

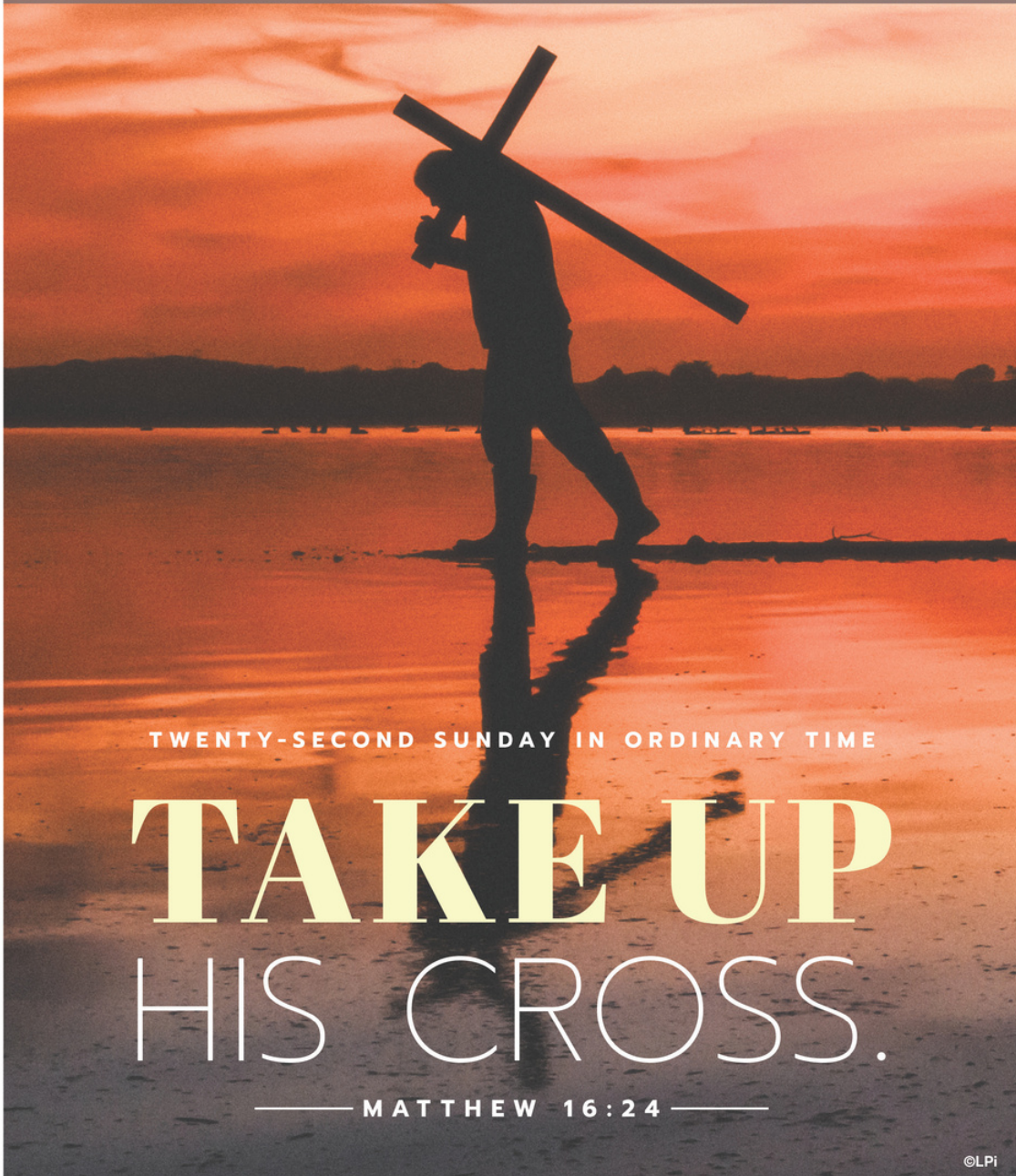


Sunday, August 30th, 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 30, 2026



