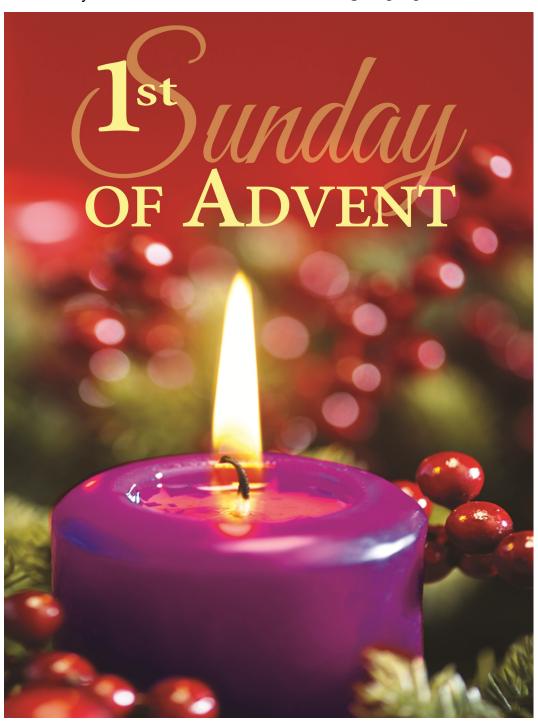


Sunday, November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

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.



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
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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.



December 3rd through December 7th

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am Tom Vilt

Friday: 8:30am Sammy Alegria

Saturday: 4:00pm Jesus Estanislao &

Godofredo Ferrero

Sunday: 8:00am James Gallagher

10:00am Uldarico & Primitiva

Agcamaran

12 noon Ma de Jesus Lozano



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

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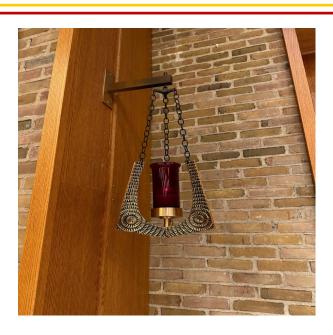
Jennifer Sinnick

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.



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

Announcements:







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U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration

BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 12, 2025—As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government's contraceptive mandate.

Under the requiations pertaining to statements and publication sof the Conference, a "Special Message" may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive. two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the plenary in order to pass. In a vote of 216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote. The full text of the bishops' Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care.

We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those

who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poorfor our sake (2 Corinthians 89), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for im migrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5: 5) Way the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and bying care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent Page 5





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Obispos de EE. UU. emiten un «mensaje especial» sobre inmigración

BALTIMORE, 12 DE NOVIBUBRE DE 2025 — Al reunirse la Conferencia. de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) d'urante su Asamblea Plenaria de Otoño en Baltimore, los obispos emitieron un mensaje especial en el que expresaron su preocupación. por la situación cambiante que afecta. a los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos. Fue la primera vez en doce años que la USCCB recurrió a esta forma particularmente urgente de expresarse como cuerpo episcopal. La última vez que lo hizo fue en 2013, en respuesta al mandato federal sobre anticonceptimos.

De conformidad con las normas relativa sa las declaracion es y publicaciones de la Conferencia, solo se pueden em it ir «mensajes especiales» en las asam bleas plenarias y se trata de declaraciones que el presidente: de la Conferencia, el Comité Administrativo o el conjunto de los miembros considera apropiadas en vista de las circunstancias del momento. Para demostrar el consenso de lorgan ismo, un «mensaje especia» debe recibir dos tercios de los votos de los miembros de la Conferencia presentes y votantes en la sesión plenaria para ser aprobado. Con 216 votos a favor, 5 en contra y 3 a bstencio nes, los obispos aprobaron por abrumadora mayoria el mensaje especial, lo que fue seguido: de un prolongado aplauso del organismo tras la votación. El texto completo del mensaje especial de los obispos a continuación:

Como pastores, los obispos de los Estados Unidos, estamos unidos a nuestro pueblo en nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por lazos de comunión y com pasión. Nos inquieta ver en nuestra scomunidades un clima de temor y ansiedad ante las prácticas de perfilamiento y la aplicación de las leyes migratorias. Nos entristece profundamente el tono que ha adoptado el debate contemporán eo y la creciente denigración de los inmigrantes.

Nos preocupan la scondiciones en los centros de detención y la falta de acceso a una atención pastoral adecuada. Lamentamos que algunos inmigrantes que viven en los Estados Unidos han perdido su estatus migratorio de manera arbitraria. Nos preocupan las amenazas contra la santidad de los lugares de culto, y el carácter especial de los hospitales y las escuelas. Nos entristece profundamente cuando nos encontramos con padres que temen serdetenidos al llevara sus hijos a la escuela o cuando intentamos consolar. a familiares que ya han sido separados: de sus seres que ridos.

A pesar de los obstáculos y prejuicios, por generaciones, los inmigrantes han contribuido inmensamente al bienestar de nuestra nación. Como obispos católicos, profesamos nuestro amor por nuestro país y oramos por su paz y prosperidad. Por este preciso motivo nos sentimos obligados en este entomo a elevar nuestras voces en defensa de la dignidad humana otorgada por Dios.

La en señanza católica exhorta a las naciones a reconocer la dignidad fundamental de todas las personas, incluidos los inmigrantes. Como obispos, abogamos por una reforma significativa de las leyes y los procedimientos migratorios de nuestra nación. La dignidad humana y la seguridad nacional no son valores en conflicto. Ambas pueden alcanzarse con buena voluntad y uniendo esfuerzos.

