



Sunday, June 29, 2025  
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles: Day

### ***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.*



*AMERICA IS HOPE,  
Compassion and Joy  
“One Nation under God”*

# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

**Website:** WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

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## 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**

## 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.

## 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 2nd through July 6th*

Wednesday:	8:30am	Joe Zeleuka
Thursday:	8:30am	Mr. Luke
Friday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Saturday:	4:00pm	James Klein
Sunday:	8:00am	Kenneth Ritzert
	10:00am	Robert Goste
	12 noon	Max Gómez

***YA NO LO PIENSES MAS  
YO YA QUIERO CASARME***

***CONTIGO...***



Invitation for Marriage Preparation

***PIDE INFORMACION AL:  
(630)969-1532  
CON LUPITA***

***MIE-JUE: 8:00 – 4:00 PM  
VIE: 8:00 – 12:00 HRS***



This week the Tabernacle Candle  
will be lit for James Breier,  
Dawn Mampreian and  
Bailey Mampreian



**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.	

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.



## 4th of July Mass!

Come celebrate July  
4th, America the  
Beautiful, with us!

We all built the spirit  
of our country.

Mass at 8:30 a.m. music by our Music Director,  
Paul!

\*Parish office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

Democracy is the government of the people,  
by the people, for the people.

“The life of the nation is secure only while the  
nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous.” -  
Frederic Douglas

# 2025: A Rare Year to Feast! (And Honor)

*By: Ken Erguiza, Music Minister*

2025 has been special for numerous reasons!

We began this year inaugurating the Jubilee of Hope, the first Jubilee in 25 years of the ordinary cycle since the Great Jubilee of 2000 (and first in 9 years since the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016).

Months later, our Holy Father Pope Francis passed away unexpectedly on Easter Monday, after he seemed to be slowly recovering from recent health struggles. (Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Francis' 2013 papal election was historic: first Pope born in the Americas, particularly Argentina, South America, and first from a religious order, in his case, a Jesuit.) Weeks later, history was made when the first Pope born in North America and the USA, and second from a religious order, was elected: Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, an Augustinian, who is now named Leo XIV!

We just concluded the Easter season on Pentecost, the Church's birthday, which celebrates the Holy Spirit coming to those first apostles of the Risen Christ. We are in the longest season of the year, part 2 of Ordinary Time, when we live out our faith in everyday life.

Yet, we look forward to more events this year: the 2025th birthday of our Lord (Christmas) and the canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis! (Acutis will be the first Saint born in the 3rd millennium; he was devoted to the Eucharist and used his computer skills to evangelize Eucharistic miracles! He passed away young from leukemia.) We celebrated in May the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, from which we were given the Nicene Creed, which we say in the profession of faith!

One thing we may overlook, though, is the rare opportunity to feast (and honor) on certain Sundays of Ordinary Time! Every year, some feasts with fixed dates are celebrated over the Ordinary Time liturgy. It is rare for them to fall on a Sunday; this year graces us with 5 of these feasts! In order, they are:

1. February 2, Presentation of the Lord: celebrates the Infant Jesus being consecrated to God in the temple 40 days after His birth. It is also called Candlemas because candles are traditionally lighted at Mass, symbolizing Jesus being a light to the nations, and foretelling His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.
  2. June 29, Saints Peter and Paul: June 2025 has the rarity of a feast every Sunday: our Lord's Ascension to Heaven, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ), and those two Saints! Peter and Paul were the most important of the apostles. Their lives were different yet similar: they walked different paths to Christ, established in Rome the Church's first diocese, spread the faith to different parts of the world, and were martyred in Rome on (tradition has it) the same day.
  3. September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross: celebrated on the anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher (site of our Lord's burial and Resurrection), it recalls when fragments of the Cross our Divine Savior was crucified on were found by Saint Helena during the basilica's construction. (Helena was the mother of Roman emperor Constantine, who first allowed Christianity to be practiced freely.)
  4. November 2, All Souls Day: honors our dearly departed, to whom we commend them to God in Heaven.
- November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: celebrates the most important church in the world: the Basilica of Saint John Lateran (not St. Peter's) in Rome. It is the Cathedral, and therefore home church, of the Bishop of Rome, who is none other than the Pope. (Cathedral comes from the Greek word *cathedra*, meaning chair; a cathedral has the bishop's chair, symbolizing his role.)

