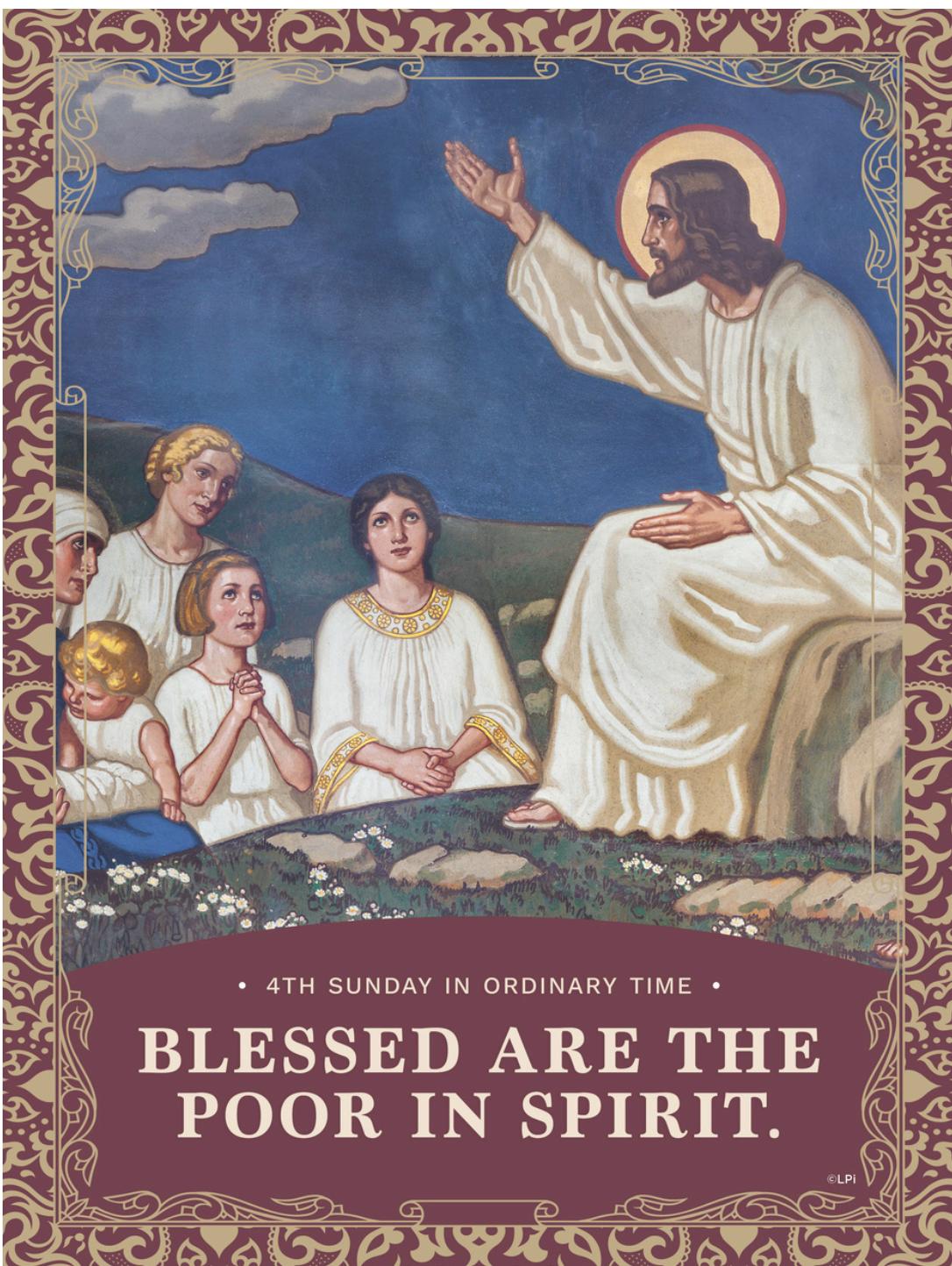




Sunday, February 1st, 2026  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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

**Website:** [WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net](http://WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net)

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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.

