



Sunday, February 15th, 2026
Sixth 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.*



Remain In My Love

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 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: 8:30a.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

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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 18th through February 22nd

Wednesday: 12:00pm Lawrence Harnett
 Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners
 Friday: 8:30am Lawrence Harnett
 Saturday: 4:00pm Godofredo Ferrer &
 Jesus Estanislao
 Sunday: 8:00am Karen Lima
 10:00am Angelo Caldarazzo
 12:00pm 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	Emri R.
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina
Fr. Bill Conway	Paul Czech
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	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 Thanksgiving for Lupita Plazola & family.

Announcements:

Ash Wednesday, February 18th
 8:30am - Mass & Ashes
 Noon - Mass & Ashes
 6pm - Ash Service only
 7pm - Ash Service only
 8pm - Ash Service only (Spanish)



Celebrating the continuation of love



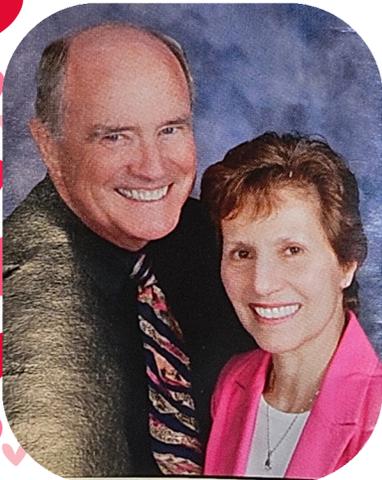
Ken & Julie Pacholek



Jackie and Julian Martinez



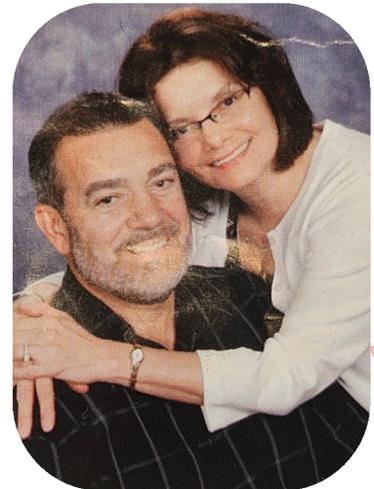
Patricia and Robert Borla



David and Lucille Gallagher



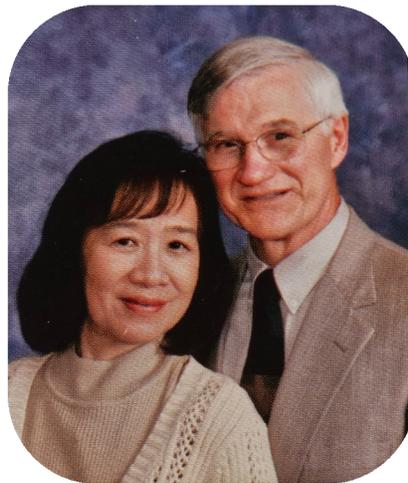
Ray and Linda Vicha



Jose and Cindy Caez



Paul and Elaine Jara



Aurora and Raymond Szrama



Cathy and Tony Aschberger



In Sympathy
Marion Maida
March 1942 - January 2026



A special thanks to Suzanna Jimenez for providing the beautiful new frame for the picture of Pope Leo XIV.





Bishop Dennis E. Spies Appointed Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet

Joliet, Illinois — [February 6, 2026] — The Diocese of Joliet announces that Bishop Dennis E. Spies has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, effective immediately. Bishop Spies assumes this role in accordance with the norms of the Catholic Church, ensuring continuity of leadership and pastoral care for the nearly half-million Catholics across the seven counties of the diocese.

Bishop Spies, who has been serving as Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet and Titular Bishop of Cenculiana, brings more than two decades of pastoral, administrative, and formational experience to this responsibility. Ordained to the priesthood in 2002, he has served the Diocese of Joliet as pastor, seminary formator, and most recently as Vicar for Clergy, a role in which he has been widely recognized for his pastoral sensitivity, collaborative leadership style, and deep commitment to the well-being of priests and parish communities.

“I am humbled by the trust placed in me and remain committed to serving the people of God in the Diocese of Joliet with faith, integrity, and hope,” Bishop Spies said. “Together, we will continue to proclaim the Gospel, strengthen our parishes, and accompany one another as disciples of Jesus Christ.”

As Administrator, Bishop Spies will oversee the day-to-day governance of the diocese until the appointment of a new diocesan bishop. His responsibilities include supporting diocesan ministries, guiding clergy, and ensuring the smooth functioning of pastoral and administrative operations. Born in Clifton, Illinois, Bishop Spies earned his undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale before completing seminary studies at Mundelein Seminary. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet by Pope Francis in 2024 and ordained later that year at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

The Diocese of Joliet asks the faithful to join in prayer for Bishop Spies as he undertakes this important new role in service to the Church.

Come and Celebrate the Anointing of The Sick

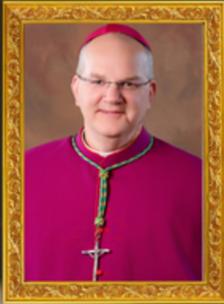
The Sacrament of Anointing of The Sick will be administered at our Healing Mass on **Saturday February 21st at 4:00p.m.** The Sacrament of the Sick is a powerful sacrament. The following is a quote from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgement about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that if it be God’s will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit’s gifts of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.”

