



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.

Sunday, July 12th, 2026
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

— MATTHEW 13:3 —

Parish Information

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JOIN THE PARISH!

Stop in the parish office during business hours to register.

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.

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., 10:00a.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



July 15th through July 19th

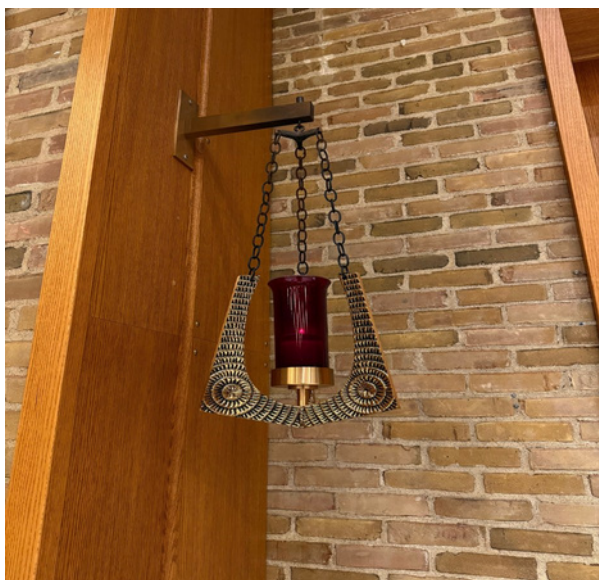
Wednesday:	8:30am	Manuel Hidalgo
Thursday:	8:30am	Loretta Swieca
Friday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Saturday:	4:00pm	Alex Bratuljevich
Sunday:	8:00am	Francisca Peralta Fuentes
	10:00am	Mary Comforte
	12:00pm	Familia Preciado Estrada



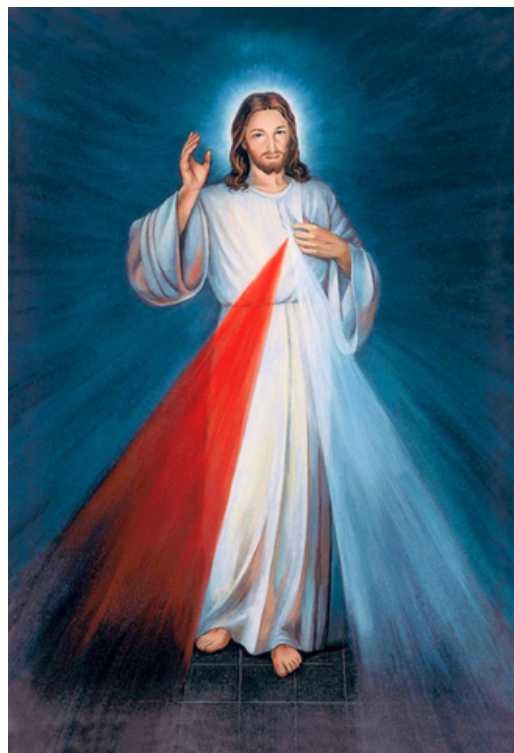
Prayers for the sick:

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.	Erna Eubanks
Herb G.	Kathy Hamilton
Kelly M.	Angelica Collazos
Justin Pratt	Rich Parent
Julie K.	Louise Casillas
Janice Sinnick	Joann Costa
	Frederick Costa

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 Alexander Bratuljevich





We want to express our sincere gratitude to all friends and parishioners who came to celebrate the life of our son Sammy Alegria. Your presence was a beautiful sign of your amazing love and care. Thanks for being a light of faith in our lives.

- The Alegria Family



**ATTENTION TEENS AND ADULTS
WITH disabilities**
**Join us for our summer
Dance Party live music!**

SUNDAY, JULY 26 - 4 PM - 7 PM
**VISITATION SCHOOL GYM
(VALENTINO CENTER)**
851 SOUTH YORK STREET
ELMHURST, IL 60126

**ENTRY
\$ 10**

**SCAN
ME!**

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



**Hearing the Lord and
Responding to His Call**
An Evening for Young Women (ages 12-35) with
Sr. Kelly Grace O'Ryan, SCTJM

Join us for a night of testimony, Q&A, and learning how
to discover and follow God's plan of love for your life
no matter what He's calling you to!

