

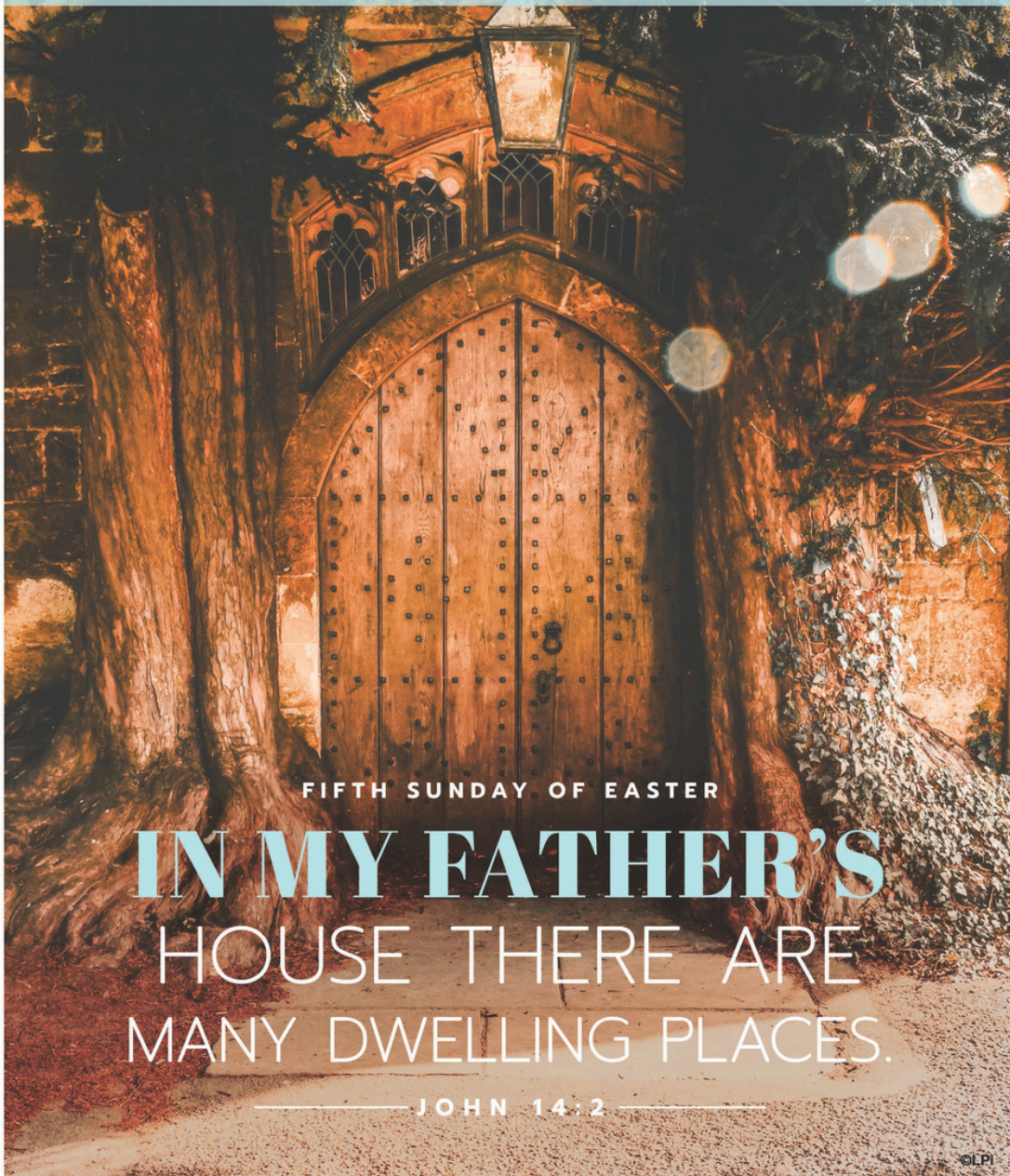


THE MISSION STATEMENT

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, May 3rd, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE THERE ARE
MANY DWELLING PLACES.

JOHN 14:2

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



May 6th through May 10th

Wednesday: 8:30am Ken Auten

Thursday: 8:30am Stanley & Victoria Layman

Friday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Saturday: 4:30pm Godofredo Ferrer & Jesus Estanislao

Sunday: 8:00am Teresa McNamara

10:00am Max Gomez

12:00pm Sammy Alegria

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.	Erna Eubanks
Herb G.	Kathy Hamilton
Kelly M.	Angelica Collazos
Justin Pratt	Rich Parent
Julie K.	Karen L.
	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 honor of Oscar Soto



Congratulations on your Baptism!



