



Sunday, March 1st, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent

### **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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HIS FACE SHONE LIKE  
**THE SUN.**

— MATTHEW 17:2 —



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

**Website:** WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

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## 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.

## 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](mailto:bulletin@divinesavior.net) 10 days before the publication.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays:** 8:30a.m.Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8a.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

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**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



*March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>*

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am Stanley Layman

Friday: 8:30am In Thanksgiving for Feli  
Refuerzo

Saturday: 4:00pm Nora Ortanez

Sunday: 8:00am Angelo Caldarazzo

10:00am William Klein

12:00pm Ma de los Angeles  
Cruz

## PRAYER REQUEST



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.	Carolyn Heinrich
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks
	Kathy Hamilton

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 for Max Gomez, Rest in Peace.

### Announcements:

Every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM followed by soup and bread in the parish center.





## THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK

Parishioner Mark Hoffmeyer will once again be giving a Lenten presentation on the events surrounding Jesus' last days - from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday - on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Please come and spend a little time this Lent gaining a deeper understanding of what Jesus did, and what happened to Jesus - and why - during Holy Week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Divine Savior

# PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Every **Tuesday during Lent**, the church will be open from **noon to 6pm** for personal prayer and reflection. Come and spend some minutes with Christ during this holy season.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." - Psalm 150:6*



## MISSION WEEK

CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDING  
1887

**THURSDAY, MARCH 05, 2026**

### BENEDICTINE HERITAGE LECTURE

*"Benedictine Spirituality for the Frazzled"*

Reception | 6:30 PM  
Lecture | 7:00 PM

Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business, Sorensen Hall of Leaders, Room 411



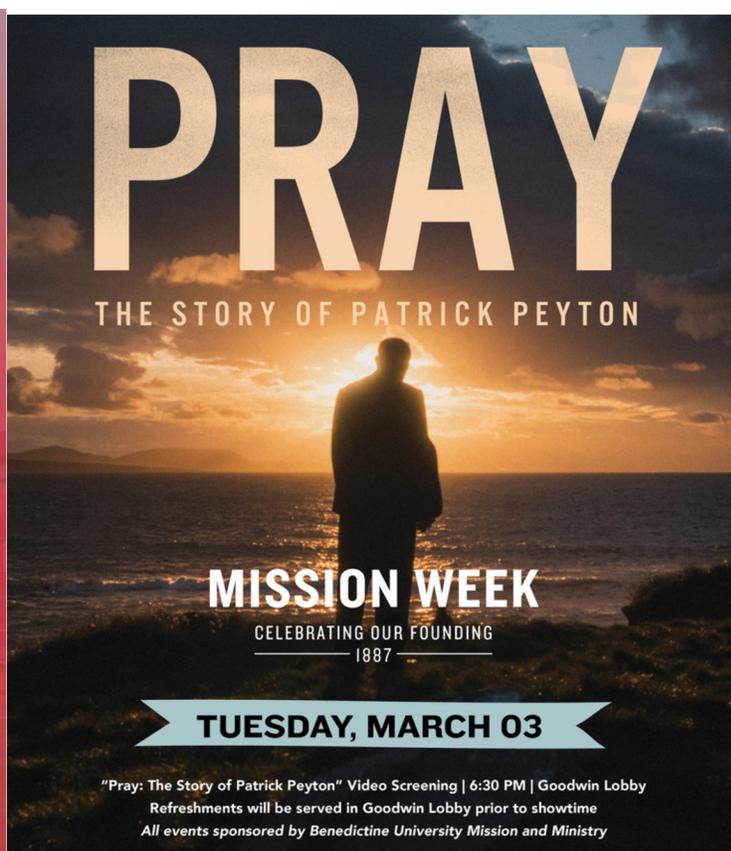
**Dr. Jane Tomaine, OBlSB**  
*Author of St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living and The Rule of St. Benedictine: Christian Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living*

Dr. Jane Tomaine is an Episcopal priest, author, retreat leader, and an oblate of St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She studied organ performance at Cornell College and Ohio State University and ministry at the Theological School of Drew University. She was rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Livingston, New Jersey, for 12 years before leaving parish ministry to write and lead workshops and retreats on Benedictine living for churches, organizations, monasteries, and retreat centers.

