



Sunday, July 26th, 2026
17th 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.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIKE A NET
THROWN INTO
THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 13:47 —

Parish Information

CONTACT US

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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 29th through August 2nd

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Saturday: 4:00pm Nora Ortanez

Sunday: 8:00am For the Parishioners

10:00am Irene Nowak

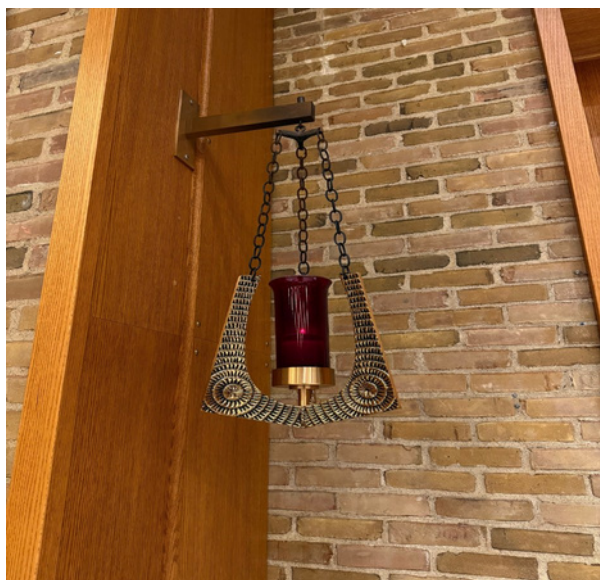
12:00pm Sammy Alegria



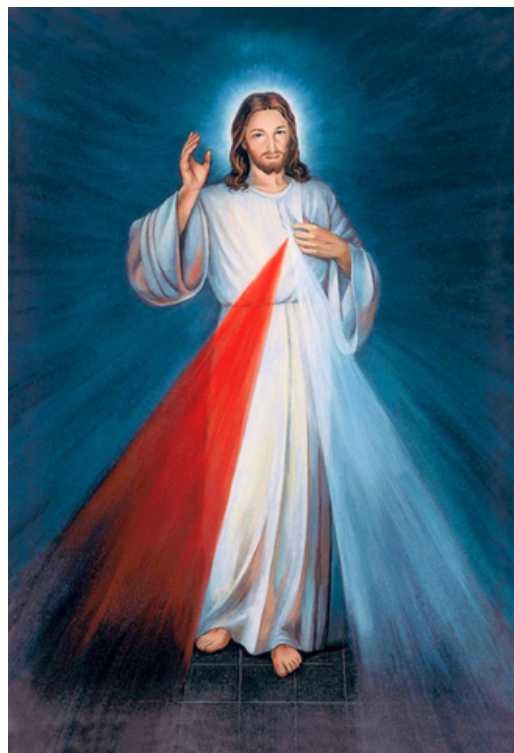
Prayers for the sick:

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	
Steven G.	Bev. G	
Joann Costa	Emri R.	
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina	
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Paul Czech	
Grace P.	Kathy S.	
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks	
Kelly M.	Kathy Hamilton	
Justin Pratt	Angelica Collazos	
Friar Johnpaul Cafiero	Rich Parent	
Rose Kraemer	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.



The Tabernacle Candle will be lit in memory of Kathy & Ernie Carlson





Congratulations Emilija Nijole
Theresa Derrico on being
baptized Sunday July 19th.



Congratulations on being
baptized Joseph Michael
Longoria on Saturday July 18th.



Quinceanera for Jazmin Roque.



Our Deepest Sympathies



Irma Vasari
June, 1934 – July, 2026

Irma was a hard worker and a strong woman. She would do anything for her family, whom she loved dearly.



Gloria Pirkins
December 1932 – July 2026

Gloria lived a life defined by faith, hard work and a desire to care for others. She served in the Divine Savior parish office for many years, where she enjoyed being part of the parish community she loved.

Business Manager – Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish, Aurora, IL

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish, a vibrant Catholic community located in Aurora, Illinois, is seeking a dedicated and qualified Business Manager. This leadership role is vital to ensuring the responsible stewardship of parish resources and supporting the mission of the Church. A Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or related field (Accounting or Finance preferred). A minimum of 5 years of experience in financial management, accounting, or business operations. Proficiency with accounting software and Microsoft Office Suite; experience with payroll (Paylocity), and accounting systems is a plus. A practicing Catholic with a commitment to the teachings and values of the Catholic Church is strongly preferred. Must uphold the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for this position, interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and at least two (2) professional references to Father Michael Kearney at frmichael@olmercy.com. Please reference Business Manager in the subject line of the email.

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

WELCOME
BACK
TO
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

Open Registrations NOW
REGISTRATION CLOSES ON AUGUST 17TH
Monday- Thursday
9am - 2pm

Return student:	New student requirement:
• Fill out Registration form	• Copy of Birth Certificate
• \$275 1st to 6th grade	• Copy of Baptism or First Communion
• \$325 Sacramental 2nd year	• Fill out Registration form
	• \$275

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

WOMEN AT RISK INTERNATIONAL
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DEAF MINISTRY
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

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

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 7/5/2026

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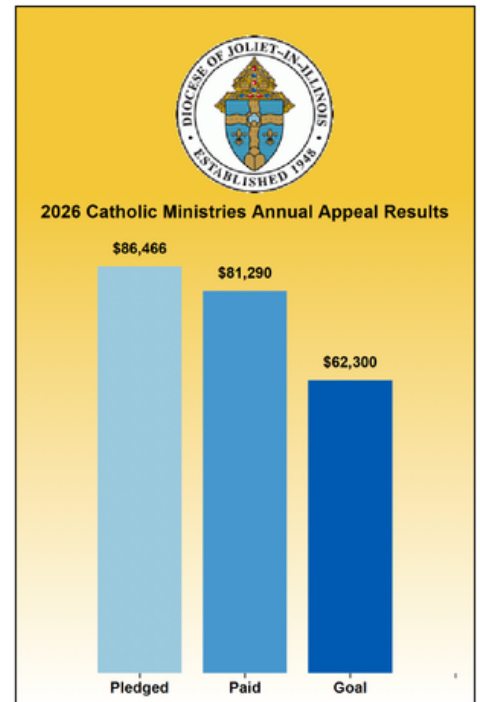
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$86,466	\$78,192	\$8,274	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$81,290	\$74,722	\$6,569	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$5,176	\$3,471	\$1,705	\$200
Donors	153	165	-12	202
2026 Rebate	\$13,293			

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	\$6,508.00	\$2,265.00	\$2,069.00	\$10,842.00	\$2,099.00	\$229.66	\$13,170.66
26th							
Month Total	\$18,122.00	\$6,651.00	\$6,594.50	\$31,367.50	\$2,497.00	\$678.30	\$34,542.80
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$18,122.00	\$6,651.00	\$6,594.50	\$31,367.50	\$2,497.00	\$678.30	\$34,542.80

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



Jesus Garcia shall be joining the ranks of the Marines. May he serve with courage and honor.

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

Mission for the Week

Put God's kingdom first.
Read a Bible story every morning.

Sharing the Gospel

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

Now color
the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM
HEAVEN
TREASURE

HIDDEN
FIELD
FOUND

PEARLS
SOLD
BOUGHT

T	N	F	H	D	E	O	K	M	I	O
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D	I	N	G	E	A	R	S	I	D	N
O	J	H	I	D	D	E	N	O	W	Y
M	E	D	N	S	T	O	A	L	N	D
A	H	L	H	E	A	V	E	N	T	A