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**TAKE UP
HIS CROSS.**

MATTHEW 16:24

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



September 2nd through September 6th

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am Ingrid Francisco

Saturday: 4:00pm Sammy Alegria

Sunday: 8:00am Lydia & Joseph Zelenka

10:00am Lawrence Harnett

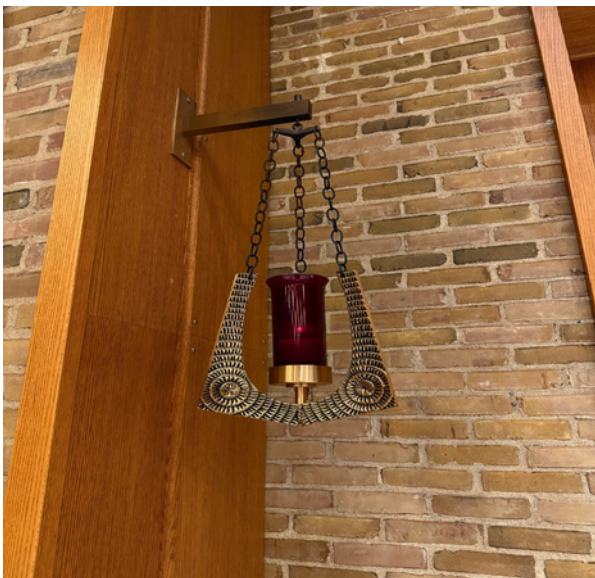
12:00pm Juan Soto



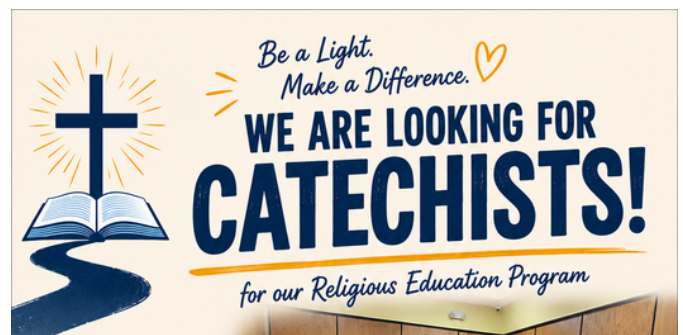
Prayers for the sick:

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	Donna Bratuljevich
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.



The Tabernacle Candle will lit in memory of Jerry Popek.



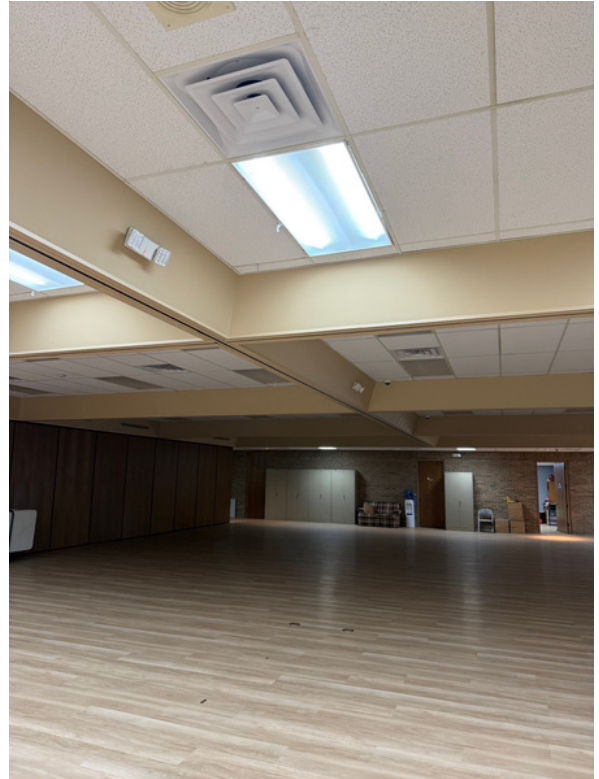
Please contact the RE coordinator, Bianca Jimenez at 630-574-9740 or email at dre@divinesavior.net.



We wish parishioner,
Jamie Alegria and his
wife, Elena many
blessings as they
continue their journey in
the Diocese of Joliet
Diaconate Formation
Program.



Congratulations to
Carter Bradley on his
First Communion
celebrated Saturday,
August 22nd!



Many thanks to our parishioners, Ray Vicha, Mark Porcaro and Mike Pietrucha who graciously offered their time and talent to paint the soffit areas for the movable walls in the Parish Center.

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.

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.