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**  
All events sponsored by Benedictine University Mission and Ministry

# PRAY

THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON



## MISSION WEEK

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 03**

"Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton" Video Screening | 6:30 PM | Goodwin Lobby  
Refreshments will be served in Goodwin Lobby prior to showtime  
All events sponsored by Benedictine University Mission and Ministry

We pray for and congratulate the following individuals who will be receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass:

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Angel Yoeni Manzanero

**First Holy Communion:**

Audencio De La Cruz Ramirez

Chris Axel Camacho

Francisco Rene Chavez

Nicholas Dangles

Jose Luis Perez

Jocelyn Perez

Ashley Guadalupe Perez

**Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion:**

Yamilka Núñez Martinez

Ulysses Herrera

**Confirmation at the Cathedral on May 17th:**

Isis Avalos

Elizabeth Perez

Rogelio Perez

Jeanette Perez

Luis Perez

Jovanny Serrano

Jesica Zamarron

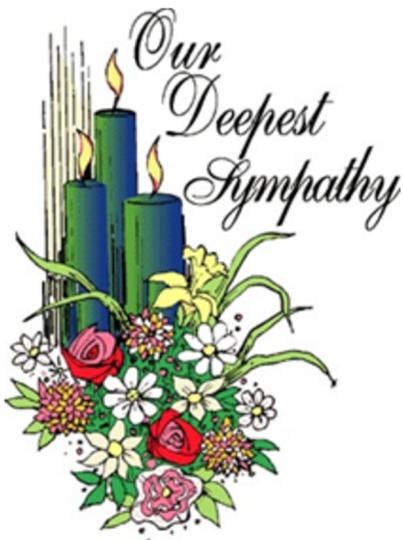
Robin Hickey

Luis Enrique Martinez

# Healing Mass on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>



## Soup and Bread after Stations of the Cross



In Sympathy  
Roseann Piemonte  
April 1947 – February 2026

Roseann and her husband  
have been  
parishioners at Divine  
Savior for 50+ years.  
She valued Love over  
perfection.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

### Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

### Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/  
Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/  
Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

### Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday:

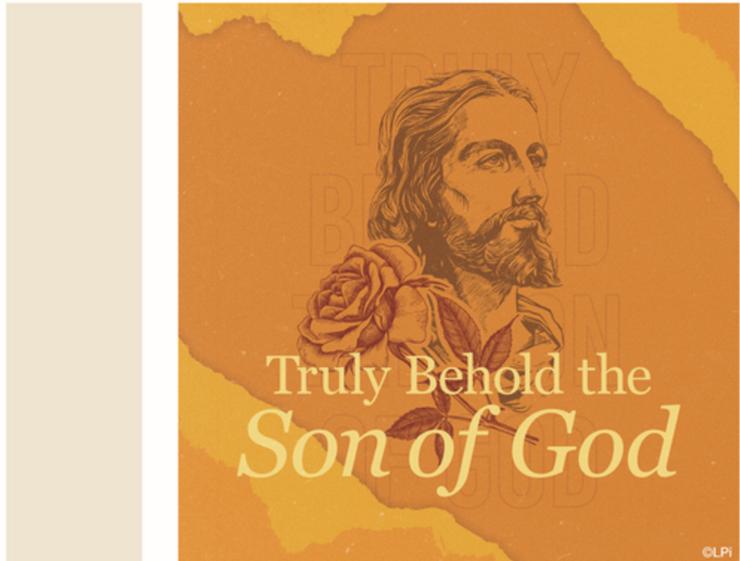
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Next Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,  
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,  
40-42



