



Sunday, November 16, 2025
Thirty-Third 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.*

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR PERSEVERANCE
WILL SECURE
YOU.

— LUKE 21:19 —

— SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 —

Parish Information

CONTACT US

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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

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please e-mail submissions to **bulletin@divinesavior.net**
10 days before the publication.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



November 19th through November 23rd

Wednesday: 8:30am Esther Marie Stachon

Thursday: 8:30am Esperanza Aldas

Friday: 8:30am Joseph & Josephine Vilt

Saturday: 4:00pm Beverly Pacura

Sunday: 8:00am Anegeo Caldalazzo

10:00am Eugene Heinrich

12 noon Miguel Flores



Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	Herb G.
Maureen C.	John Robinson
Mark C.	Anthony Gnutek
Terry R.	Norbert Wierzbicki
Sherry Toman	Betsy
Steven G.	Pete Cushion
Joann Costa	Bev G.
D. Woods	Janice Sinnick
Fr. Bill Conway	Emri R.
Ellaine Gialogo	Elsie Bestvina
Jimenez	Paul And Helen
Jennifer Sinnick	Czech
Grace P.	Kathy S.
Margie W.	Lorelei H.
Carolyn Heinrich	

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.



If you would like to have the Tabernacle Candle lit in memory, or for someone, please contact the parish office. 630-969-1532

Food Pantry Donations

With the current economic climate, The Fish Pantry is in need of donations. It is easy to help those in need.

Merely leave any *unexpired* non-perishable food items in the south corner of the narthex before daily mass during the week, or at any time during weekly office hours.

Divine Savior Parish serves as a collection point for the Downers Grove Fish Pantry, a local non-for-profit food bank serving our local community. Up to one hundred families depend upon the Fish Pantry for their nutritional needs every week.

Every little bit helps!

A Message from the Divine Savior Parish Finance Committee

Below is a condensed income statement for the fiscal year ended June, 2025, as well as for the past three years. Overall, the Parish financial condition is stable.

DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH

	Fiscal 2024-2025	Fiscal 2023-2024	Fiscal 2022-2023	Fiscal 2021-2022
	Total	Total	Total	Total
<u>Income</u>				
Sunday Offertory	617,777	606,898	559,863	541,863
Other Collections	53,713	94,762	56,449	54,269
Unrestricted Donations	45,816	44,870	44,521	42,856
Tuition and Fees	42,530	33,082	37,034	24,848
Interest Income	2,415	3,017	1,275	228
Fundraisers	10,438	7,787	14,276	1,235
Unrestricted Revenue	9,142	7,342	64,568	2,276
Restricted Donations	131,809	44,408	343,449	112,295
Income Total *	913,640	842,166	1,121,435	779,870
<u>Expenses</u>				
Salaries and Wages	217,922	224,890	253,018	261,977
Fringe Benefits	131,994	116,770	101,309	75,796
Repairs and Maintenance	3,585	4,849	3,371	42,513
Other Services	86,906	80,054	94,848	93,778
Materials and Supplies	58,449	54,128	67,147	45,894
Rental Expenses	-	-	1,620	11,534
Insurance	20,638	20,638	22,358	19,935
Utilities	46,858	45,547	37,374	42,181
Dioceses Expenditure	58,920	42,877	43,772	47,597
Ministry and Outreach	2,436	3,407	5,529	-
Capital Expenditures	100,926	134,169	134,847	30,394
Expense Total	728,634	727,329	765,193	671,599
Surplus(Loss)	185,006	114,837	356,242	108,271

* included in income are one time receipts of a \$40K donation for the Parish Center HVAC, \$54K Employee Retention Credit and a \$9K CMAA Goal Refund.

Collections remain consistent and are tracking in the right direction.

The Blue Envelope contributions continue to be stable and because of these funds, we are able to maintain and improve the church facilities. Contributions to this program are greatly appreciated.

As a result of your generosity, the following capital improvements, totaling \$100,926 were made in fiscal year 2024-2025:

- Pew refinishing - final payment.
- Cushions for the pews and choir chairs – final payment.
- New upholstery for the kneelers.
- Parking Lot Sealing and Striping.
- Maintenance and repairs on the church exterior and parking lot.
- Church offices HVAC replacement.
- Rectory HVAC system replacement.

Capital expenditures were under budget due to a delay in replacing the HVAC system in the parish center. The project is budgeted for fiscal year 2025-2026 and was delayed in August due to permitting issues. We expect work to begin in November at cost of \$150,000.

Expenses for everyday repairs and maintenance continue to be kept at a minimum due to the efforts of our Business Manager, Luis Gonzalez. The amount of funds saved by doing repairs/maintenance in house is considerable. Decisions on any and all capital expenditures are prudent, thoughtful and in the best interest of the parish.

We continue to transfer funds from the operating account to our saving account or the “rainy day fund.” We continue to have a solid financial foundation. The church is in a great position where we can cover everyday expenses and capital expenditures without needing loans from the diocese.

Because of your continuing financial commitment, generosity and willingness to step up with contributions when needed, the parish is in good financial condition. It is a blessing and we thank you immensely that we can cover our financial obligations. We can look to the financial future confidently. As we have said in the past, it is with grateful hearts and appreciation that we say **THANK YOU.**

The Divine Savior Finance Committee

Divine Savior's first chili cook-off! A great night of food, fellowship and fun!!



Our contestants



Thank you to everyone who came out!
What a wonderful turnout!



And the winner of the chili cook-off
Cindy Porcaro!



Winner of the 50/50 raffle
Jonathan Gogola!



And a special thanks to the planning committee:

Cliff Grammich
Julie Pacholek
Chris Pietrucha
Cindy Porcaro
Marie Borowski
And the caterer: D' Capo's



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Catering for ALL
occasions!**

Congratulations Carol and David Craig on 50 years of marriage!