## CONFESIONS

**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](mailto: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. 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

## February 4th through February 8th

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am Sammy Alegria

Friday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Saturday: 4:00pm Nora Ortanez

Sunday: 8:00am For the Parishioners

10:00am For the Parishioners

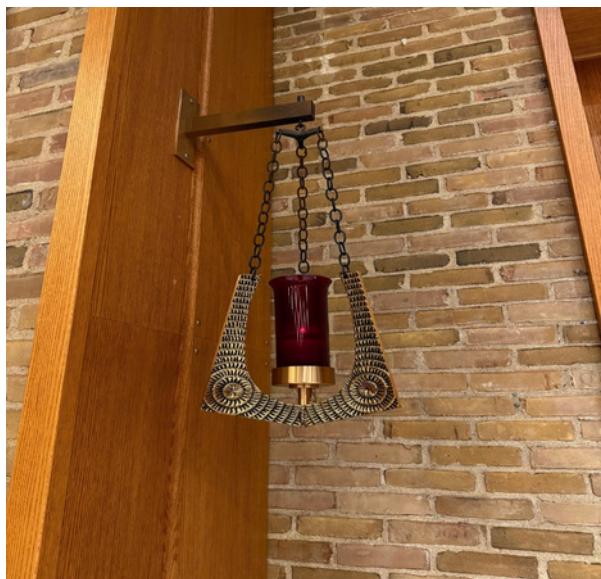
12 noon For the Parishioners



### Prayers for the sick:

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

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 in memory of Imogene Sterner.

Welcome to our new parishioners Mr. & Mrs. Martin Dennis.



The Mission of Hope team received crosses made from wood from last year's mission and blessings from Father Gallagher and Father Augustin. This team originated from mission trips sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet. Following the discontinuation of these diocesan trips, a dedicated team has continued the two-week mission to Borongan, Eastern Samar in the Philippines. During these missions, medical clinics are conducted, alongside construction projects such as building homes for underserved communities. Additionally, community outreach programs are implemented to provide school supplies to children.



Thank you to these hardworking ladies who dedicated their time to clean the Pastoral Center! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



Gaby





After almost 40 years in Finance, Marie Borowski is retiring! Corporate world's loss is Divine Savior's gain! Marie is joining Divine Savior as Pastoral Associate.

Marie will continue her current ministries and build on those to learn and to serve the parishioners of Divine Savior, while maintaining my vision for the parish. Please join me in welcoming Marie and wish her well in her new chapter in life. I'm so happy to have her as a new member of my staff.

-Fr. Agustin



Peggy Ziomek  
January 2026



Dear Lord, receive this gentle soul who lived humbly and loved compassionately. A life of quiet dignity has now found rest. She lived simply, loved sincerely and left this world a little kinder. Her quiet presence was a gift. May she rest in peace.

Join us for this online  
**Poetry Workshop Series**

This series, our third poetry workshop, will invite you to read, write, and reflect on the topics of undoing, mindfulness, listen, and gratitude. Together we will read poems from the book *Poetry of Presence: An Anthology of Mindfulness Poems* to remind us to notice God at work in our busy lives, and journal and share about those moments in session. There will be 15-30 minutes of preparation needed for each session.

Presenter:

**Susan Amann, MA**  
Director of Spiritual Ministry,  
Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

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**WHEN:** Thursday, January 22, 2026  
Thursday, January 29, 2026  
Thursday, February 12, 2026  
Thursday, February 19, 2026  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information and to register,  
please follow this link:

<https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html>



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The Saints**

Facilitators:

**Sr. Kathleen Mulchay &  
Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur**

**Wednesdays: February 4 & 18, 2026**  
**March 4 & 18, 2026**  
**April 1 & 15, 2026**  
**& May 6, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

[Click here](#) for episode information for each session.

