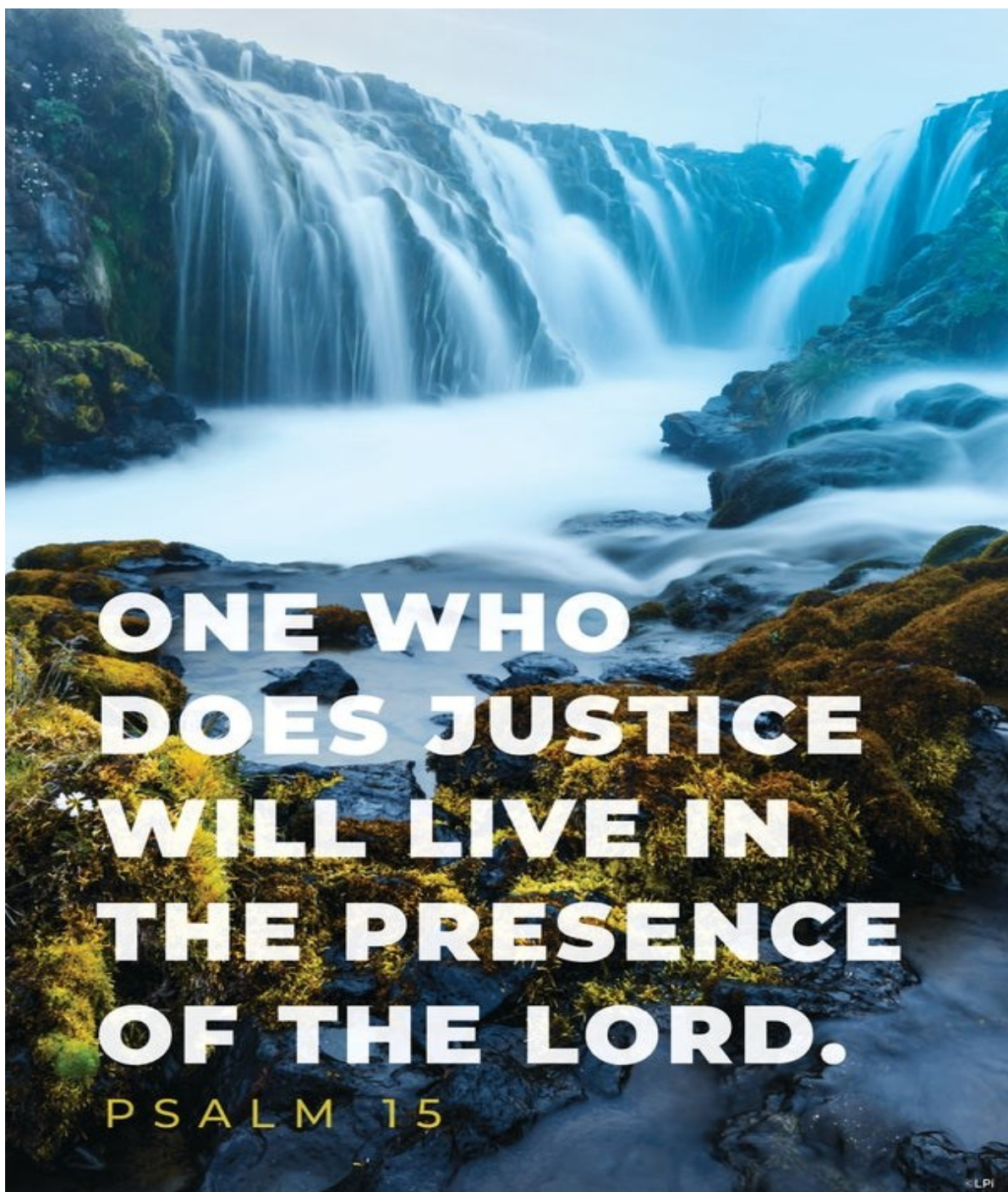




Sunday, July 20, 2025  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ***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

**Address:** 6700 Main Street,  
Downers Grove, IL 60516-2799  
**Phone:** 630-969-1532

## 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

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## 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.

## COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the parish office.

## 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.

## CONFESSIONS

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR CONFESSIONS. 630-969-1532**

## 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.

## 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 deben ser 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 se requerirán también.

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please e-mail submissions to **bulletin@divinesavior.net** 10 days before the publication.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



*July 23rd through July 27th*

Wednesday:	8:30am	Katherine Valla
Thursday:	8:30am	Angelo Caldarazzo
Friday:	8:30am	Sylvia Chmelina
Saturday:	4:00pm	Donald Walaszek
Sunday:	8:00am	For the Parishioners
	10:00am	For the Parishioners
	12 noon	Max Gómez

## ATTENTION TEENS AND ADULTS WITH disabilities

### Join us for our summer Dance Party live music!



SUNDAY, JULY 27 - 3 PM - 6 PM  
VISITATION SCHOOL GYM  
851 SOUTH YORK STREET  
ELMHURST, IL 60126



ENTRY  
\$ 10



SCAN  
ME!