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

**Lenten Challenge:** Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

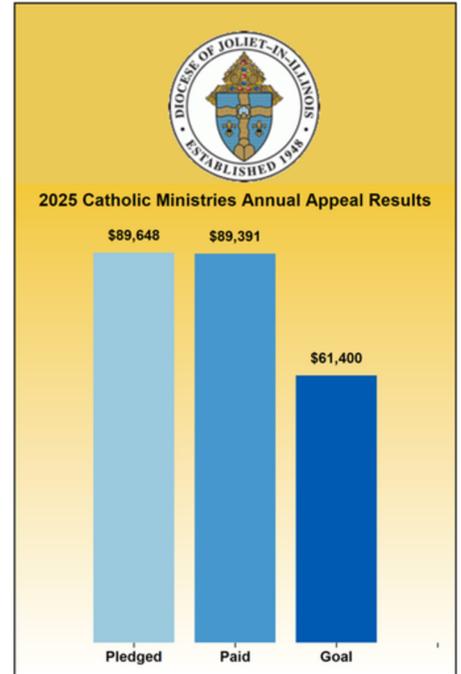
— *Father John Muir*

**2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report**

Results through 1/4/2026

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$89,648	\$70,294	\$19,354	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$89,391	\$69,734	\$19,657	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$258	\$560	(\$303)	\$520
Donors	200	224	-24	224
2025 Rebate	\$19,593			



2025 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>9%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$448.24</b>	<b>1,919</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTS (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>48</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)	3	2	1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	9	11	-2
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	185	209	-24
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>-24</b>

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AMERGENCY



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

**February Stewardship**



2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
2nd	\$11,098.00	\$2,118.96	\$2,255.14	\$15,472.10	\$135.00	\$317.10	<b>\$15,924.20</b>
9th	\$10,913.00	\$1,666.00	\$2,529.00	\$15,108.00	\$995.00	\$402.65	<b>\$16,505.65</b>
15th	\$6,374.00	\$1,808.00	\$2,364.00	\$10,546.00	\$2,199.00	\$480.00	<b>\$13,225.00</b>
22nd	\$5,789.00	\$2,391.30	\$2,654.00	\$10,834.30	\$255.00	\$4,687.39	<b>\$15,776.69</b>
Month Total	\$34,174.00	\$7,984.26	\$9,802.14	\$51,960.40	\$3,584.00	\$5,887.14	<b>\$61,431.54</b>
<b>2025/26 Fiscal Year Total</b>	<b>\$217,303.61</b>	<b>\$66,862.40</b>	<b>\$83,317.98</b>	<b>\$367,483.99</b>	<b>\$24,611.00</b>	<b>\$85,554.10</b>	<b>\$477,649.09</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

Elisabeth Carrillo - National Guard

David Blazin - US Army

Kevin Przybocki - US Army

Rachael Vicha - Navy

Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard

Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy

Lt. Jack O'Sullivan, MD - Navy

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



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE**

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR**

Come and enter into the desert with Jesus to meditate on his Passion, Death, and Resurrection during Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour on **THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Church.** (Since Stations of the Cross are on Fridays of Lent, Holy Hour will be on the first Thursday of March.) We'll have silent adoration, praying together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litanies and Prayers, and Benediction.

Eucharistic Adoration during Lent is a powerful, penitential, and traditional practice, encouraging Catholics to spend focused, silent, and reflective time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It deepens intimacy with Christ, allowing for meditation, prayer, and reparation for sins in preparation for Easter. Please join us to open our hearts and receive God's grace during this special Holy Hour!

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have Mercy on us and on the whole world! Jesus, I Trust in You!"



# Kids Corner

## Prayer

Lord, help me when I am afraid.

## Mission for the Week

When I am afraid, I will remember that God is always with me.

## Sharing the Gospel

Peter, James, and John had walked up the mountain with Jesus. When they got to the top, Jesus looked different. Rays of bright light came from his face. His robes became white. Then a voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son whom I love. In him I am well pleased. Listen to him." The three apostles were scared and fell on the ground and covered their heads with their arms. Then Jesus touched them and said, "Don't be afraid."

**Now color the picture!**



Help Jesus find his father!