After Mass, Fr. Agustin will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick to anyone who would like to be anointed and The Blanket Ministry will have prayer shawls and blankets available, **FREE OF CHARGE**, for those in need.

The purpose of a blanket is for the recipient to encounter God’s love in a tangible way and to feel encompassed with God’s embracing love, His comfort and compassion, His peace and tenderness and His abundant blessings!

 **SUNDAY**
MARCH 1, 2026
DisABILITIES Mass


Most Reverend
Dennis E. Spies

**OUR LADY OF
MERCY CHURCH
701 S. EOLA RD.
AURORA, IL**

Reception to Follow

 *Scan to
Register!*

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

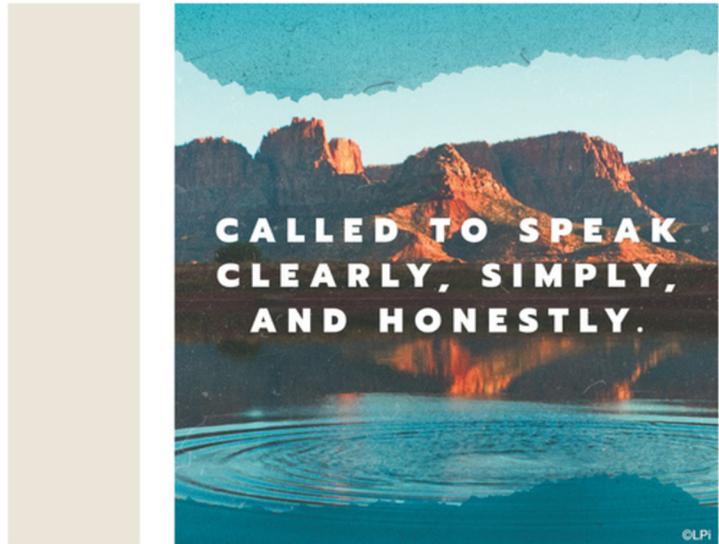
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, **"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37).** He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

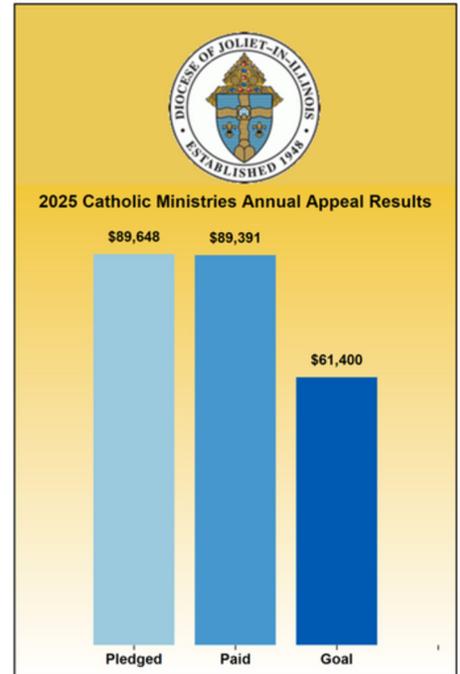
— *Father John Muir*

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	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$448.24	1,919
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
48

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
Total Donors	200	224	-24

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

February Stewardship							
2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
2nd	\$11,098.00	\$2,118.96	\$2,255.14	\$15,472.10	\$135.00	\$317.10	\$15,924.20
9th	\$10,913.00	\$1,666.00	\$2,529.00	\$15,108.00	\$995.00	\$402.65	\$16,505.65
16th							
23rd							
Month Total	\$22,011.00	\$3,784.96	\$4,784.14	\$30,580.10	\$1,130.00	\$719.75	\$32,429.85
2025/26 Fiscal Year	\$205,140.61	\$62,663.10	\$78,299.98	\$346,103.69	\$22,157.00	\$80,386.71	\$448,647.40

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
 Anthony Vicha - National Guard
 Rachael Vicha - Navy
 Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard
 Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy
 Lt. Jack O'Sullivan, MD - Navy

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




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Deacon Tony Clishem, Ed.D.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

*What is spiritual direction?
 How do I find a spiritual director?
 Do I hear a call to be a trained spiritual director?*

COME AND SEE

WHO: Persons of Faith interested in . . .

- Learning about spiritual direction
- Finding a spiritual director.
- Becoming a spiritual director.

WHEN: Wed., March 4, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church (Fireplace Room)
 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale

HOW: Enter glass doors next to main church entrance.
 Limited space. Register by March 1 here:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/9UNQN3AF3W](https://forms.office.com/R/9UNQN3AF3W)



PRESENTED BY: Deacon Tony Clishem, Ed.D. Catechetical Lead, Diocese of Joliet
 WITH: Spiritual direction panel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 815-221-6142 OR EMAIL
ACLISHEM@DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG



How Do We MAKE Disciples for Jesus?

What: Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

Where: St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

When: Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm



Scan the QR Code to RSVP



MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).

make.diojoliet.org

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

OBEY
BETTER
MURDER

ANGRY
FAITHFUL
THOUGHTS

PROMISE
KEEP
SWEAR

Y T O B U O M E U Y S
A G L S W E A R O T I
B R E H T I N Y E H A
C I F O R A G E Y O M
E S A T I B R O T U A
O D I S K O Y I E G C
B E T T E R M U N H D
E S H B E T Y R A T A
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A C U H I S E F O L U
W Y L A N M U R D E R

Sharing the Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.

Now color the picture!

