdes, and May Crowning)
Pilgrimages to places where she was born and raised; lived, visited, and passed from earthly life to heaven; and has been honored by every generation (e.g.: churches and shrines dedicated to one of her many names)

How has our Lady earned these many honors? Simple: by the grace of God. God, in anticipation of the redemption by His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, redeemed Mary at her conception. (Aka the Immaculate Conception, celebrated December 8, nine months before her birth, celebrated September 8.) To be sure, she had free will to choose not to be the Mother of God. However, in the moment of the Annunciation (celebrated March 25, nine months before our Divine Savior's birth on Christmas) by an angel of the Lord Gabriel, she said yes. Because of God's grace and her yes and living out God's call, Mary was the first beneficiary of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, when God assumed her body and soul into heaven. (Aka the Assumption, celebrated August 15.) Every generation since has looked to her as the perfect disciple, first among all saints, and the most powerful prayer warrior to God through her Son.

No wonder there's something about Mary, Mother of God and the Church! This gives us hope, fittingly celebrated in this Jubilee year, to live out our faith, with God giving us a role model in our Blessed Lady.

Music recommendation for reflection: Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices, <https://youtu.be/vN2ap26TeKs?si=9k5fmFDk-Wue1lxz>, composed by Owen Alstott and published by Oregon Catholic Press. This is one of numerous musical settings of the Magnificat, Mary's hymn of praise to God that she acclaimed during the visitation to her cousin Saint Elizabeth (who held in her womb the forerunner Saint John the Baptist). A factoid: we have been singing some of Owen Alstott's Psalm settings at weekend Masses in recent years.

*Welcome to the
Segura Martinez Family who
are new to our Parish!*

*We are so excited to have you
in our community!*



Congratulations to Jean Paul Campos Gastelum (pictured in the middle) on receiving his First Communion!

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



Fulton J. Sheen wrote in his book, *Treasure in Clay*, "Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain."

You are invited to pray and be in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during First Friday Holy Hour on Friday afternoon, September 5, 2025, in the Church from **2:30 PM to 3:30 PM**. There will be time for silent meditation; then at 3:00, the Hour of Mercy, together we'll pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany and Prayers. We will bring all our personal intentions to Jesus, pray for the poor and homeless throughout the world, and for peace in our troubled world. Come and let your heart be filled with the golden glow of the Lord during this holy hour. "Jesus, I Trust in You!"



**Join us for the
Diocese of Joliet**

JUBILEE MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Pilgrims of Hope

**Saturday, October 4, 2025
11:00 AM**

Cathedral of St. Raymond

604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL

RSVP by scanning
the QR code or by
calling 815-221-6192



Questions? Call Jim Elias 815-221-6134



Acompáñenos a la misa
Diócesis de Joliet

MISA JUBILAR PARA
LOS ABUELOS Y ADULTOS MAYORES

Peregrinos de la esperanza

Sábado, 4 de octubre de 2025

11:00 am

Catedral de San Raimundo

604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL

Confirme su asistencia
escaneando el código QR o
llamando al 815-221-6128



Preguntas? Llame a Martha Torres 815-221-6128

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

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

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

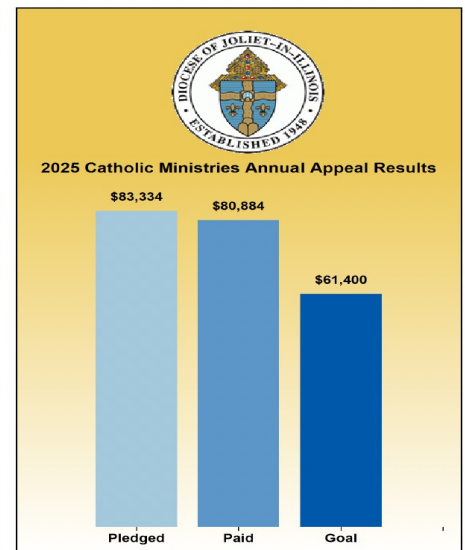
— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 8/24/2025

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$83,334	\$63,813	\$19,521	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$80,884	\$59,840	\$21,044	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$2,450	\$3,973	(\$1,523)	\$520
Donors	187	207	-20	224
2025 Rebate	\$13,639			



2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$445.64	1,932
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
58

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)	175	209	-34
Total Donors	187	224	-37



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	\$ 5,388.00	\$ 2,021.00	\$ 2,019.00	\$ 9,428.00	\$ 477.00	\$ 391.30	\$10,296.30
31st				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 22,243.00	\$ 7,037.00	\$ 8,746.00	\$ 38,026.00	\$ 2,507.00	\$ 3,069.71	\$43,602.71
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$47,914.00	\$ 15,370.96	\$17,473.14	\$80,758.10	\$ 5,358.00	\$ 4,248.24	\$90,364.34

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 be a good friend.

Mission for the Week

When you sit down with your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles from them.

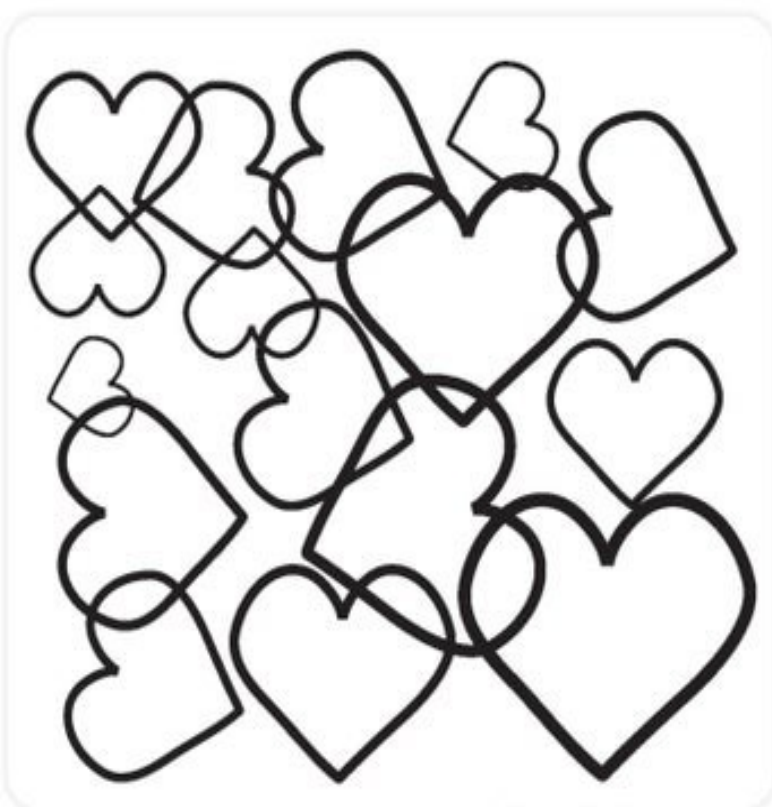
Sharing the Gospel

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.

**Now color
the picture!**



How many hearts can you count?



The answer is sixteen.

