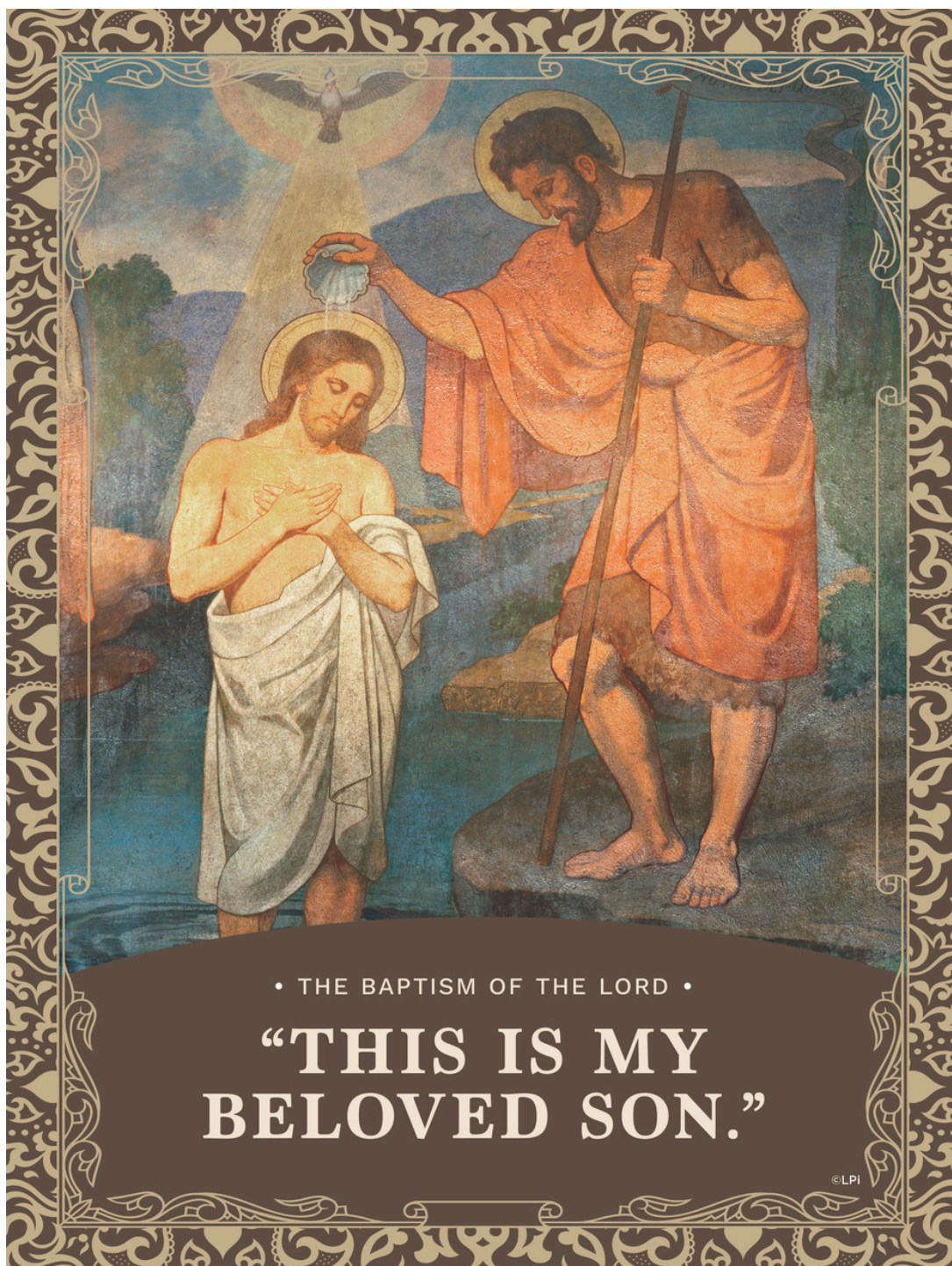




Sunday, January 11, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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: 8:30 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 nuestras clases/programa de Confirmación por lo menos antes de la Quinceañera. Horas de servicio y un retiro

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

January 14th through January 18th

Wednesday: 8:30am Nora Ortanez

Thursday: 8:30am Alma, Father Agustin's Sister

Friday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Saturday: 4:00pm Jesus Estanislao & Godofredo Ferrer

Sunday: 8:00am For the Parishioners

10:00am William Klein

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 and Helen 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.

