



Sunday, November 23, 2025
Thirty-Fourth 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.*

THANKSGIVING

Mass

**Come join us to celebrate our blessings and give
thanks at the banquets of banquets.**



**Thursday, November
27th at 9am**

Parish Information

CONTACT US

Website: WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

Address: 6700 Main Street,
Downers Grove, IL 60516-2799

Phone: 630-969-1532

STAFF

Fr. Agustin Ortega, Pastor, 630-574-9751

Luis Gonzalez, Business Manager, 630-574-9734
Luis@divinesavior.net

Bianca Jimenez, Religious Education Coordinator
dre@divinesavior.net 630-574-9740

Lupita Plazola, Parish Secretary, ext. 121
Lupita@divinesavior.net 630-969-1532

Linda Vicha, Parish Secretary, ext. 121
Secretaryen@divinesavior.net

Paul Berardi, Music Director
musicdirector@divinesavior.net 630-574-9738

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 26th through November 30th

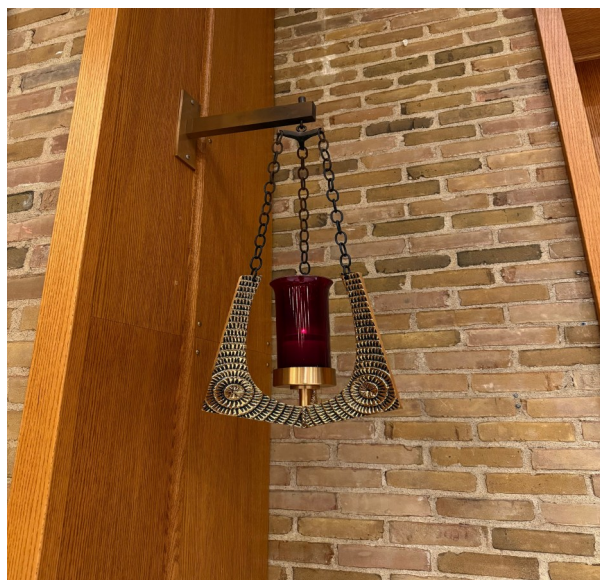
Wednesday:	8:30am	Katherine Valla
Thursday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Friday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Saturday:	4:00pm	Jim Hanley & Al Barbeau
Sunday:	8:00am	Vega Family in Thanksgiving
	10:00am	Alex Bratuljevich
	12 noon	Mireya



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.
Elaine Gialogo Jimenez	Elsie Bestvina
Jennifer Sinnick	Paul And Helen Czech
Grace P.	Kathy S.
Margie W.	Lorelei H.
Carolyn Heinrich	Judy Broome

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
the Ulaszek Family

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!

What Kind of King Is Christ? (And Why Is Saint Luke My Favorite Gospel Writer?)*Ken Erguiza, Music Minister*

The final Sunday of the Church year celebrates Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We have had kings throughout history: Ramses of Egypt, Caesar of Rome, Herod of Judea, Alexander of Greece, Louis of France, Ferdinand of Spain, and currently Charles of England. Each had or will have a legacy following his reign. But Jesus still reigns today, and His legacy is enduring! But what kind of king was and is Christ, and what kind of king will He be?

This liturgical year, year C, we have been answering this question through the gospel of Saint Luke. Every liturgical year, we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ from one of three evangelists: Luke, which we drew upon this liturgical year C; Saint Matthew, which we will reflect on in the coming year A; and Saint Mark for year B. Interspersed each year is the gospel of Saint John. The simple answer: Jesus is the king of love. It's no coincidence we have a hymn called *The King of Love My Shepherd Is!* In Luke's gospel, we recount events in our Lord's life to support that truth:

- His birth on Christmas. The Messiah who would save His people didn't come as a warrior king with physical might; rather, He came as a helpless, adorable child whose first throne was a stable.
- He healed numerous people spiritually and physically. Christ cured a leper, paralytic, a man possessed by demons, a woman with a hemorrhage, and a blind man. He even raised from death to life the daughter of a synagogue official.
- He showed love and mercy in the face of sin and faithlessness. Our Lord, while at the house of a Pharisee, pardoned a sinful woman who anointed His feet with her tears. He forgave the disciples' lack of faith when they did not recognize Him on the road to Emmaus. But His greater act – one of the reasons Luke's gospel is my favorite – was when He was dying on the throne of the cross: He forgave the repentant, good thief, who was crucified alongside Him. (Before this, He forgave those who crucified Him.)

(Another reason Luke's gospel is my favorite is he lets the lives of our Divine Savior and everyone around Him tell us who God is, which inspires us to hope, fittingly in this Jubilee year of Hope.)

In the psalm of Easter Sunday, we sang in thanksgiving of how the risen Jesus is the king of love: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy endures forever! Let the house of Israel say, His mercy endures forever!"

We are inspired to imitate His enduring love - the call to be saints - but how do we do this? Our Lord answers this question in numerous ways as we reflect on the gospels, but the one in Matthew's, which we reflect on a year from now on this feast, is striking: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. [...] Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." The abovementioned kings can do or have done any of those deeds - the works of mercy - but their example and our own deeds, we hope, are rooted in Christ.

As we close one liturgical year and enter another, let us give thanks to God for His son Jesus Christ our sovereign king of love! And then, let us imitate our king's works of love, so that we may hear Him say: "Come, share your master's joy!", and be brought to the glory of heaven! Below is an image of the Santo Niño de Cebu, one of the titles given to Jesus venerated by Catholics in the Philippines. It shows the Christ child as a king.



