



THE MISSION STATEMENT

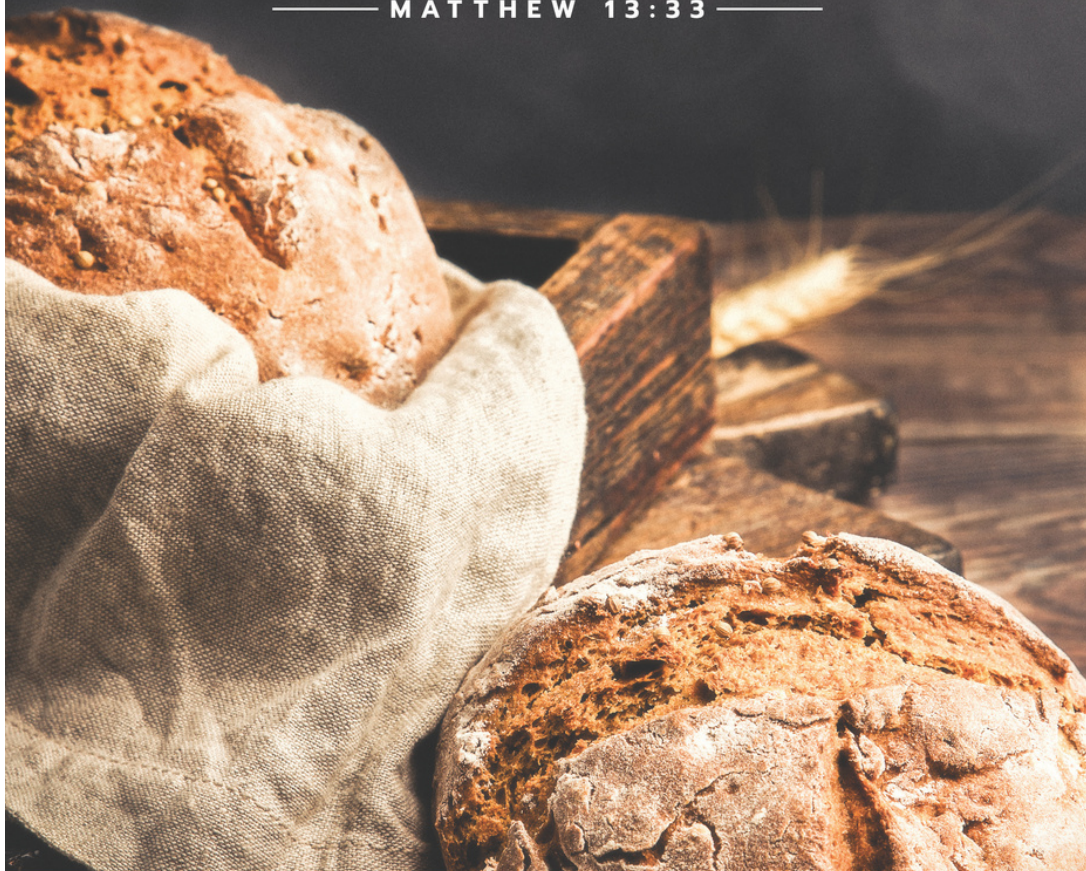
We, the members of Divine Savior Parish, called in Baptism by the Holy Spirit to be a people grounded in Word and Sacrament, strive to reach out to all peoples. Through collaboration and sharing of talents and gifts we are dedicated in prayer and in the works of justice to making the Kingdom of God present among all peoples, races and cultures.

Sunday, July 19th, 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WHOLE BATCH WAS **LEAVENED.**

— MATTHEW 13:33 —



SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

Parish Information

CONTACT US

Website: WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

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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 22nd through July 26th