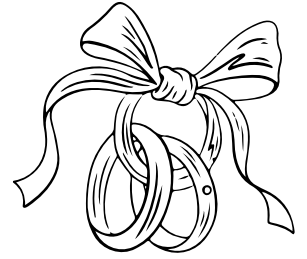


If you would like to have the Tabernacle Candle lit in memory, or for someone, please contact the Parish office. 630-969-1532





*Congratulations to the Palma Family on
their 30th wedding anniversary*



Happy New Year!

The Giving Tree Committee would like to thank all of you who bought gift cards or gave checks or monetary donations. This year Divine Savior Parishioners helped make Christmas memorable for over 300 children and 160 seniors. Your continued generosity is truly overwhelming!

A special thanks to Fr. Agustin Ortega who has consistently supported this program. Thanks also to Linda Vicha and Lupita Plazola (Parish secretaries), Jaime Alegria, Auzzie Gonzalez, Bianca Jimenez (R.E. Director) and her confirmation students for all of their hard work.

From,
Zindy Patera & Mary Crider

Thank you to Rafael, Janet, Angel and the children, Lizet Olvera, her daughters and Fabiola Aguilar for decorating the church so beautifully this season!



Simbang Gabi





In Sympathy
Carmen Ayala
January, 1940 – December 2025

Carmen was a proud mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother. Her family brought her much joy.



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.

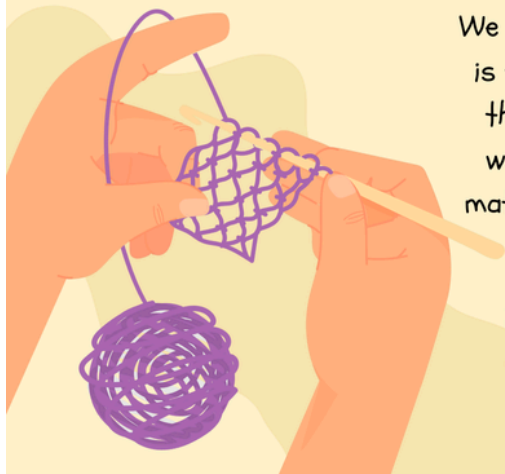
Thursday, January
15th at 1:00pm

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 "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!



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

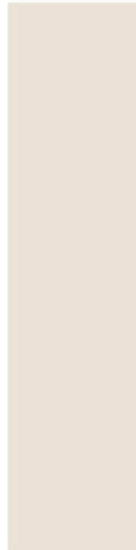
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 1/4/2026

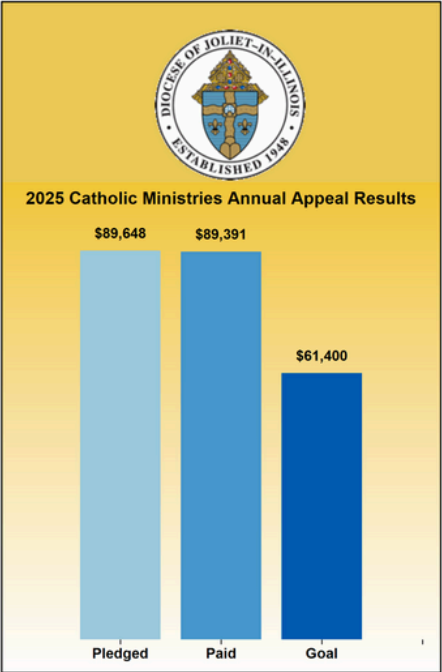
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| | 2025 | 2024 | Inc/Dec | 2024 (Final) |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Parish Goal | \$61,400 | \$56,800 | \$4,600 | \$56,800 |
| Amount Pledged | \$89,648 | \$70,294 | \$19,354 | \$70,294 |
| Amount Paid | \$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.

| 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 | | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| 18th | | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| 25th | | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| Month Total | \$7,448.00 | \$2,603.15 | \$2,429.00 | \$12,480.15 | \$387.00 | \$2,610.24 | \$15,477.39 |
| 2025/26 Fiscal Year | \$169,140.61 | \$52,514.94 | \$65,589.84 | \$287,245.39 | \$18,348.00 | \$76,707.86 | \$382,301.25 |

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



Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, I love you and want to do what you ask of me.

Mission for the Week

I will pray for all people who are not baptized.

Sharing the Gospel

After you were baptized, the Holy Spirit came to help you do great things for God. Forgive someone who really hurts you. Invite someone who is usually left out to your party. Take care of the sick. Feed those without food. Do these things. They show that you love God above all and your neighbor as yourself. Then God will say to you, "I love this child of mine and am very pleased with you."

Now color
the picture!



Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one.
Then color in all the pictures.

