



Sunday, August 23rd, 2026
21st 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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

— TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —

UPON
THIS ROCK.

— MATTHEW 16:18 —

Parish Information

CONTACT US

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JOIN THE PARISH!

Stop in the parish office during business hours to register.

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.

CONFESSIONS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR CONFESSIONS. 630-969-1532

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the parish office.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please mail submissions to
bulletin@divinesavior.net 10 days before the publication.

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.

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.

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 debenser 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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



August 26th through August 30th

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Saturday: 4:00pm Rosela Mendoza

Sunday: 8:00am Vera Budzik

10:00am Francis Nessinger

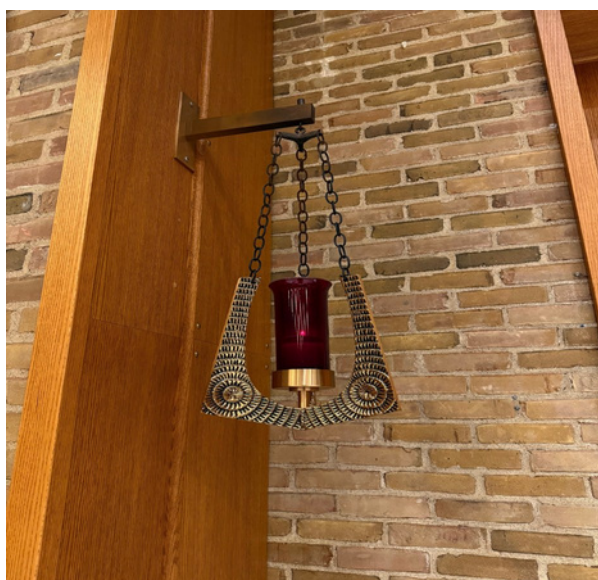
12:00pm Zeferina Galiana Ortiz
& Antonino Santiago
anniversary of passing



Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	John Robinson	Joann Costa
Maureen C.	Anthony Gnutek	Frederick Costa
Mark. C.	Norbert Wierzbicki	Janice Sinnick
Terry R.	Besty	Cynthia Jara
Sherry Toman	Pete Cushion	Rachel Vicha
Steven G.	Bev. G	Bernetta Kolar
Joann Costa	Emri R.	Geri Parker
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina	
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Paul Czech	
Grace P.	Kathy S.	
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks	
Kelly M.	Kathy Hamilton	
Justin Pratt	Angelica Collazos	
Friar Johnpaul Cafiero	Louise Casillas	
Rose Kraemer	Susan Larson	

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.



If you would like to have the Tabernacle Candle lit in memory, or for someone, please contact the Parish office. 630-969-1532



Happy 86th Birthday Tom Orr!



Happy Anniversary to Arturo and Elsa Erguiza who are celebrating 55 years together!
And an additional Happy Birthday 80th birthday to Arturo!



Our parish is exploring the formation of a Special-Needs Faith and Fellowship Group for individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental, physical, or other special needs, along with their families and friends.

The group would meet periodically to enjoy fellowship, build friendships, and participate in religious education and faith-sharing opportunities in a welcoming and supportive environment.

If you or someone you know might be interested in participating, we would love to hear from you. Your response will help us gauge interest and plan future gatherings.

Please contact Cliff Grammich by phone or text at 1-331-205-0551 or by email at cagrammich@gmail.com for more information or to express your interest.



A journey of a million miles starts with a single step. God is calling you – what are you waiting for?

Do you want to grow in your relationship with God?
Do you want to know what the Catholic Church really teaches?
Do you interested in becoming a Catholic?
Do you want to be Baptized?
Are you interested in receiving Sacraments you missed?

If the answer to any of those questions is yes, please join us for the upcoming O.C.I.A. journey. The journey takes place on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Welcome Night on September 8 in the Pastoral Center.

Participants on the journey must be over 18 and no longer in high school. Anyone who has not received Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation must register before Friday, August 28. 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.

Members of the OCIA team will be in the Narthex after all the Masses to answer any questions you may have.

Un viaje de un millón de millas comienza con un solo paso. Dios te está llamando – ¿qué estás esperando?

¿Quieres crecer en tu relación con Dios?
¿Quieres saber qué enseña realmente la Iglesia Católica?
¿Estás interesado en convertirte en católico?
¿Quieres ser bautizado?
¿Estás interesado en recibir los sacramentos que te perdiste?

Si la respuesta a alguna de esas preguntas es sí, únase a nosotros en el próximo viaje de OCIA. El viaje se realiza los martes por la noche a las 19:00 horas comenzando con la Noche de Bienvenida el 8 de septiembre en el Centro Pastoral.

Los participantes en el viaje deben ser mayores de 18 años y ya no estar en la escuela secundaria. Cualquier persona que no haya recibido Bautismo, Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación deberá registrarse antes del viernes 28 de agosto. La tarifa de inscripción es de \$150. Comuníquese con Bianca en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al (630)574-9740 o dre@divinesavior.net para obtener más información y/o registrarse.

Los miembros del equipo de OCIA estarán en el Nártex después de todas las Misas para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener.

This Tuesday!



Modell Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Cookies and Conversations

Please join us for cookies and an advance funeral planning seminar hosted at Divine Savior Catholic Church. We will be discussing the steps involved in getting a funeral plan in place, how that plan will affect your loved ones, and answering your questions on funeral service. Families and loved ones are welcome!

