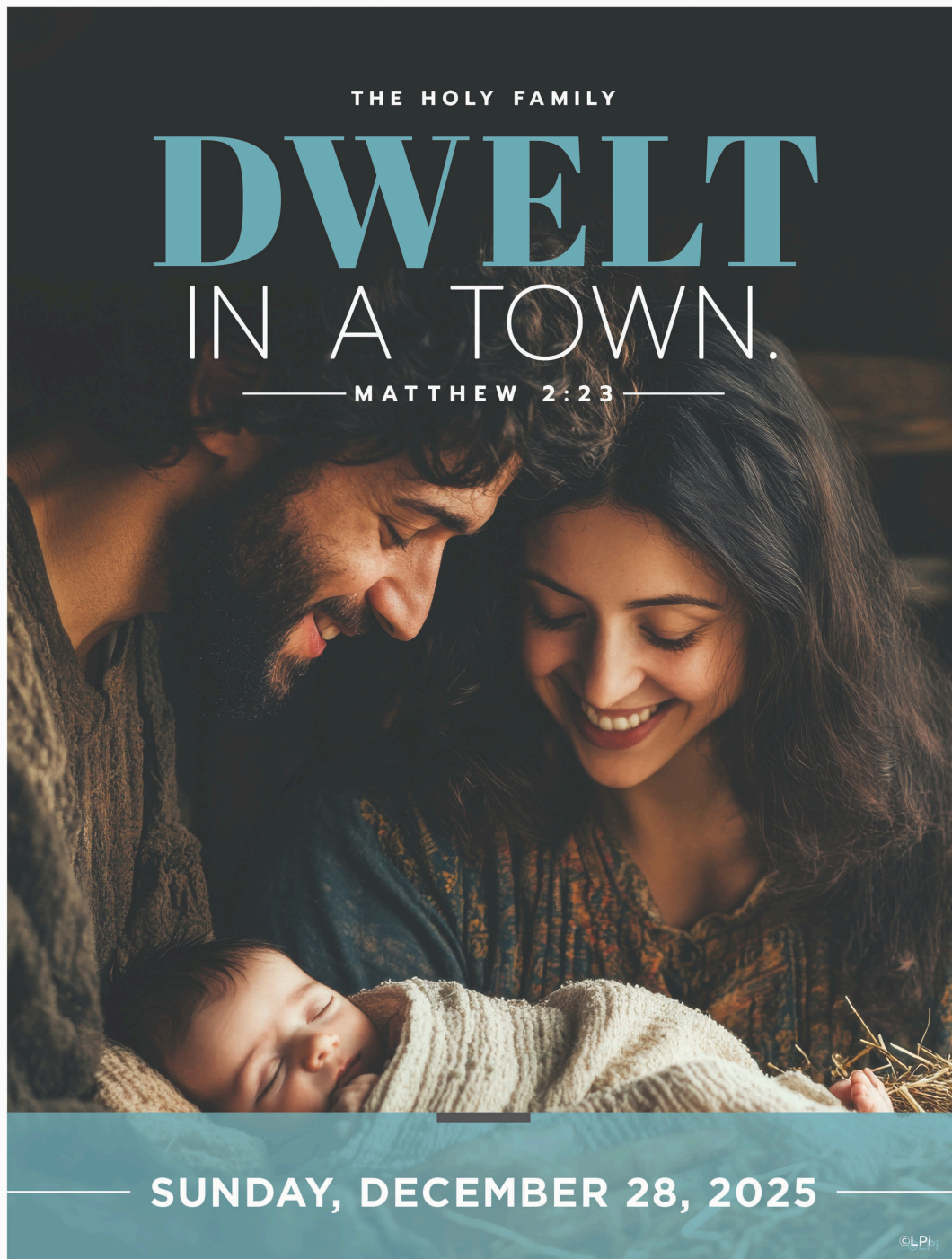




Sunday, December 28, 2025
Sunday of the Holy Family

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

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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.

CONFESSIONS

PLEASE CALL THEOFFICE 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: 8:30a.m.Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8a.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.Plazolaal menos 6 meses antes la fecha deseada. Todas las familias debenser miembros activos dentro de la parroquiaylas señoritas deben haber recibido el sacramento del Bautismo, la reconciliación, la primera comuniónyel sacramento de la confirmación o estar asistiendoen nuestra clases/programa de Confirmación por laño antes de la Quinceañera. Horas de servicio y unretiro

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



December 31st through January 4th

Saturday:	4:00pm	Susan Zelenka
Sunday:	8:00am	For the Parishioners
	10:00am	For the Parishioners
	12 noon	Sammy Alegria



Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	Herb G.
Maureen C.	John Robinson
Mark. C.	Anthony Gnutek
Terry R.	Norbert Wierzbicki
Sherry Toman	Besty
Steven G.	Pete Cushion
Joann Costa	Bev. G
D. Woods	Janice Sinnick
Fr. Bill Conway	Emri R.
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Elsie Bestvina
Jennifer Sinnick	Paul and Helen Czech
Grace P.	Kathy S.
	Carolyn Heinrich

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 be lit for the Jenkins Family

Announcements:

No morning masses 12/31, 1/1, 1/2.

New Years Eve Mass
December 31st 4pm.

Come and give thanks to God for
all our 2025 blessings!