**WHERE:**

**Nazareth Spirituality Center**  
**717 N. Batavia Ave**  
**Batavia, IL 60510**

**&**

**Online via our ZOOM meeting platform**

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**Questions? Contact Susan Amann:  
[samann@sscm-usa.org](mailto:samann@sscm-usa.org)**

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

#### Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a,  
9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

#### Monday:

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,  
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

#### Friday:

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/  
Mk 6:14-29

#### Saturday:

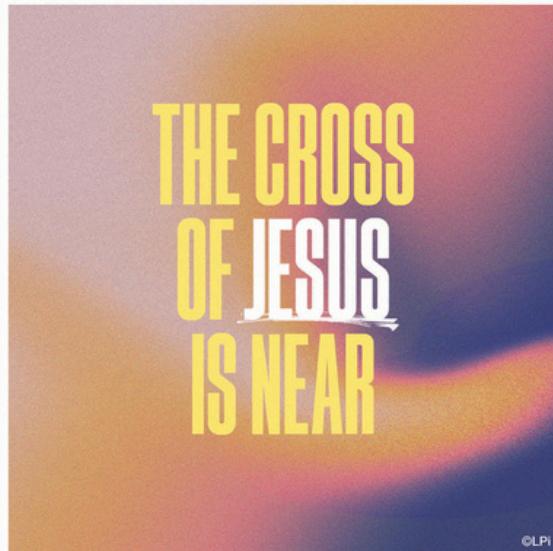
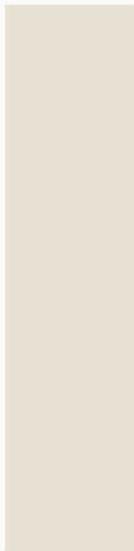
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/  
Mk 6:30-34

#### Next Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/  
Mt 5:13-16



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad"** (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

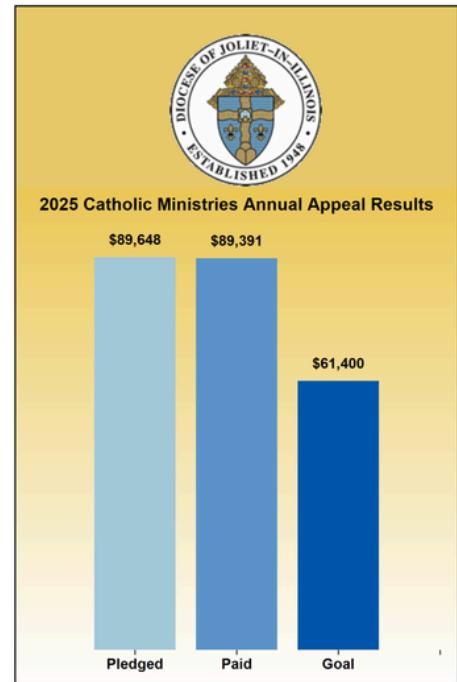
— Father John Muir

## 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 1/4/2026

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$89,648	\$70,294	\$19,354	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$89,391	\$69,734	\$19,657	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$258	\$560	(\$303)	\$520
Donors	200	224	-24	224
2025 Rebate	\$19,593			



2025 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>9%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$448.24</b>	<b>1,919</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)	
<b>48</b>	

\*\*\*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)	185	209	-24
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>-24</b>

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

January Stewardship							
2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
4th	\$7,448.00	\$2,603.15	\$2,429.00	\$12,480.15	\$387.00	\$2,610.24	\$15,477.39
11th	\$6,423.00	\$2,257.20	\$2,439.00	\$11,119.20	\$385.00	\$1,399.03	\$12,903.23
18th	\$4,161.00	\$2,187.00	\$2,319.00	\$8,667.00	\$2,017.00	\$276.00	\$10,960.00
25th							
Month Total	\$18,032.00	\$7,047.35	\$7,187.00	\$32,266.35	\$2,789.00	\$4,285.27	\$39,340.62
2025/26 Fiscal Year	\$179,724.61	\$56,959.14	\$70,347.84	\$307,031.59	\$20,750.00	\$78,382.89	\$406,164.48

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](mailto: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 JoseE. 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



### **FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**

Pope Leo recently relayed this message to a group of young adults: "Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the source of eternal life. ... Study, work, and love according to the example of Jesus, the good Teacher who always walks beside us."

You are invited to pray and be in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during First Friday Holy Hour on Friday afternoon, **February 6th, 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. We will bring all our personal intentions to Jesus, give thanks for all the goodness and love God has give to us, pray for poor and homeless people, and for peace in our troubled world. Come and receive great grace from the Lord during this holy hour. "Jesus, I Trust in You!"



## Kids Corner

### Prayer

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

### Mission for the Week

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.

### Sharing the Gospel

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

Now color  
the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

blessed	mercy	kingdom
meek	pure	reward
filled	peace	heaven

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