



Sunday, November 2, 2025
Thirty First- 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.*



May All Souls Rest in Peace



Alice Leuffgen
Sammy Alegria
Betty Convalle
Kathleen Groh
Richard Ozga
Dennis Gaggini
James Lenihan
Trudy Messenger
Wayne Robert Simoncelli
Maria Corral
Kimberly Smeltzer
Nenita Jawor
Dorothy Russell
Susan Elizabeth Janca
Hector Davila

Nancy Catalano
Peter Sinnick
Thomas Fidanza
Angelo Caldarazzo
Allan Semenchuk
Lawrence Gress
Margaret Cushion
Rose Mary Benni
Bonnie Kalembe
Virginia Skubich
Anthony Valosek
Maryann Gogola
Constance Haynes
Robert Goste
Thomas Mullaghy



Parish Information

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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 5th through November 9th

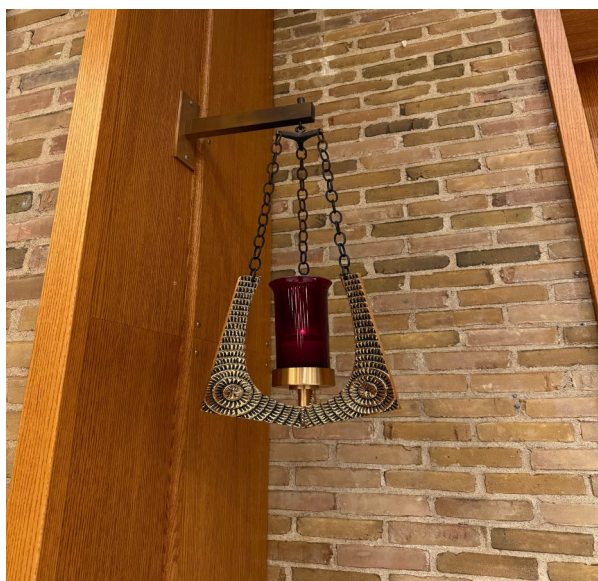
Wednesday:	8:30am	Bertile Klein Robert Dunlap
Thursday:	8:30am	Sammy Alegria
Friday:	8:30am	Jesus Estanislao Godofredo Ferrer
Saturday:	4:00pm	Carol & David Craig 50th anniversary
Sunday:	8:00am	Thomas Sullivan
	10:00am	Alfred Barbeau & James Hanley
	12 noon	Jaquelin Cruz eterno descanso



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 Jimenez	Elsie Bestvina
Jennifer Sinnick	Paul And Helen Czech
Grace P.	Kathy S.

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
Lisa Branick

Support our future priests through the second collection for Seminarian Formation!

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit has blessed the Diocese of Joliet with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood. Currently, our diocese has 27 men in seminary formation, which costs \$53,900 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has established this second collection.

At Masses next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for this effort. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education. Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, use this QR code:



VOCATIONS OFFICE

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

How to Support Your Priests

Parishioners can encourage the priesthood by praying daily for vocations and for priests, by encouraging men they know to consider the priesthood, and by actively supporting the church's vocation ministry. Encouraging a priestly vocation includes recognizing spiritual commitment, such as regular participation in prayer and spiritual events, and speaking to potential candidates to offer support and invite them to explore the possibility of a vocation. A supportive community that fosters openness to God's call is crucial for men and women to discern and respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

The Propaedeutic and Discipleship Stages

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

A man's formation for priesthood takes place over the course of four stages. The first of these is the Propaedeutic Stage, a year of preparation before diving into academic work. During this year, the seminarian takes time to build a solid foundation in prayer, Scripture, catechesis and community. It is a season of deepening conversion where one learns to live a Christian rhythm of life. The goal is simple: to help a man center his life on Christ.

Upon completion of the Propaedeutic Stage, a man

begins the Discipleship Stage, during which a man begins the study of philosophy. Concurrently, the seminarian deepens his understanding and witness as a follower of Jesus in daily life. He grows in virtue, learns self-discipline, and gains a broad understanding of the human person and the world through his studies. It is a time of becoming a "disciple in heart and mind."

Together, these two stages foster the necessary interior and exterior freedom to hear and respond to the call to the priesthood. Without a firm spiritual foundation built on the habits of a true

disciple, later formation would lack stability. The priesthood is not a job one takes up but a calling one receives—and the earliest stages are about preparing the soil so that the Lord's call can take root and flourish.



This is Part 2 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

ABOUT FATHER BORELLO

Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations.

Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children.

He attended the University

of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering.

While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood.

He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary

and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011.

He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014.

In August of 2015, he began

serving at St. John Vianney College Seminary as a spiritual director, director of human formation, and instructor to over 120 men discerning a priestly vocation.

He returned to the Diocese of Joliet in August 2018 to begin as the Director of Vocations.



Diocese of Joliet

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/TEXTILE & WINTER APPAREL 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
Microwave ovens (no glass dish)
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
Nov. 15, 2025 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am**

Exact change only. Do not sign credit card receipts.

Clean Winter Apparel will be collected

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.

Event Questions?

Contact Larry at 630-418-6928

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CHILI COOK-OFF IS ON!

JOIN US FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
6-9 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

Come for Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Tickets: \$5 Adults, Kids are free!

