



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 2nd, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026



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., 10:00a.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 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.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 8:00a.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 5th through August 9th

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am Ken & Arlene Weidner

Saturday: 4:00pm Jesus Estanislao & Godofredo Ferrer

Sunday: 8:00am Nenita Jawor

10:00am John Norton

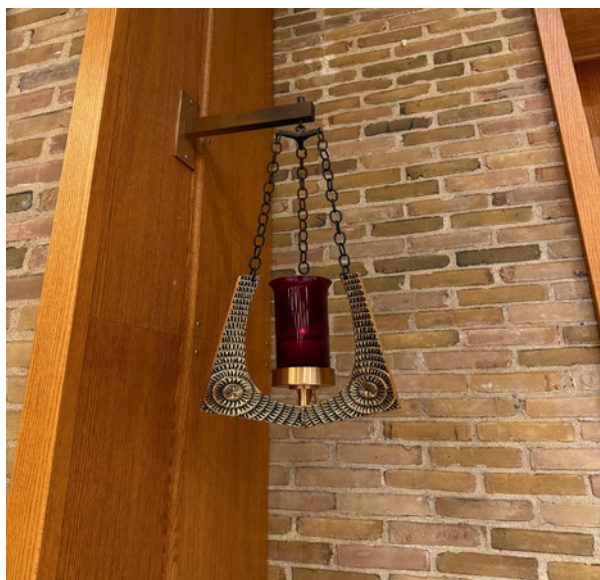
12:00pm In Thanksgiving for Jesus Garcia



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	
Joann Costa	Emri R.	
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

First Friday Holy Hour

Pope Leo XIV once said, "Peace cannot be attained without mercy." You are invited to pray and be in the presence of Jesus during First Friday Holy Hour on Friday afternoon, August 7, 2026, 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. Bring your personal intentions to Jesus, give thanks for all the goodness and love God has given us, pray for poor and homeless people, and for peace in our troubled world. "Have Mercy on Us and on the Whole World!"



Congratulations to the newly weds
Audencio & Rosario, Lupita & Adrian, and Vidal & Rosa



ARRIVEDERCI PADRE AGUSTIN!! BUONA FORTUNA!!!!!!

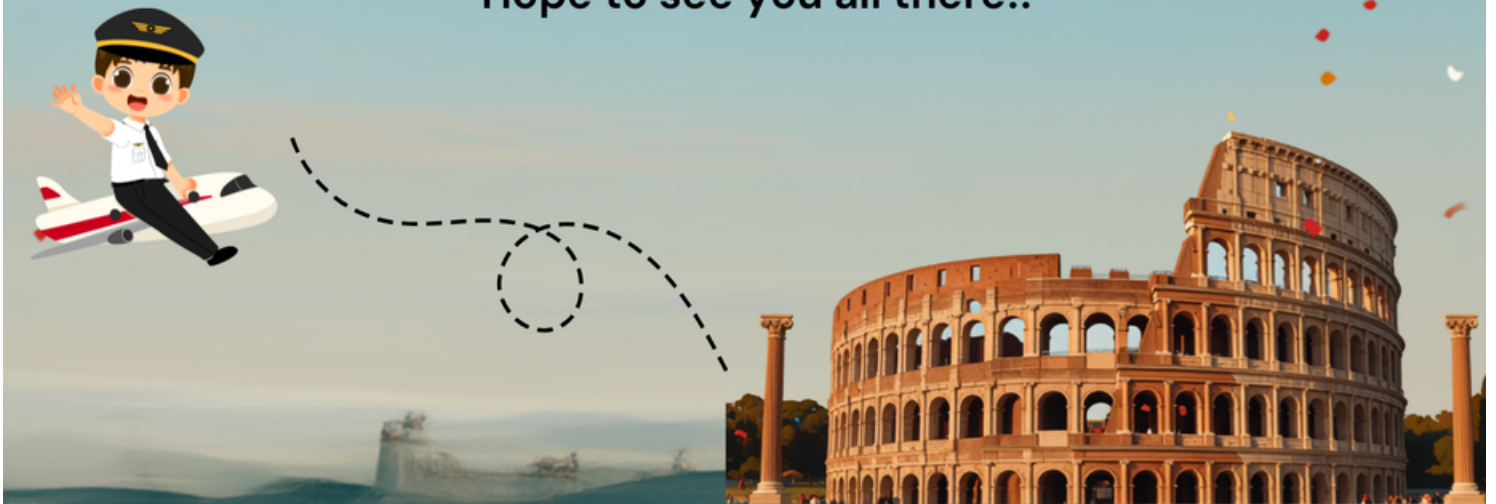
**Mark your calendars for Friday, August 28th, 5:30-pm-
8:30pm in the Parish Center.**