Wednesday: 8:30am John Jenkins

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am Donald Walaszek

Saturday: 4:00pm Michael Pietrucha

Sunday: 8:00am For the Parishioners

10:00am Monika Joyce

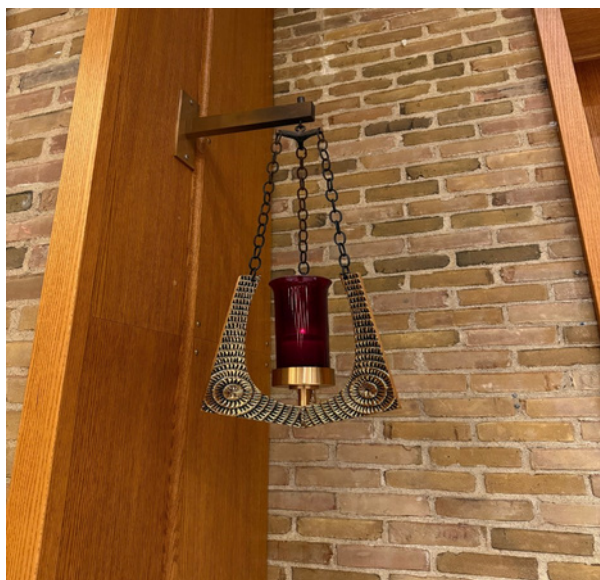
12:00pm Max Gomez



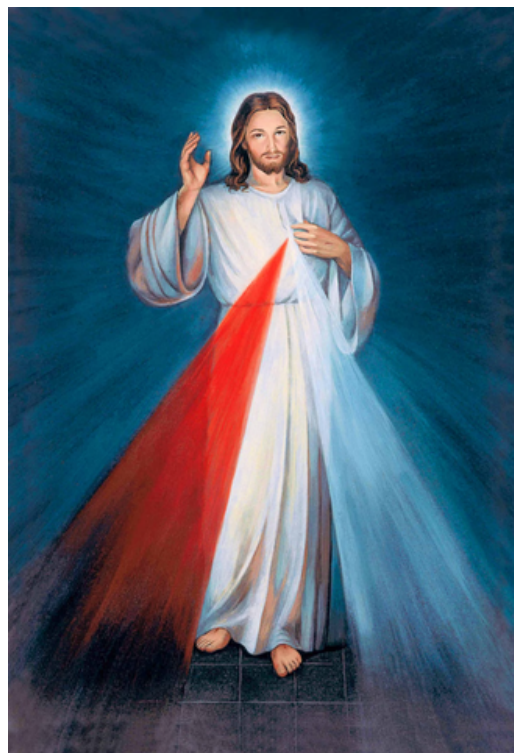
Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	John Robinson	Joann Costa
Maureen C.	Anthony Gnutek	Frederick Costa
Mark. C.	Norbert Wierzbicki	Janice Sinnick
Terry R.	Besty	Cynthia Jara
Sherry Toman	Pete Cushion	Rose Kraemer
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	

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



LAST CALL FOR SUMMER ORDERS.
Please submit forms by 7/31/26.



**Help Pave the Way to
our Mary Grotto**

**Purchase a Laser
Engraved Brick
4" x 8" \$100**

Become a lasting part of Divine Savior’s history and landscape.

We are now accepting orders for the laser engraved bricks used to pave the way to our Blessed Virgin Mary statue located on the northwest side of the church building. This is an excellent way to remember a loved one, commemorate a special occasion such as a birth or wedding or just to say we are proud to be parishioners of Divine Savior Parish. Your brick can have up to 3 lines of words and 20 characters per line (this includes numbers, spaces, and punctuation.) Placement in 2026 weather permitting.

Please print clearly - one character per box: includes letters, numbers, punctuation and spaces.

Your Name

Phone

Address

Email

City

State

Zip

Please make checks payable to Divine Savior Parish and return with this order form to:
Divine Savior Parish, 6700 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516-3425 or place in the collection basket.
For questions contact the office at 630-969-1532



Jose Luis Gonzalez
Mr. Gonzalez is resting in peave in the hands of God. Our prayers and hearts are with his family during this difficult time

Registration

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



 **MONDAY-THURSDAY**
 **9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
 **PARISH CENTER**



SIGN UP NOW

 630-574-9740

 dre@divinesavior.net



*Be a Light.
Make a Difference.* 

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CATECHISTS!

for our Religious Education Program

WE NEED YOU! 



**Our kids and youths
NEED YOU!**



WE OFFER:



A CURRICULUM
Faith-filled and ready to use.



TRAINING
Ongoing formation and support.



A GOOD ENVIRONMENT
A welcoming, faith-filled and supportive community.



Share
Faith.
Change
Lives.

Answer the Call.

MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT!

 Please contact Religious Education Office or speak with our RE coordinator Bianca Jimenez 630-574-9740

 dre@divinesavior.net

We need you.
We are praying for you!



“ Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. ”

— MATTHEW 19:14



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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

CONTACT / CONTACTO

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

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

Monday:

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9,
10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

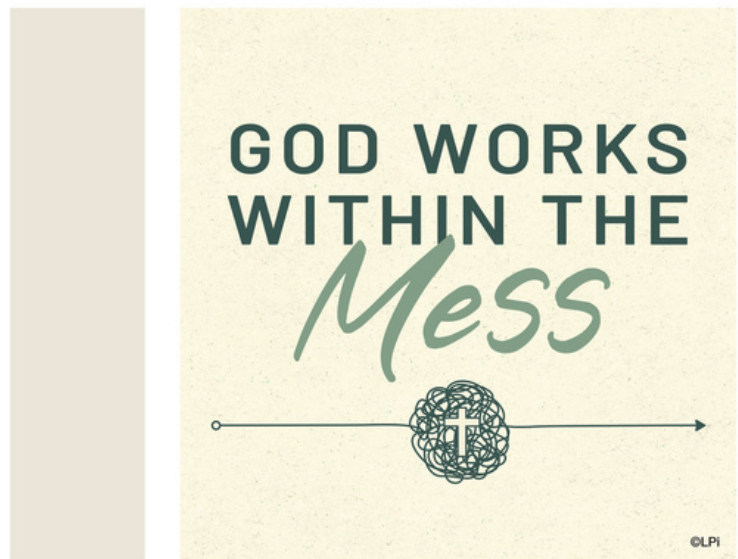
2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-
128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
13:44-46



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **"It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth,"** he said, **"but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?"** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,"** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 7/5/2026

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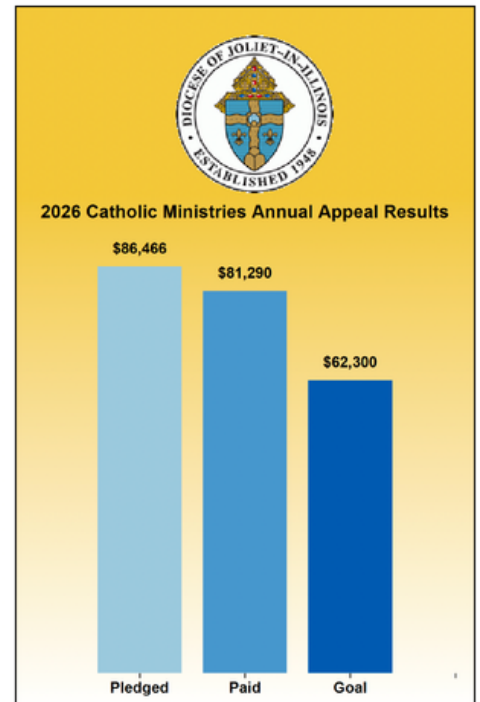
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$86,466	\$78,192	\$8,274	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$81,290	\$74,722	\$6,569	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$5,176	\$3,471	\$1,705	\$200
Donors	153	165	-12	202
2026 Rebate	\$13,293			

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.

July 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	\$5,743.00	\$2,422.00	\$2,226.50	\$10,391.50	\$133.00	\$228.00	\$10,752.50
19th							
26th							
Month Total	\$11,614.00	\$4,386.00	\$4,525.50	\$20,525.50	\$398.00	\$448.64	\$21,372.14
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$17,357.00	\$6,808.00	\$6,752.00	\$30,917.00	\$531.00	\$676.64	\$32,124.64

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

Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation - Christ the Servant Catholic Church, Woodridge IL

Christ the Servant Catholic Church is seeking a disciple-driven leader to serve as our Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation. We need a mission-driven Director of Religious Formation to lead a small (less than 150) but growing K-8 formation program. We are a welcoming, faith-filled parish community committed to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ and helping others encounter Him. We are looking for someone who is passionate about sharing the Catholic faith, inspiring young people, supporting families, and helping build a vibrant culture of lifelong discipleship. This is more than an administrative position. It is an opportunity to lead others into a deeper relationship with Christ and to help shape the future of faith formation at Christ the Servant. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to build upon our strong parish foundation while developing new and engaging opportunities for children, youth, adults, and families to grow in faith. Will possess a strong knowledge of Catholic teaching, Scripture, and Church tradition through a Degree in Religious Education or related field. Demonstrate a passion for evangelization, discipleship, and faith formation. Have experience working with children, youth, families, and volunteers. Exhibit strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills. Be able to inspire, motivate, and build relationships across multiple generations. Demonstrate creativity and initiative in developing programs that foster engagement and spiritual growth. Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and committed to living the Catholic faith. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of Christ the Servant, the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. **To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.** If you feel called to share the Gospel, inspire young people, support families, and help grow the Church, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining our team. **To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to Fr. Bob Duda at frbob@ctswoodridge.org. Please reference- Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation in the subject line of your email.**

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

Mission for the Week

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.

Sharing the Gospel

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.

Now color
the picture!



Find the matching shadow