How blessed we are to live out our faith in this special year!



## Congratulations to our Music Director, Paul Berardi, on his recent graduation!





**BACK TO  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
REGISTRATION OPENS  
JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

**REGISTRATION HOURS**  
**MONDAY-TUESDAY 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY 12:30PM-6:30PM**

**NEW STUDENT REQUIREMENT:**  
**-BIRTH CERTIFICATE COPY**  
**-BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE COPY**  
**-FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATE**  
**COPY (FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**  
**ONLY)**

**DRE@DIVINESAVIOR.NET**



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

There will be **NO** First Friday Holy Hour on July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Please continue to pray for our Country—The United States of America! Stay tuned to the Bulletin for next month's Holy Hour.



## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of June 29, 2025

#### Sunday:

*Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

#### Monday:

Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

#### Tuesday:

Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

#### Wednesday:

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

#### Thursday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

#### Friday:

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

#### Saturday:

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

#### Next Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Father John Muir



## 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 6/15/2025

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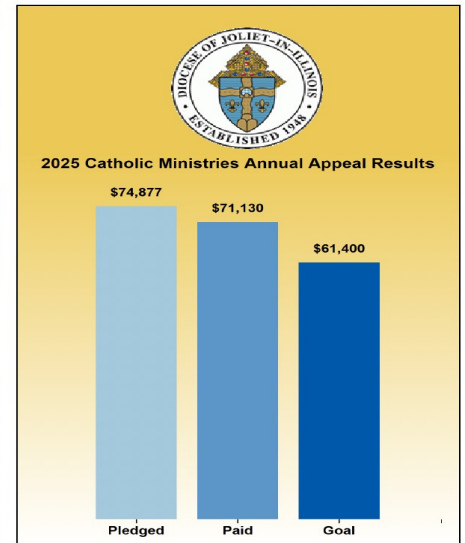
	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$74,877	\$61,095	\$13,782	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$71,130	\$54,602	\$16,528	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$3,748	\$6,493	(\$2,746)	\$520
Donors	156	196	-40	224
2025 Rebate	\$6,811			

2025 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>7%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$479.98</b>	<b>1,963</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>84</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)	5	11	-6
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	146	209	-63
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>-68</b>



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

## June Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
1st	\$ 6,251.00	\$ 2,074.00	\$ 2,895.14	\$ 11,220.14	\$ 126.00	\$ 340.25	\$ 11,686.39
8th	\$ 5,189.00	\$ 2,002.90	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 9,975.90	\$ 325.00	\$ 236.50	\$ 10,537.40
15th	\$ 5,358.00	\$ 2,063.00	\$ 1,524.00	\$ 8,945.00	\$ 1,788.00	\$ 302.86	\$ 11,035.86
22nd	\$ 6,506.00	\$ 2,325.50	\$ 2,184.00	\$ 11,015.50	\$ 605.00	\$ 1,211.84	\$ 12,832.34
29th				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 23,304.00	\$ 8,465.40	\$ 9,387.14	\$ 41,156.54	\$ 2,844.00	\$ 2,091.45	\$ 46,091.99
2024/25 Fiscal Year Total	\$381,695.45	\$ 107,280.34	\$116,698.90	\$605,674.69	\$ 36,344.00	\$71,084.47	\$713,103.16

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





### Prayer

Thanks for helping me learn about the way to heaven.

### Mission for the Week

I will stand watch to keep evil out of my soul.

### Sharing the Gospel

Peter told Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus gave the keys to heaven to Simon Peter. Many stories show St. Peter standing watch at heaven's gate. Jesus died on the cross so that your sins could be forgiven. He called Peter "the rock" because Peter believed strongly in Jesus and his teachings. He made Peter the head of his church. Peter was the first pope.

Now color  
the picture!



Circle the picture that is different. Then color in all the pictures

