



Sunday, March 8th, 2026
Third 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.



Let there be Peace on
Earth

Parish Information

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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** 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

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



March 11th through March 15th

Wednesday: 8:30am Binu Mathew, Birthday

Thursday: 8:30am In Thanksgiving, Juan Carlos Casillas Jr.

Friday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Saturday: 4:00pm Godofredo Ferrer & Jesus Estanislao

Sunday: 8:00am Esther Schaffer

10:00am Alma Ortega

12:00pm Maria Herrera & Max Gomez



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
Kelly M.	Kathy Hamilton
Justin Pratt	Angelica Collazos

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 will be lit for Alexander Rodriguez.

Announcements:

Lenten Reconciliations - Wednesday
March 25th at 7:00PM

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



LENTEN PRESENTATION:

JESUS' LAST DAYS

THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 7:00 PM

Are you interested in getting a deeper understanding of what Jesus did – and what happened to Jesus and why – during His final days on earth, from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday? For example...

- Why did Jesus ride a donkey, and not walk, into Jerusalem?
- Why did Jesus go on a rampage in the temple? (Money changers and animal sellers were commonplace)
- Why did a crowd praise Him on Palm Sunday and want Him crucified on Friday?
- Why was Jesus crucified anyway? (Blasphemy resulted in torture/stoning, not crucifixion)



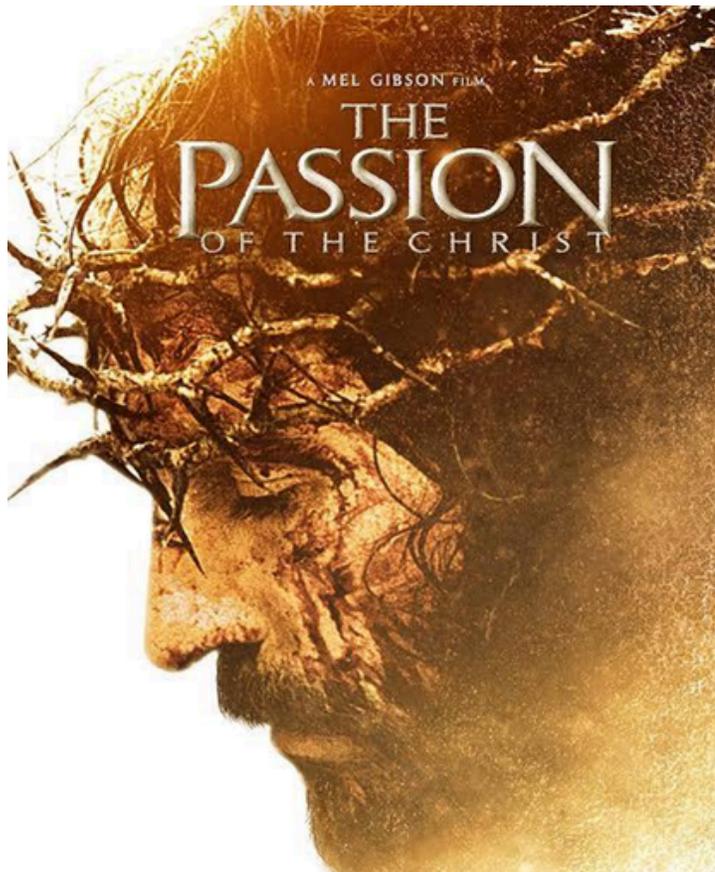
Parishioner (and former Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister) Mark Hoffmeyer will once again answer these and other questions in a presentation on Jesus' Last Days on **Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Please come and spend a little time this Lent learning more about events surrounding Our Lord's Passion. 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



MOVIE NIGHT

“THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST”

WHEN: THURSDAY MARCH 12TH

TIME: 6:30PM

WHERE: DIVINE SAVIOR, PASTORAL CENTER

SPONSORED BY: LEGION OF MARY

WE ARE HIRING!

Join our team

Position Needed – Parish Secretary

Divine Savior Parish, 6700 Main St. Downers Grove IL, is seeking a Par-time Bilingual Parish Secretary (20 hours a week) to provide a variety of general administrative duties for the parish, including but not limited to:

- coordinating arrangements for funerals, baptisms and weddings, sacramental record keeping,
- parish database record keeping,
- coordinating the parish calendar and assisting the needs of the pastor, parishioners and parish staff, as needed.