Location:

Parish Center
Divine Savior Catholic Church
6700 Main St,
Downers Grove, IL 60516

Date and Time:

Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 PM

Advance Funeral Planner:
Matt Iaciancio



Topics Discussed

- Advance funeral planning
- Types of services
- Death away from home
- Planning financially for services
- After the funeral service



The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

Dates – Time – Location

Tuesdays @ 9:00 AM in the
Divine Savior Parish Center or via Zoom
@7:00 PM (different groups & lively
discussions, but same video)

Sessions 1-4: Sep 1st to Sep 22nd
Sessions 5-11: Oct 20th to Dec 1st
(2026)

Sessions 12-21: Jan 12th to Mar 16th
Sessions 22-24: Apr 6th to Apr 20th
(2027)

For More Information

Registration before & after all Masses
August 22nd & 23rd and 29th & 30th
You will need a Workbook from
Ascensionpress.com (\$39.95 +
tax/shp) , a Catechism and a Bible
(RSVCE preferred)

Contact Paul Jara 630-776-2987 or
ptj2763@gmail.com

In the newly refilmed ***Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation***, author Jeff Cavins, alongside many other trusted Catholic presenters, will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the story of salvation history, from our origins to the present day. Guided by the presenters, you will explore over fifty extraordinary sites across the world where the stories of Scripture took place, bringing the biblical narrative to life.

Using updated workbooks, videos, and a unique color-coded chart, you will learn about the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Catholic Faith.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life. By the end of this study, you will walk away with a rich knowledge of Scripture and the confidence to dive even deeper into God's Word.

“I've been overwhelmed by trying to understand Scripture for years, and Mr. Cavins helped me get into it easily. This program was like having an experienced trail guide through a difficult mountain passage—it became much easier once you're shown the way! And then that gave me the 'bravery' and tools I needed to start to study more, and in depth.”

—Andrew L.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

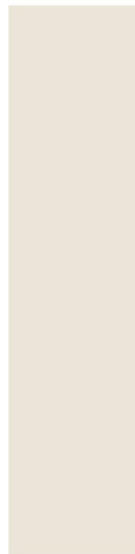
1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 8/9/2026

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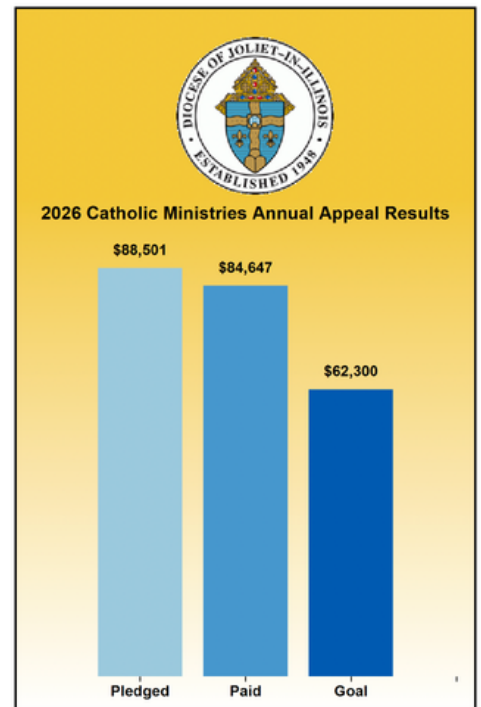
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$88,501	\$83,541	\$4,960	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$84,647	\$80,999	\$3,648	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$3,854	\$2,542	\$1,312	\$200
Donors	162	188	-26	202
2026 Rebate	\$15,643			

2026 Parishioners	
2,119	8%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$546.30	1,957
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
57

For full LYBUNT listing view last page of report

Giving Circles	2026 Donors	2025 Donors	Difference
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	1	1	0
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	0	0
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	2	2	0
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	2	3	-1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	10	9	1
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	147	187	-40
Total Donors	162	202	-40



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

**August Stewardship**

2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
2nd	\$10,886.00	\$2,098.00	\$2,458.48	\$15,442.48	\$170.00	\$296.10	\$15,908.58
9th	\$4,376.00	\$1,911.87	\$2,766.50	\$9,054.37	\$405.00	\$338.65	\$9,798.02
16th	\$5,066.00	\$1,909.00	\$1,574.00	\$8,549.00	\$1,768.00	\$1,503.00	\$11,820.00
23rd							
30th							
Month Total	\$20,328.00	\$5,918.87	\$6,798.98	\$33,045.85	\$2,343.00	\$2,137.75	\$37,526.60
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$42,586.00	\$14,143.43	\$15,262.48	\$71,991.91	\$5,500.00	\$3,041.77	\$80,533.68

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
 Elisabeth Carrillo - National Guard
 David Blazin - US Army
 Kevin Przybocki - US Army
 Rachael Vicha - Navy
 Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard
 Morgan Demos - US Navy
 Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy
 Lt. Jack O'Sullivan, MD - Navy
 Edgar Nava Lopez - Marine



Lynsey M. Gabrielson - Navy
 Major Jose E. Perez - US Army
 Eric Jones - Army Reserves
 Michal Kazmierczak - US Navy
 Jon Black - US Army
 Juanita Iris Mejia - Marines
 Christopher Bianchi - Army
 Brendan O'Sullivan, MD - Air Force
 Gabryel Barrera - Marine Corp



A Pilgrimage to Mexico is being offered for six nights and seven days, November 8 – 14, 2026 to Mexico City and the State of Mexico. Price per person is \$1,500, excluding airfare. Airfare is approximately \$500 per person. Hotel, airconditioned bus, all meals and tour guide are included.

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Carlota Coasaca at 630-715-2526.

Happy Birthday Hector!! Blessings and a long healthy life!



Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

Mission for the Week

I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

Sharing the Gospel

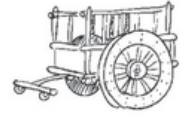
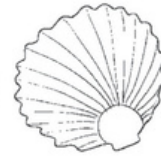
In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

Now color
the picture!

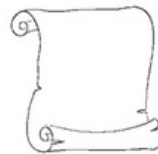


Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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