Baby - London Mae Lau
Parents - Heather and Kevin Lau
Godparents - Herb and Judy Gosewisch



Baby - Elena Adele Scheibe
Parents - Trevor & Michelle Scheibe
Godparents - Richard Compton and
Kathryn Villapudea



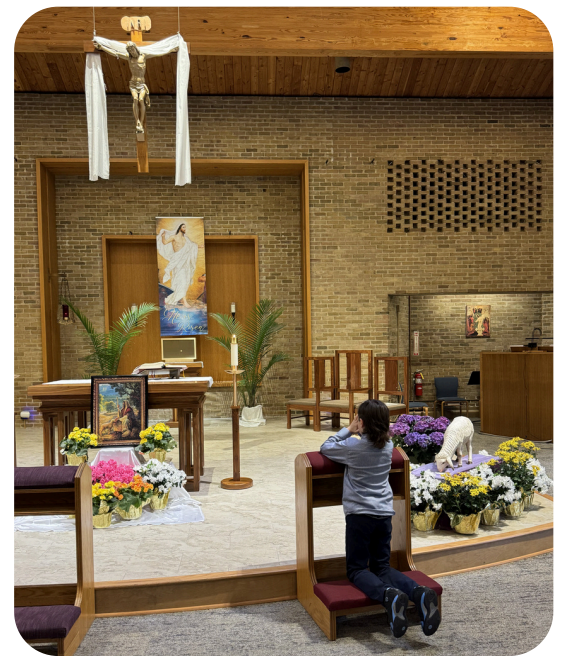


Good luck to long time parishioners, Frank and Loretta Cascio, as they relocate to another town to be closer to their daughter. Their 69 years together is a great example of their commitment to their marriage. We wish them well.

Congratulations to Lupita Plazola on her retirement from being a Parish Secretary. We will miss her kindness, her smile and her enthusiasm! We wish Lupita and her husband Juan Carlos all the best in the years to come as they move on to an exciting new chapter of their lives.



Congratulations on making your First Reconciliation! The students are excited to make their First Communion on Saturday, May 16th.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING TEXTILES & BOOK COLLECTION

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Computers & Peripherals

- PCs
- Main Frames
- Modems
- Printers
- Monitors
- Terminals
- Tape Drives
- CD-ROM Drives
- Floppy Disk Drives
- Plotters
- Mouse
- Keyboards
- Scanners
- Cables

Office Equipment & Products

- Telephones
- Phone Systems
- Answering Machines
- Fax Machines
- Copy Machines
- Cellular Phones
- Pagers
- Postage Machines

Small Home Appliances, Home Improvement Products

- Hair Dryers
- Circuit Breaker Boxes
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Power Tools
- Electronic Motors
- Wire
- Fixtures
- Toasters
- Coffee Makers (No Glass)
- Blenders, Mixers, etc. (No Glass)

Home Entertainment & Other Items

- TVs
- VCRs
- DVD Players
- Stereo Equipment
- Joy Sticks
- Cameras
- Camcorders
- Video Game Players

Textiles

- Clothing, sheets, household
textiles in any condition
- No heavily soiled items
- Items must be bagged.

Collection sponsored by eWorks ESI and CTS Green Team is open to all residents and small businesses. If you have more than 50 items (3 pallets or greater) please contact eWorks to arrange for a special pickup. Disposal fee will apply for all televisions and monitors.

CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs And Monitors
Under 21 inch screen = \$25.00 per unit
21 inch screen and over = \$35.00 per unit
Cash or Credit Card accepted - Please No Checks

Donations to support the Green Team service projects are greatly appreciated!

Christ The Servant Parking Lot
8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517
May 16th, 2026 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Exact change only. Do not sign credit card receipts.

Book collection – one box per car.

Textiles Will be Accepted – in Plastic Bags Only

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Large appliances, batteries, wooden speakers, hazardous and chemical waste will not be accepted. All items should be delivered unboxed and free of excess packaging materials.

Questions?

**Electronics & Textiles contact eWorks at
217-364-7543 www.eworksesi.org**

Event questions?