This position requires one to be fluent in English and Spanish. Please send a resume to luis@divinesavior.net or call the Business Manager, Luis Gonzalez at 630-574-9734.



St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 4PM MASS ON SATURDAY MARCH 14TH TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH.



Divine Savior Parish Easter Egg Hunt

To make this celebration meaningful and fun for our kids, we are asking for your generous support through donations.

Contact Bianca
If you would like to volunteer or have any questions
630-574-9740
dre@divinesavior.net

🙌 We Are Accepting Donations For:

**Save the date!
March 28th, 2026**

- **Easter eggs & nut free candy**
- **Children's prizes & small toys**
- **Refreshments**
- **Monetary donations to support children's activities**





Stations of the Cross





Sharing soup & bread



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

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

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

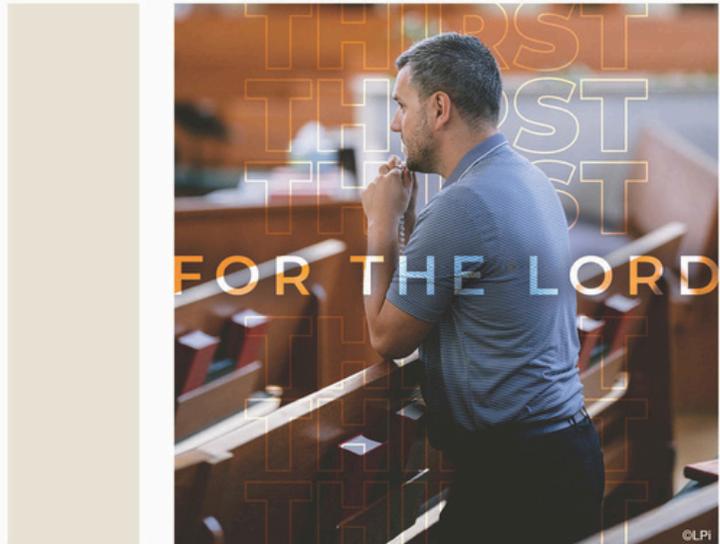
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **"One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 1/4/2026

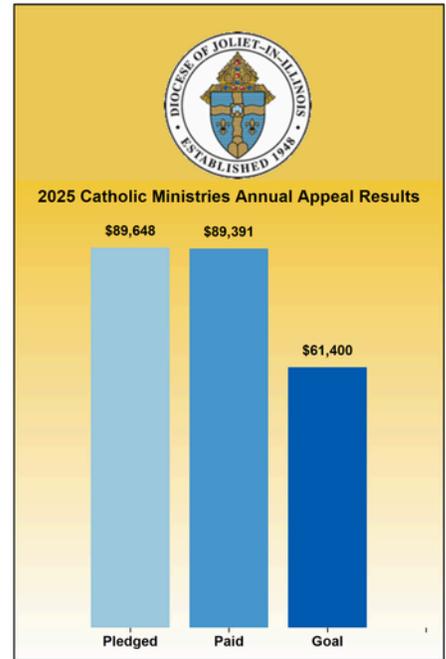
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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$89,648	\$70,294	\$19,354	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$89,391	\$69,734	\$19,657	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$258	\$560	(\$303)	\$520
Donors	200	224	-24	224
2025 Rebate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

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

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
48

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
Total Donors	200	224	-24

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

March Stewardship							
2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
1ST	\$14,318.00	\$2,236.77	\$2,405.14	\$18,959.91	\$285.00	\$585.85	\$19,830.76
8TH							
15TH							
22ND							
29th							
Month Total	\$14,318.00	\$2,236.77	\$2,405.14	\$18,959.91	\$285.00	\$585.85	\$19,830.76
2025/26 Fiscal Year	\$231,621.61	\$69,099.17	\$85,723.12	\$386,443.90	\$24,896.00	\$86,139.95	\$497,479.85

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
 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



Mary Marguerite “Peggy” Trick
 July 1947 – February 2026

Peggy was an award-winning artist.
 She taught art at the Chicago Art Institute.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, give me your water to drink.

Mission for the Week

I will give a cup of water to my family and friends today.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that when people drink his water they will never be thirsty again. When you are very hot, you would like this kind of water. The water that Jesus gives us to drink is his word which will last forever. It will help us get to heaven. Jesus said that he was the Messiah sent to explain everything. When you want to know the way, Jesus helps you. When you do not understand, Jesus explains it to you.

Now color the picture! →

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