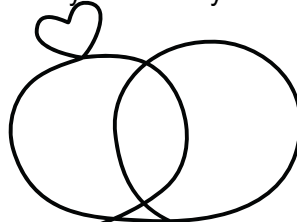


2025 CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our Lady of Guadalupe performance of 2025





Congratulations on 46 years together

Carlos and Amelia Castaneda



In Sympathy
John Markham
May 1939-Dec 2025

John was a member of
Divine Savior Parish for 25
years.

He was a proud Marine
veteran and
a former Chicago Police
Officer and Detective.

2025 RCIA Candidates who were blessed on the first Sunday of Advent.



Music Director – St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Naperville, IL

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish is seeking to hire a Music Director to facilitate the planning and leading of the music for all liturgical celebrations. This position is part-time unbenefited, up to 29 hours per week. Requires flexibility during weekdays to attend meetings, sacred music selection and preparation for weddings and funerals, evening choir/cantor practices, and other duties as needed. Weekends are required for providing sacred music during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Education and qualifications include experience in organ, piano, and vocal skills is highly preferred. A college degree in music, music performance or a related field preferred. Strong communication skills for written communications and verbal interactions with staff, parishioners, volunteers, and guest musicians. Demonstrate the knowledge and proficiency of Microsoft Office products. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet.

To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](https://www.roman-catholic-diocese-of-joliet.org/). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Gloria Kapsa, business manager at businessmanager@sescatholic.org.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20).** First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence

— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

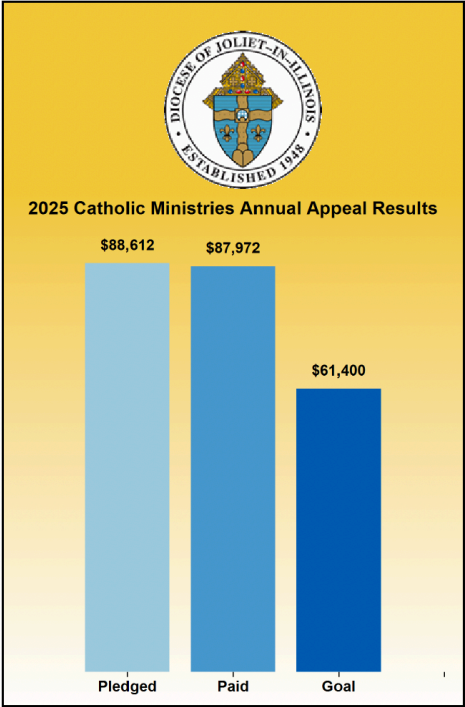
Results through 11/23/2025

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$88,612	\$67,055	\$21,557	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$87,972	\$65,990	\$21,982	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$640	\$1,065	(\$425)	\$520
Donors	197	214	-17	224
2025 Rebate	\$18,600			

2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$449.81	1,922
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
50
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)	3	2	1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	9	11	-2
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	182	209	-27
Total Donors	197	224	-27

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

November Stewardship							
2025	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
7th	\$5,910.00	\$1,735.00	\$2,789.00	\$10,434.00	\$160.00	\$1,833.30	\$12,427.30
14th	\$7,300.00	\$1,856.00	\$2,369.00	\$11,525.00	\$140.00	\$3,470.73	\$15,135.73
21st				\$ -			\$ -
28th				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$13,210.00	\$3,591.00	\$5,158.00	\$21,959.00	\$300.00	\$5,304.03	\$27,563.03
2025/26 Fiscal Year	\$143,688.11	\$45,381.04	\$52,371.70	\$241,440.85	\$14,257.00	\$32,074.60	\$287,772.45

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
 RayRoberto, Jr. - Navy
 Lt.Jack O'Sullivan MD - Navy



Lynsey M.Gabrielson - Navy, San Antonio
 Major JoseE. Perez - US Army, Chicago, IL
 Eric Jones-Army Reserves
 Michal Kazmierczak - US Navy
 Jon Black,US Army - Okinawa, Japan
 Juanita IrisMejia - Marines, CA
 Christopher Bianchi - Army, Middle East
 Capt. Brendan O'Sullivan, MD - Air Force

Catholic Charities is Seeking an Experienced Executive Director

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, is seeking an experienced, mission-driven professional to serve as its Executive Director. This is a senior-level leadership role requiring a Bachelors degree from an accredited college or university, extensive professional experience and a strong background in managing large teams and complex organizations. Preference will be given to those who reside in the Diocese. The annual salary range for this position is \$140,000–\$160,000, based on qualifications and experience. Catholic Charities offers the opportunity to participate in a group health plan, 403(b) retirement plan and a short-term disability plan to eligible individuals.

Qualified candidates should email their résumé to Beka Deja at bdeja@cc-doj.org

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Maggie Snow



Maggie Snow
 Director of Communications
 and Advancement

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Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for keeping Jesus safe when he was a little baby.

Mission for the Week

If you were not safe, and if you had to move away in the middle of the night, list three small things you would want to bring along.

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

listed
Joseph
Mary

engaged
traveled
baby

sheep
Savior
angels

lstedi l i s t e d

byab _____

Jephos _____

shepe _____

Mrya _____

Siorav _____

enagedg _____

anlsge _____

traledve _____

Sharing the Gospel

After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could. God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

Now color
the picture!