Wednesday, July 22nd
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Visitation Church
779 S. York St. Elmhurst, IL 60126

Sr. Kelly Grace is a Sister of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SCTJM), a religious community founded in Miami, FL by Mother Adela Galindo. As the daughter of Deacon Michael O'Ryan and his wife, Patricia, she grew up in Elmhurst, IL, at Visitation Parish.

In college at Illinois State University, she encountered the Lord in a personal way through the ministry of the SCTJM sisters who directed the Catholic Newman Center there. After graduating from ISU, she joined the SCTJM and professed her First Vows in 2020.

Sr. Kelly Grace will profess her Perpetual Vows later this year on Nov 21st. She currently serves as the Director of Religious Education at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Kansas City, KS.

Come as you are. Leave inspired.

Refreshment reception to follow!



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GOD IS CALLING YOU!

Take the Next Step in Your Faith

DIOS TE ESTA LLAMANDO!

Da el Siguiente Paso en tu Camino de Fe

Have you been thinking about completing your Sacraments?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for adults who wish to:

- Receive Baptism
- Receive First Holy Communion
- Receive Confirmation
- Learn more about the Catholic Faith

You are always welcome!

It's never too late to answer God's call.

Has pensado en completar tus Sacramentos?

El Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) es para adultos que desean:

- Recibir el Bautismo
- Recibir la Primera Comunion
- Recibir la Confirmacion
- Conocer y crecer en la fe catolica

Siempre eres bienvenido!

Nunca es tarde para responder al llamado de Dios.

"Come to me, all who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

"Vengan a mi todos los que estan cansados y agobiados,
y yo les dare descanso." - Mateo 11:28

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WELCOME BACK TO

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

Open Registrations NOW

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON AUGUST 17TH

Monday- Thursday

9am - 2pm

Return student:

- Fill out Registration form
- \$275 1st to 6th grade
- \$325 Sacramental 2nd year

New student requirement:

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Baptism or First Communion
- Fill out Registration form
- \$275

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 7/5/2026

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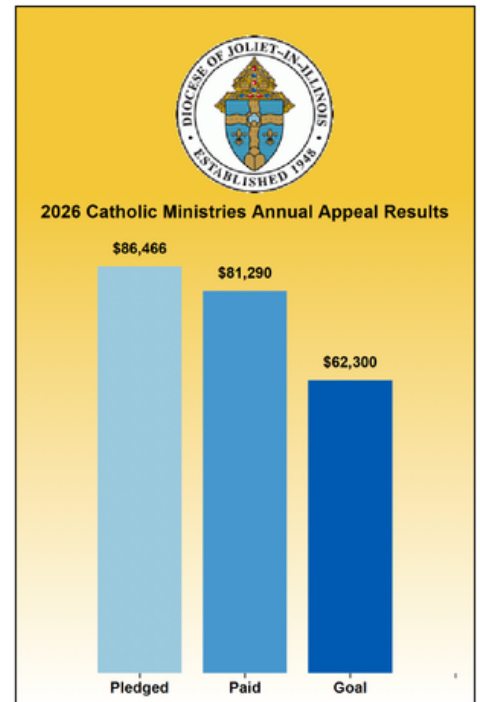
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$86,466	\$78,192	\$8,274	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$81,290	\$74,722	\$6,569	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$5,176	\$3,471	\$1,705	\$200
Donors	153	165	-12	202
2026 Rebate	\$13,293			

2026 Parishioners	
2,119	7%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$565.14	1,966
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
64

For full LYBUNT listing view last page of report

Giving Circles	2026 Donors	2025 Donors	Difference
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	1	1	0
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	0	0
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	2	2	0
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	2	3	-1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	10	9	1
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	138	187	-49
Total Donors	153	202	-49