Contact Larry at 630-418-6928



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SCARCE | ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

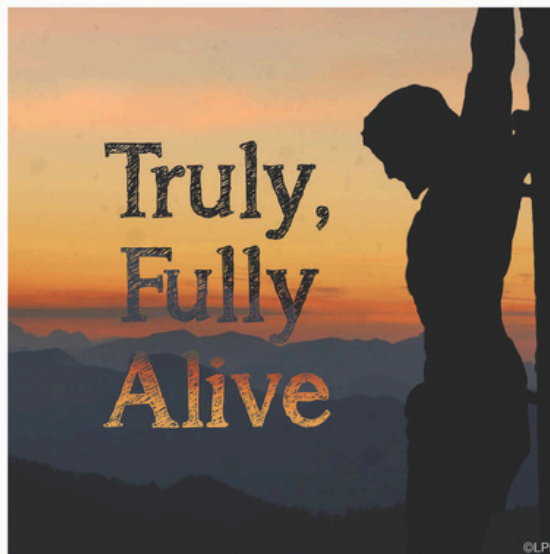
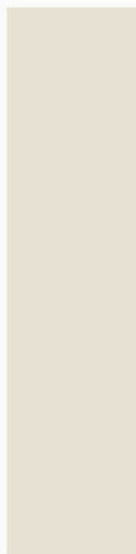
Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

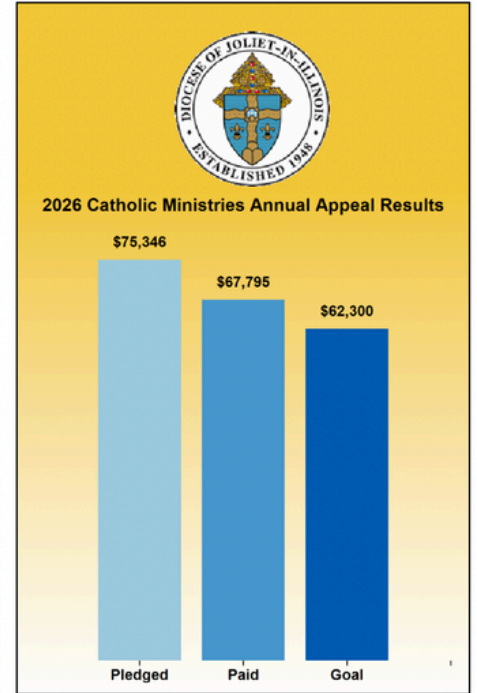
— *Father John Muir*

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 4/26/2026

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	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$75,346	\$66,145	\$9,201	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$67,795	\$59,896	\$7,899	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$7,551	\$6,249	\$1,302	\$200
Donors	130	139	-9	202
2026 Rebate	\$3,846			



2026 Parishioners	
2,119	6%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$579.58	1,989
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
87

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)	1	2	-1
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	2	3	-1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	8	9	-1
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	118	187	-69
Total Donors	130	202	-72



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

April Stewardship							
2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
5th	\$1,090.00		\$3,039.00	\$4,129.00	\$2,160.00	\$21,099.21	\$27,388.21
12th	\$7,606.00	\$2,392.00	\$2,574.00	\$12,572.00	\$2,078.00	\$1,534.00	\$16,184.00
19th	\$12,382.00	\$2,057.00	\$2,124.00	\$16,563.00	\$490.00	\$721.31	\$17,774.31
26th	\$5,313.00	\$2,330.34	\$2,461.00	\$10,104.34	\$470.00	\$363.00	\$10,937.34
Month Total	\$26,391.00	\$6,779.34	\$10,198.00	\$43,368.34	\$5,198.00	\$23,717.52	\$72,283.86
2025/26 Fiscal Year	\$281,500.61	\$85,317.51	\$104,888.26	\$575,928.77	\$32,668.00	\$121,543.14	\$625,917.52

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
 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



A GIANT MUSICAL EVENT

DAVID

Rated PG: Parental guidance suggested. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied to the screening by a parent or legal guardian.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall
 Saturday, May 16 at 7:15 pm

Free Admission · Limited Seats Available
 To reserve a seat, please contact Fr. Angelo at:
acasimiro@olopdarien.org

Kids Corner

Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS	PLACE	BELIEVE								
TRUST	GOING	LIVING								
PREPARE	FATHER	MIRACLES								
A	T	N	A	Y	H	O	F	N	T	W
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H	A	E	F	H	T	O	E	W	L	C
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