



Sunday, February 8th, 2026
Fifth 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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.

— MATTHEW 5:16 —



— SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 —

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

Phone: 630-574-9740

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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 11th through February 15th

Wednesday: 8:30am Joseph & Lydia Zelenka
 Thursday: 8:30am Peggy Ziomek
 Friday: 8:30am Stanley & Victoria Layman
 Saturday: 4:00pm Johnny Jenkins
 Sunday: 8:00am For the Parishioners
 10:00am Peggy Ziomek
 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 memory of Alex Bratuljevich

Announcements:

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



Welcome to our newest server, Nico!



Nico and his siblings Ella, Alex, Theo, and cousin Emma.

Celebrating the Presentation of the son of God to the temple, Father Gallagher blesses the young figurines of Jesus at the noon mass.





Divine Savior Blanket Ministry

Come join us for our monthly meeting in the church conference room.

The ministry consists of volunteers who can knit, crochet or tie lap blankets. We work on these projects at home and come together once a month for fellowship and prayer.

Thursday, February 12th at 1:00pm

We can all use prayers and part of our ministry is to pray for special intentions, especially for those who are in need of healing. We always welcome new members and any donations of materials. Please join us for a for a "feel-good" afternoon.

For more information contact Linda Lahey at 708-305-5471 or lin627.lahey@gmail.com

Can't knit or crochet, no problem, join us to pray the rosary!

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!

CMAA Donations

In the past, this would typically be the weekend when parishioners would hear a message from our Bishop regarding CMAA, The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. This appeal helps provide direct financial support of many diocesan programs and ministries.

Due to the timing of Bishop Hicks appointment as Archbishop of New York, we will not have his recording this year.

Many of you may have received your envelopes in the mail for your CMAA donations. If you have not received the envelope in the mail and wish to make a donation, pledge envelopes will be available in the pews next weekend.

Your continued support and generosity is very much appreciated.



Congratulations to the new ArchBishop of New York. We wish him well and wish him many blessings.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).**

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

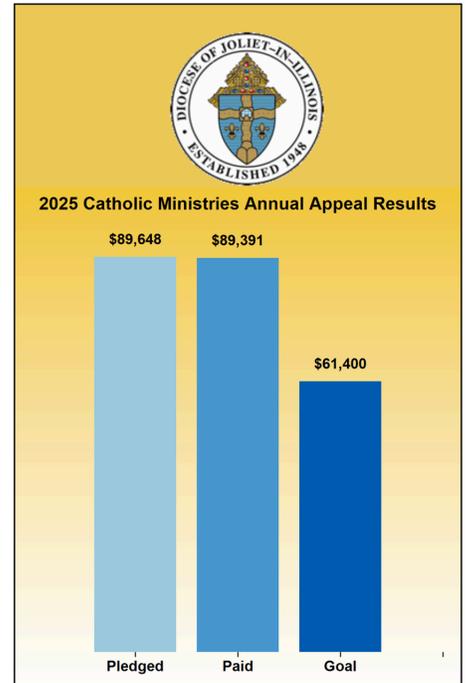
— *Father John Muir*

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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AMERGENCY



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
1st	\$11,098.00	\$2,118.96	\$2,255.14	\$15,472.10	\$135.00	\$317.10	\$15,924.20
8th							
15th							
22nd							
Month Total	\$11,098.00	\$2,118.96	\$2,255.14	\$15,472.10	\$135.00	\$317.10	\$15,924.20
2025/26 Fiscal Year	\$194,227.61	\$60,997.10	\$75,770.98	\$330,995.69	\$21,162.00	\$79,984.06	\$432,141.75

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

Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy

Lt. Jack O'Sullivan MD - Navy

Lynsey M. Gabrielson - Navy, San Antonio

Major Jose E. 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



Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, let me be a light that teaches others about your goodness and mercy.

Mission for the Week

I will show others how to get to heaven by my words and actions.

(Song: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.)

Sharing the Gospel

Look around you at night in the dark. You can not see much. Then turn on a flashlight. Now you can tell where to walk without bumping into things. God wants you to be a ray of light. He wants you to show others his goodness and healing power. God wants you to warn others about evil. God wants you to lead others to heaven by your words and actions.

Now color the picture!

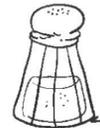


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Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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