Simbang– Gabi
Saturday December 20th
6:30 PM

November 23, 2025


Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Work has begun on the Parish Center's HVAC system



In Sympathy
Armido Vasari
February 1938 - November 2025

Armido immigrated to the U.S.
from Italy.
He loved the U.S. and was proud
to be a U.S. citizen.
He was a loving man and never
had a bad word to say about
anyone.




★ A REFLECTION ON THE
NATIVITY STORY ★

Much of our understanding of the Nativity Story comes from only two sources, the gospels of Matthew and Luke. In an evening of reflection, parishioner and former Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister, Mark Hoffmeyer, will review these gospels and discuss how certain events relate to the Old Testament, why there could be problems with what the Bible presents, but also how we may be able to reconcile these problems. Please come to learn about and appreciate the wonderful Nativity Story, and stay for treats and fellowship afterwards.

THURSDAY DEC. 18 7-8 PM

Divine Savior Parish



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!**

Divine Savior Giving Tree

As in the past, Humanitarian Service Project (HSP), located in Carol Stream, 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).

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



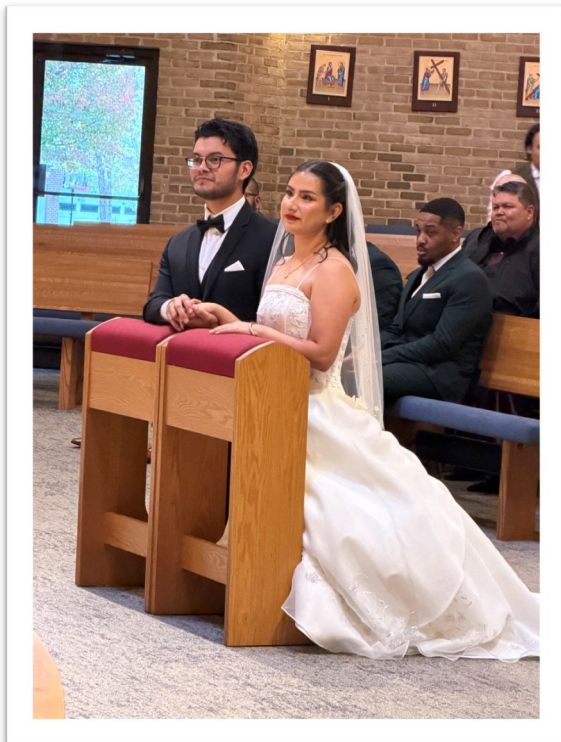
Congratulations on your baptism
at 2 months old Grant Michael
Sheperdson!

Congratulations and best wishes to
parents, Melissa & Wade
Sheperdson and godparents Brian
& Jessica O'Malley



Just Married!

Congratulations José André
Corona and
Angélica Odalys Orozco on
your new life together!



Fr. Miguel visiting from Ethiopia,
celebrated the day of the dead
and prayed for those who have
passed away.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,
74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for
Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in
the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"** (Luke 23:42). That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, **"Today you will be with me in paradise."**

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, **"You will be with me."**

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 11/16/2025

152 - Divine Savior Parish - Downers Grove

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$88,309	\$67,005	\$21,304	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$87,447	\$65,940	\$21,507	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$863	\$1,065	(\$203)	\$520
Donors	196	213	-17	224
2025 Rebate	\$18,233			

2025 Parishioners	
2,119	9%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$450.56	1,923
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

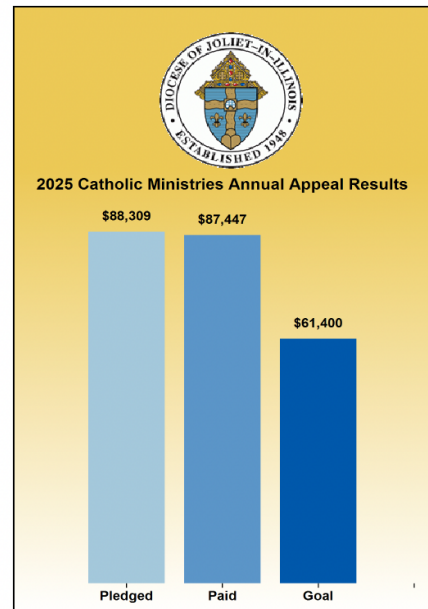
Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
50

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)	181	209	-28
Total Donors	196	224	-28

Run Date: 11/17/2025 8:04:38 AM

Page 1 of 13



AMERGENT



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

November Stewardship



2025	Envelopes	Loose Curren- cy	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Enve- lopes	Special Col- lection	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	\$ 7,920.00	\$ 2,507.00	\$ 1,719.00	\$ 12,146.00	\$ 1,863.00	\$12,533.79	\$ 26,542.79
23rd				\$ -			\$ -
30th				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 21,066.00	\$ 6,647.00	\$ 6,238.14	\$ 33,951.14	\$ 2,278.00	\$15,257.85	\$ 51,486.99
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$121,871.11	\$ 37,968.79	\$42,509.56	\$202,349.46	\$ 13,212.00	\$23,538.05	\$239,099.51

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



The group Elevado will be singing once again to celebrate our Lady
Guadalupe
Friday, December 12 at 5:30am.



Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.

Mission for the Week

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

Sharing the Gospel

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

**Now color
the picture!**



Find the path that leads to Jesus.