**Stop by to wish Padre Augustin well as he prepares for his
Sabbatical in Roma, Italia and please join us for
appetizers, desserts and drinks.**

**Admission is free but you do need a ticket. Tickets will be
available after all masses in the narthex the weekends of
August 9/10, August 15/16, and August 22/23**

**If you would like to donate a dessert or have any
questions please contact Marie Borrowsk at
msborrows@sbcglobal.net or call/text - 630-465-7044.**

Hope to see you all there!!





“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 _____ (fill in the blank) ?
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?
I have received the Sacraments, but where can I learn more about the faith?

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 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 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 _____ (completa el espacio en blanco)?
¿Por qué necesito ir a misa?
¿Cómo puedo hacerme miembro de la Iglesia Católica?
¿Cómo puedo recibir un sacramento que no recibí de joven?
I have received the Sacraments, but where can I learn more about the faith?

Si la respuesta a alguna de estas preguntas es sí, únete a nosotros en el próximo viaje de la R.I.C.A. The Journey takes place on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning September ____ in the Pastoral Center. Los participantes deben ser mayores de 18 años y no estar en la escuela secundaria.

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Coming This Fall...

**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 Marc 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 2, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 7/26/2026

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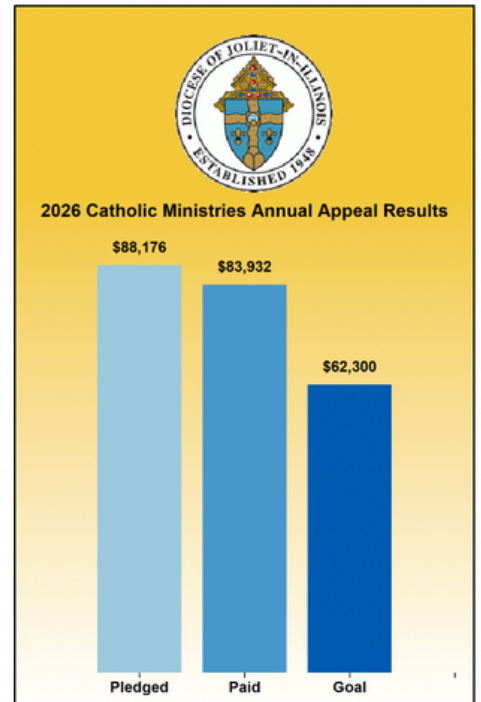
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$88,176	\$82,643	\$5,533	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$83,932	\$79,630	\$4,302	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$4,244	\$3,013	\$1,231	\$200
Donors	159	186	-27	202
2026 Rebate	\$15,142			

2026 Parishioners	
2,119	8%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$554.57	1,960
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

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

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)	144	187	-43
Total Donors	159	202	-43



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

July Stewardship

2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
5th	\$5,871.00	\$1,964.00	\$2,299.00	\$10,134.00	\$265.00	\$220.64	\$10,619.64
12th	\$5,743.00	\$2,422.00	\$2,226.50	\$10,391.50	\$133.00	\$228.00	\$10,752.50
19th	\$6,508.00	\$2,265.00	\$2,069.00	\$10,842.00	\$2,099.00	\$229.66	\$13,170.66
26th	\$4,136.00	\$1,573.56	\$1,869.00	\$7,578.56	\$660.00	\$225.72	\$8,464.28
Month Total	\$22,258.00	\$8,224.56	\$8,463.50	\$38,946.06	\$3,157.00	\$904.02	\$43,007.08
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$22,258.00	\$8,224.56	\$8,463.50	\$38,946.06	\$3,157.00	\$904.02	\$43,007.08

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

Happy 80th Birthday to
parishioner, George Gogola



Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, thank you for giving me enough to share.

Mission for the Week

I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.

Sharing the Gospel

Today you filled your basket with five loaves of freshly baked bread and two fish you caught in the Sea of Galilee. You sat down in front of Jesus to hear him better. You shared your food with Jesus and the others nearby. You were amazed when the disciples had 12 basketfuls left over. The disciples gave you two basketfuls to take home with you. Your mother and grandmother were very proud that you shared.

Now color
the picture! →

Find the matching pair.