The chili is for tasting and judging. Additional food will be provided. Italian beef, pasta, hot dogs and more!

Last day to buy tickets is Nov. 2nd!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A DESSERT AND/OR HELP THE DAY OF, PLEASE CONTACT MARIE BOROWSKI AT 630-465-7044 OR MSBOROWS@SBCGLOBAL.NET

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Sister Faustina believed that through Adoration, souls could obtain anything, and that it was a moment of great grace for everyone on Earth.

You are invited to pray and be in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during First Friday Holy Hour on Friday afternoon, **November 7, 2025**, in the Church from **2:30 PM to 3:30 PM**. There will be time for silent meditation; then at 3:00, the Hour of Mercy, together we'll pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany and Prayers. We will bring all our personal intentions to Jesus, give thanks for all our blessings, pray for the poor and homeless people, and for peace in our troubled world. Come and receive great grace from the Lord through the Chaplet during this holy hour.

"Jesus, I Trust in You!"

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!



The Day of the Dead, known in Spanish as *Día de los Muertos*, is a holiday that celebrates life and honors the dead through traditions, food, decorations, and activities intended to sustain the connections between the living and the dead. The Day of the Dead originated in Mexico and is celebrated around the world, beginning on the last days of October and concluding in early November, contrary to the singular “day” implied by its name. While some recognize this celebration as a time of playful skeletons, colorful *papel picados* (“perforated paper”), and candlelit graveyards, it has been observed in some form throughout Mexico for over 3000 years, and its traditions are as varied as the people who celebrate it.



Anthony Valosek
July 1940 –
October 2025



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/
Lk 15:1-10

Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, **"This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me."** Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 10/26/2025

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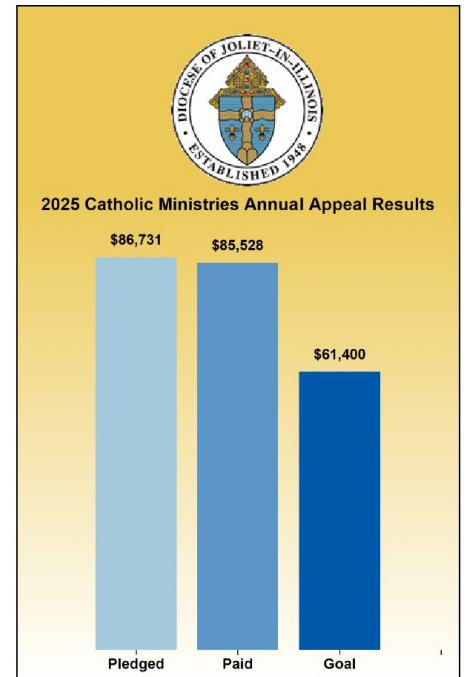
	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$86,731	\$64,866	\$21,865	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$85,528	\$63,536	\$21,992	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$1,203	\$1,330	(\$127)	\$520
Donors	192	209	-17	224
2025 Rebate	\$16,889			

2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$451.72	1,927
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTS (Last Year But Not This Year)
55

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)	8	11	-3
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	178	209	-31
Total Donors	192	224	-32



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

October Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Curren- cy	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Enve- lopes	Special Col- lection	Total
5th	\$ 7,602.00	\$ 1,815.82	\$ 2,239.00	\$ 11,656.82	\$ 270.00	\$ 278.08	\$ 12,204.90
12th	\$ 7,705.11	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 2,059.00	\$ 11,636.11	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,359.30	\$ 13,355.41
19th	\$ 4,922.00	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 2,684.00	\$ 8,949.00	\$ 1,643.00	\$ 746.42	\$ 11,338.42
26th	\$ 4,931.00	\$ 1,811.00	\$ 1,824.00	\$ 8,566.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 376.70	\$ 9,332.70
				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 25,160.11	\$ 6,841.82	\$ 8,806.00	\$ 40,807.93	\$ 2,663.00	\$ 2,760.50	\$ 46,231.43
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$100,805.11	\$ 31,321.79	\$36,271.42	\$168,398.32	\$ 10,934.00	\$8,280.20	\$187,612.52

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, 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



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OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Nov. 13
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Divine Savior Parish

Sunday, November 16, 2025
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pastoral Center
 6700 W. Main Street
 Downers Grove, IL 60516



Donate blood Nov. 1-30 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards in our Shopping Spree Giveaway! Find out more at Vitalant.org/ShoppingGiveaway.

To schedule your appointment call Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or visit Vitalant.org and use group code: 10054018. Scan the QR code to go right to the appointment schedule and create your account online. Appointments are highly encouraged. Eat Well. Hydrate and bring a photo ID with you to your appointment.

Visit donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code: 10054018



For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-258-4825 or visit us at vitalant.org
 Find us @

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Kids Corner

Prayer

Thanks for being my friend, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Remember some people who have died. Say a prayer for them.

Sharing the Gospel

When you ask Jesus to play with you, he will say, "Which game do you want to play first?" If you ask him to the movies, he will go with you. When extra people show up for his party, he will say, "Come on in, there's always room for one more." If you need to talk with him, he will say, "Sit down right now and tell me all about it." Jesus Christ will never turn you away

Now color
the picture! →

Help her find her way to Jesus.