RSVP TO MELANIE SCHNEIDER  
MELANIE.SCHNEIDER@VISITATION.ORG  
OR CALL 630-279-5078 X503



This week the Tabernacle Candle  
will be lit for Joanne Chmela.



### Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	Grace P.
Maureen C.	Herb G.
Mark C.	John Robinson
Terry R.	Anthony Gnutek
Mike N.	Norbert Wierzbicki
Sherry Toman	Marge Cushion
Steven G.	Betsy

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.



Kathleen Groh  
May 1948 – July 2025



Dennis Gaggini  
November 1940 – July 2025

## **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

Do you know someone over the age of 18 who is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Holy Communion? We can help. Join a friendly group of parishioners each week to learn about Jesus and the Church, answer questions, and enjoy interesting discussions about the Catholic faith.

The OCIA Journey begins on September 9th at 7:00 pm here at the Divine Savior, in English and Spanish.

If you have questions or would like to register, please call Bianca at the Religious Education office at (630) 574-9740, email: [dre@divinesavior.net](mailto:dre@divinesavior.net).

More details and information in future Bulletins.

## **Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OCIA)**

¿Conoces a alguien mayor de 18 años que esté interesado en recibir los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Confirmación y/o la Primera Comunión? Podemos ayudarlo. Únase a un grupo amigable de feligreses cada semana para aprender sobre Jesús y la Iglesia, responder preguntas y disfrutar de interesantes discusiones sobre la fe católica.

El grupo OCIA comienza el 9 de septiembre a las 7:00 pm aquí en el Divino Salvador,  
Tenemos grupo de inglés y de español.

Si tiene preguntas o desea registrarse, llama a Bianca a la oficina de Educación Religiosa al (630) 574-9740, correo electrónico: [dre@divinesavior.net](mailto:dre@divinesavior.net).

Más detalles e información en próximos boletines.

**Congratulations to Nathaniel Bernard and  
Adrianna Unzueta-Bernard on the Baptism of their son  
Nathaniel Clinton Bernard.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 2025-2026

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

**Monday -Tuesday**  
9:00 am-2:00 pm


**Wednesday-Thursday**  
12:30 pm-6:00 pm

📍 **Parish Center**

**1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> grade**  
**First Communion**  
**Confirmation**

**Registration Fee:**  
\$275.00 per child  
\*sibling discount  
\$50.00 Sacrament

**Enrollment Requirements**  
\*Birth Certificate  
\*Baptism Certificate  
\*First Communion Certificate  
(only for confirmation students)



**JESUS LOVES YOU!**

More Information Contact  
Mrs. Bianca  
630-574-9740  
dre@divinesavior.net



**Bishop Hicks' Column**  
**July 2025**  
**A Revival on the Road**



"Please don't let this be a one and done!" That was the heartfelt plea voiced by many who attended the [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in Indianapolis last summer. For five days, more than 60,000 Catholics from across the country gathered to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive His Word, to be nourished by His grace, and to be sent out on mission. It was not simply a conference; it was a mountaintop moment—a deeply spiritual encounter that ignited hearts with a renewed love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that unforgettable gathering, we have already begun to see fruits. Across the nation, more people are returning to the sacraments, seeking reconciliation, and encountering the Lord in new ways. Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we saw the number of individuals preparing to enter the Church more than double at this year's Rite of Election, and I believe it is a direct fruit of this [National Eucharistic Revival](#).

To ensure the momentum continues, the organizers of the Congress initiated a profound follow-up, including a Eucharistic pilgrimage across the country. Our diocese had the great honor of being the first to welcome the procession on its [journey from Indianapolis toward Los Angeles](#).

I had the privilege of receiving the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance, along with many faithful of all ages, at [St. Mary Parish in Paxton](#), Illinois. After a beautiful Holy Hour, I accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Gilman, where more faithful were waiting in adoration. From there, the journey continued to [St. John Paul II Parish](#) in Kankakee for overnight adoration.

The next day, [Bishop McNamara High School](#), with [Bishop Spies](#), hosted a devout celebration with students, teachers, and community members gathered for Eucharistic adoration and praise. Bishop Spies then accompanied the Lord from Kankakee to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Morris, Illinois, where we processed and concluded with a beautiful Holy Hour.

I was so proud of our people—not only for organizing these processions and liturgies, but also for the outpouring of thousands of participants of every age and language.