Reconocemos que las naciones tienen la responsabilidad de controlar sus fronteras y establecer un sistema de inmigración justo y ordenado por el bien común. Sin dichos procedimientos, los inmigrantes corren el riesgo de caer en la trata de personas y en otras formas de explotación. Las vias legales y seguras sirven como antidoto frente a esos riesgos.

La enseñanza de la Iglesia se basa en la preocupación fundamental por la persona humana, creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. (Génesis

1:27). Como pastores, recurrimos a las Sagradas Escrituras y al ejemplo de l Dios mismo, donde encontramos la sabiduría de la compasión de Dios. La prioridad del Señor, como nos recuerdan los profetas, es para los más vulnerables: las viudas, los huérfanos, los pobres y los migrantes (Zacarias 7:10). En el Señor Jesús, vemos a Aquel que se hizo pobre por nosotros (2 Corintios) 8:9), vemos al buen samaritano que nos levanta del polvo (Lucas 10:30-37). y vemos a Aquel que se encuentra en los más pequeños (Mateo 25). La preocupación de la lg lesia por el . prójimo y nuestra preocupación aquí: por los inmigrantes son una respuesta al mandato del Señor de amarcomo El nos ha amado (Juan 13:34).

A nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, pues si un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Corintios 12:26). ¡No están solos!

Observamos con gratitud que tantos de nuestros sacerdotes, religiosos consagrados, y fieles laicos ya están acompañando y asistiendo a inmigrantes en sus necesidades humanas básicas. Exhortamos a todas las personas de buena voluntad a continuar y ampliar esos esfuerzos.

Nos oponemos a las deportaciones masivas e indiscriminadas. Oramos por el fin de la retórica inhumana y de la violencia, ya sead irigida contra inmigrantes o contra los organismos de seg uridad. Oramos paraque el Señor guie a los líderes de nuestra nación y estamos agradecidos por las oportunidades pasadas y presentes de dialogar con funcionarios públicos y electos. En este diálogo, continuaremos abogando por una reforma migratoria signifi-

cativa.

Como d'iscipulos del Señor, seguimos siendo <u>hombres y mujeres de esperanza,</u> y la esperanza no defrauda! (Romanos 5,5).

Que el manto de Nuestra Señora de Guada lupe nos envuelva a todos en su



Join Catholic Charities for a beautiful evening of music surrounded by thousands of candles. Holiday favorites will be performed by a live classical string quartet. Proceeds support Catholic Charities' programs and services.

Friday, December 5, 2025 at 7:30PM Hollywood Casino, Joliet

Tickets: \$50

To learn more or purchase tickets, scan the QR code or call 815-724-1140.

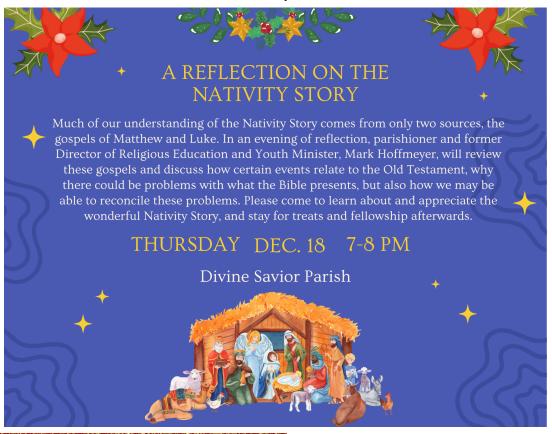




Once again, the group Elevado will be singing at Las Mañanitas to celebrate our Lady of Guadalupe.

Friday, December 12 at 5:30am.









Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

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

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

- Father John Muir

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 11/16/2025

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

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)

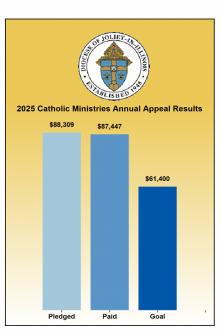
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Giving Circles	2025 Donors	2024 Donors	Difference	
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	1	0	1	
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	1	-1	
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	2	1	1	
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	3	2	1	
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	9	11	-2	
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	181	209	-28	
Total Donors	196	224	-28	

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

November Stewardship



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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			4		4	4	4
Year Total	\$121,871.11	\$ 37,968.79	\$42,509.56	\$202,349.46	\$ 13,212.00	\$23,538.05	\$239,099.51

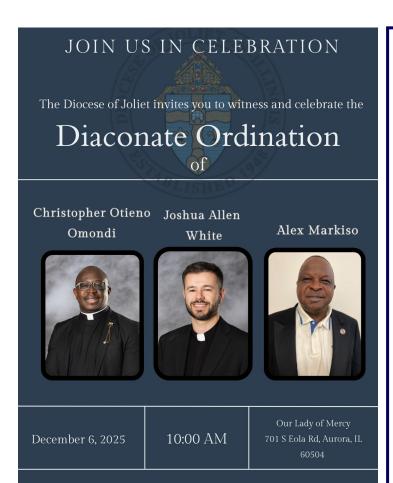
If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners may include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to Bulletin@divinesavior.net. Please notify us when the 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





No RSVP required

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 6, 2025. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Pre-Registration is Required.

More information and registration can be found at nazarethacademy.com.

Parents are invited to an optional Parent Gathering Q & A session from 8:15-9:15 a.m. that morning. Pre-registration at nazarethacademy.com is required to attend.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden in La Grange Park.

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you and to be ready for Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Make sure the movies, games, and music you choose help you grow closer to Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day he will come back. He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did. and learn to do what God asks.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle the words from today's Gospel:

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