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Divine Savior Parish

Sunday, September 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pastoral Center
6700 W. Main Street
Downers Grove, IL 60516



Donate blood Sept. 11-30 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards! Plus, you'll get a new glow-in-the-dark "Boo-lieve in saving lives" Halloween T-shirt! Visit vitalant.org/FallGiveaway to learn more. Visit donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code: 10054018

For more information or to schedule a donation,
call 877-258-4825 or visit us at vitalant.org
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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

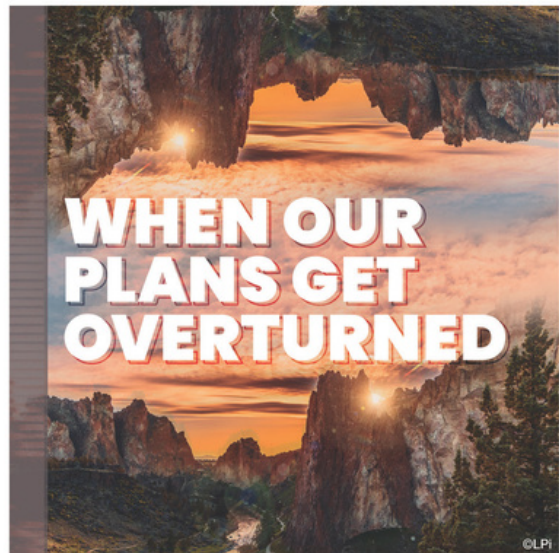
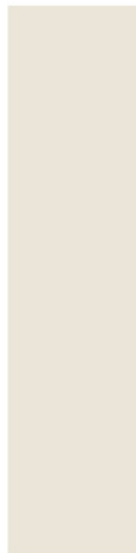
1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, **"Get behind me, Satan."**

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 8/23/2026

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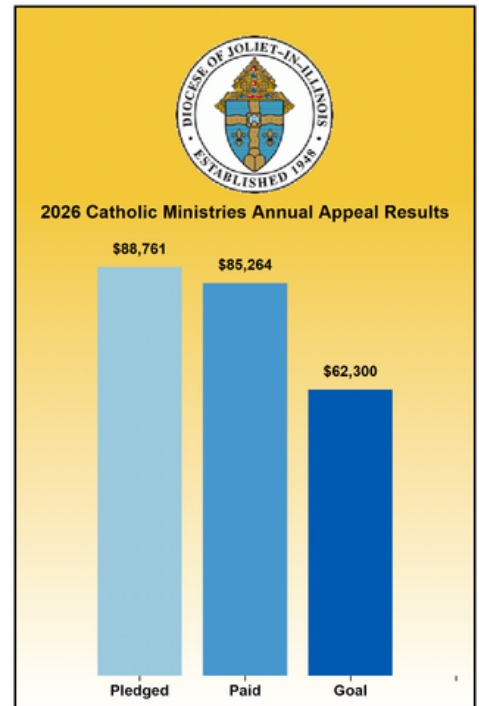
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$88,761	\$83,769	\$4,992	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$85,264	\$81,284	\$3,980	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$3,497	\$2,485	\$1,013	\$200
Donors	162	189	-27	202
2026 Rebate	\$16,075			

2026 Parishioners	
2,119	8%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$547.91	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)	11	9	2
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	146	187	-41
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	\$4,560.00	\$2,028.00	\$2,599.00	\$9,187.00	\$380.00	\$375.16	\$9,942.16
30th							
Month Total	\$24,888.00	\$7,946.87	\$9,397.98	\$42,232.85	\$2,723.00	\$2,512.91	\$47,468.76
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$47,146.00	\$16,171.43	\$17,861.48	\$81,178.91	\$5,880.00	\$3,416.93	\$90,475.84

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

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT AND FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

In his recent message for the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy in Lithuania, Pope Leo said that in a world marked by tensions and violence that ruin relationships, God's limitless mercy can turn our lives around. And God's mercy can turn around each and every one of our lives—if we allow it! Come to First Friday Holy Hour and receive God's loving mercy and grace.

You are invited to pray and be in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during First Friday Holy Hour on Friday afternoon, September 4, 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 the end of violence in our world. "Jesus, I Trust in You!"



Kids Corner

Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me strength to share your love.

Mission for the Week

Give of your time this week to help someone who needs it.

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes it's hard to give of your time, or your toys, or even to share your friends. Sometimes you want to be selfish and keep everything for yourself. This is not what Jesus did. He kept sharing God's love all the time. He shared so much that he even gave his life for us by dying on the cross. Jesus wants us to share like he did, to give of ourselves even when we want to be selfish.

Now color
the picture!



Find the matching pair.



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