Divine Savior Blanket Ministry

Come join us for our monthly meeting in the church conference room.

The ministry consists of volunteers who can knit, crochet or tie lap blankets. We work on these projects at home and come together once a month for fellowship and prayer.

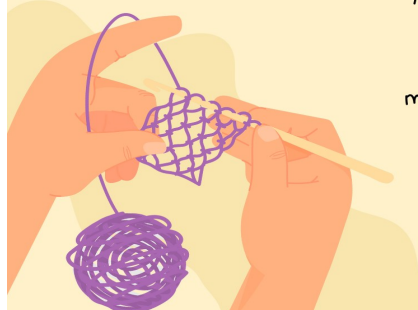
November 20 at 1:00pm

We can all use prayers and part of our ministry is to pray for special intentions, especially for those who are in need of healing. We always welcome new members and any donations of materials. Please join us for a for a "feel-good" afternoon.

For more information contact Linda Lahey at 708-305-5471 or lin627.lahey@gmail.com



Can't knit or
crochet, no problem,
join us to pray the
rosary!





Divine Savior Giving Tree

For many years our parish has sponsored this wonderful opportunity for all of us to help provide a memory-filled Christmas for 300+ low-income children and 160 seniors living in DuPage County. This includes many children and seniors right here in our own community.

As in the past, Humanitarian Service Project (HSP), located in Carol Stream, is coordinating this project. Due to present health concerns, HSP would prefer for our parish to provide **only gift cards**, which they will mail to all of the needy families and seniors. HSP is requesting all gift cards be in \$25 denominations and only from Walmart and Target stores. Monetary donations should be made by check, payable to HSP (cash donations are also gratefully accepted).

This weekend (11/15-11/16), envelopes will be available in the narthex before and after all masses to anyone who is interested in donating gift cards or monetary donations. Envelopes/donations can be returned to the church at any of the masses on 11/22, 11/23, 11/29, 11/30. We would request that all donations be dropped off by Sunday, November 30 at the latest. There will be a basket in front of the altar.

Any questions, please contact Zindy Patera at
630-452-6297 or zp52@aol.com





Christmas CONCERT

Sunday Dec. 14th at 3PM

Divine Savior Parish

***CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH BEAUTIFUL
CAROLS, FESTIVE SING-ALONGS, AND MUSIC
THAT WILL FILL YOUR HEART WITH THE JOY
OF CHRISTMAS!***

**JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS
MUSIC UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PAUL BERARDI,
OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, FEATURING THE MUSIC
MINISTRY OF DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH.**

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE CONCERT.

***ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING FAMILY AND
FRIENDS!***

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps
119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— *Father John Muir*



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2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 11/9/2025

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$88,061	\$66,627	\$21,434	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$87,164	\$65,562	\$21,602	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$898	\$1,065	(\$168)	\$520
Donors	195	212	-17	224
2025 Rebate	\$18,034			

2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$451.59	1,924
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

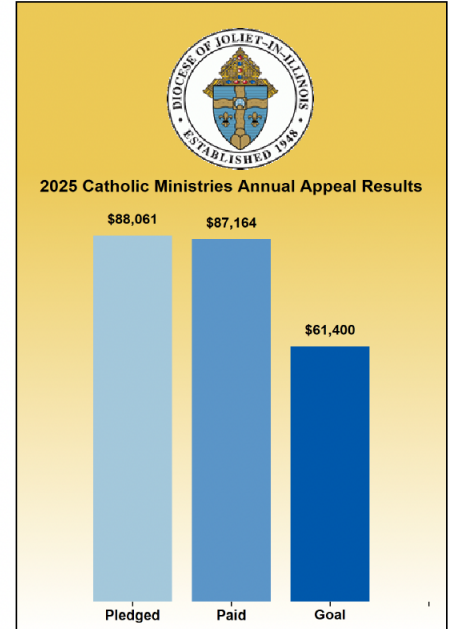
Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
51

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)	180	209	-29
Total Donors	195	224	-29

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

November Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
2nd	\$ 6,059.00	\$ 2,489.00	\$ 1,925.14	\$ 10,473.14	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,264.55	\$ 12,907.69
9th	\$ 7,087.00	\$ 1,651.00	\$ 2,594.00	\$ 11,332.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 459.51	\$ 12,036.51
16th				\$ -			\$ -
23rd				\$ -			\$ -
30th				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 13,146.00	\$ 4,140.00	\$ 4,519.14	\$ 21,805.14	\$ 415.00	\$ 2,724.06	\$ 24,944.20
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$113,951.11	\$ 35,461.79	\$40,790.56	\$190,203.46	\$ 11,349.00	\$11,004.26	\$212,556.72

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, 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



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 CELEBRATIONS



On November 16 our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with the poor. This is a time to acknowledge our responsibility to provide for the needs of the poor. Enhancing your individual participation in your Parish programs to assist those in need during this month and more importantly throughout the entire year would be a suitable means of responding to Jesus' call for us to live a life reflective of the Beatitudes.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be brave and tell other people about you.

Mission for the Week

Write down three things that scare you. Tell God about them. Ask God to help you.

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes this world can be a scary place in which to live. Fighting, sickness, and storms can kill a lot of people. Jesus says that when those things happen around you, do not be afraid. Even when you die, you can still live forever with God. You have heaven to look forward to. When scary things happen around you, tell the people you love about Jesus. Tell them they can live forever with Jesus, too, so they don't need to be afraid.

Now color
the picture! →

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

temple
stones
attack

starve
trial
faith

wisdom
betrayed
saved

tmepel

t e m p l e

fitha

stneso

widoms

atackt

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