One of the most touching moments for me was driving in the van that carried the Eucharistic Lord and 12 young adult pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. As we traveled from Morris to Seneca, the pilgrims prayed a "Eucharistic Rosary of Gratitude." On each of the 50 beads, they took turns expressing a unique prayer of

thanksgiving to God for the gifts and blessings they experienced while in the Diocese of Joliet. Among their heartfelt prayers, one of them expressed gratitude for the simple joy of a delicious homemade breakfast burrito received earlier in Kankakee. That small moment was a powerful reminder: the Eucharist draws us into deep reverence while also opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary. Gratitude, born from the Eucharist, transforms how we see the world.

As we made our way west, I handed the monstrance to [Bishop Lou Tylka](#) in Seneca, Illinois, and the pilgrimage continued its sacred path across the country. Eventually, the procession reached [Los Angeles on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi](#). This massive, coast-to-coast movement is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a literal and spiritual journey of our Lord passing through cities, towns, farmland, and neighborhoods, blessing the land and sanctifying His people.

And the journey isn't over. Indeed, the [National Eucharistic Revival](#) is blossoming into a long-term spiritual renewal. In addition to the pilgrimages, organizers have laid out a bold and inspiring vision for what comes next, including the formation of Eucharistic Missionaries—lay leaders who commit to daily prayer, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and intentional accompaniment of others on the journey of faith. Parish and diocesan initiatives are taking root all over the country, fostering ongoing prayer, Eucharistic formation, and local missionary outreach. And the [2029 National Eucharistic Congress](#) is already on the horizon!

But for this revival to bear lasting fruit, it must reach into the very fabric of our daily lives. We are each called to respond with renewed fervor: to make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives, to witness to the Real Presence of Jesus with joy and confidence, and to put our faith into action by carrying His love to the peripheries—wherever people are hurting, lonely, or searching.

So, thankfully, this [Eucharistic Renewal](#) is not a one and done! May this movement continue in our diocesan parishes, in our schools, in Eucharistic adoration chapels, whenever the priest elevates the Host at Mass, and every time we receive this extraordinary gift of Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To learn more about how to keep the fires of the Eucharistic Revival burning at your parish, visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival) or email us at [dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org).

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

#### Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

#### Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,  
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,  
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

#### Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,  
6/Mt 20:20-28

#### Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Mt 13:24-30

#### Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/  
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **"one necessary thing."** He praises her for she **"has chosen the better part"** (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

**2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report**  
Results through 7/6/2025

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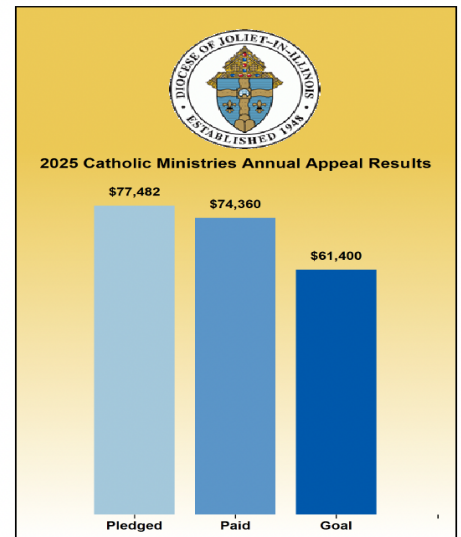
	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$77,482	\$62,285	\$15,197	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$74,360	\$56,908	\$17,451	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$3,123	\$5,377	(\$2,254)	\$520
Donors	163	202	-39	224
2025 Rebate	\$9,072			

2025 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>8%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$475.35</b>	<b>1,956</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>76</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)	2	2	0
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	6	11	-5
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	152	209	-57
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>-61</b>



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

## July Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
6th	\$ 7,796.00	\$ 2,308.25	\$ 2,879.00	\$ 12,983.25	\$ 324.00	\$ 362.77	<b>\$13,670.02</b>
13th	\$ 7,656.00	\$ 2,276.16	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 11,701.16	\$ 265.00	\$ 280.00	<b>\$12,246.16</b>
20th				\$ -			\$ -
27th				\$ -			\$ -
				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 15,452.00	\$ 4,584.41	\$ 4,648.00	\$ 24,684.41	\$ 589.00	\$ 642.77	<b>\$25,916.18</b>
<b>2025/26 Fiscal Year Total</b>	<b>\$15,452.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,584.41</b>	<b>\$ 4,648.00</b>	<b>\$24,684.41</b>	<b>\$ 589.00</b>	<b>\$ 642.77</b>	<b>\$25,916.18</b>

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 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

Circle the things Martha worried about.

### Prayer

Lord, I want to stop working to listen to my visitors.

### Mission for the Week

I will sit on the front doorstep and talk with Jesus every morning.

### Sharing the Gospel

When company came, Martha hurried to get the house ready. She made sure the food was cooked. She set the table with cups, dishes, and silverware. She put clean sheets on the beds. She emptied the trash. Mary didn't worry about all that. She stopped everything to listen to her visitor. If your house is neat all the time, you can relax and talk with your guests. Then you can cook dinner together.

Now color  
the picture!