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

June Stewardship							
2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
5th	\$5,871.00	\$1,964.00	\$2,299.00	\$10,134.00	\$265.00	\$220.64	\$10,619.64
12th							
19th							
26th							
Month Total	\$5,871.00	\$1,964.00	\$2,299.00	\$10,134.00	\$265.00	\$220.64	\$10,619.64
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$5,871.00	\$1,964.00	\$2,299.00	\$10,134.00	\$265.00	\$220.64	\$10,619.64

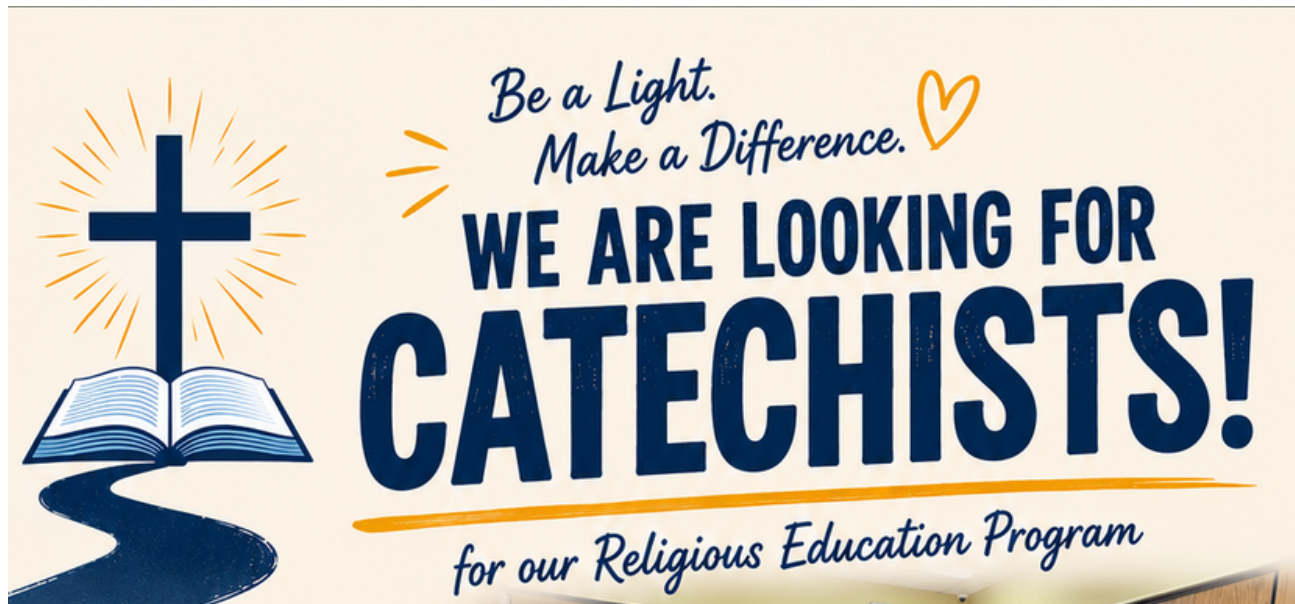
If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners may include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to Bulletin@divinesavior.net. Please notify us when the service person returns home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Jeremiah Curtis - Taji
Elisabeth Carrillo - National Guard
David Blazin - US Army
Kevin Przybocki - US Army
Rachael Vicha - Navy
Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard
Morgan Demos - US Navy
Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy
Lt. Jack O'Sullivan, MD - Navy
Edgar Nava Lopez - Marine



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
Gabryel Barrera - Marine Corp



Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, tell me how to grow closer to your ways of goodness.

Mission for the Week

I will plant a seed in good dirt and water it for you, Lord.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is standing in a boat at the edge of a large lake. He is talking to you and a crowd on the shore. You are sitting on a blanket with your mother's picnic basket beside you. Jesus talks about sowing seed. You are like God's seed. You grow in God's way because you are baptized with the water of salvation and are given the nutrients that come from obeying God's commandments.

Now color
the picture!



What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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