



Sunday, November 9, 2025  
Thirty Second 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.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TAKE  
THESE OUT  
OF HERE.

JOHN 2:16

# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

**Website:** WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

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## STAFF

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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 12th through November 16th**

Wednesday:	8:30am	Tom Vilt
Thursday:	8:30am	Cindy & Summit Thanksgiving B-Day
Friday:	8:30am	Christopher Farino
Saturday:	4:00pm	Nora Ortanez
Sunday:	8:00am	Greg, Brian & Chris Schnoebelen
	10:00am	Bega Agcamaran In Thanksgiving
	12 noon	Jose Guadalupe Preciado Jose Estrada Socorro Arellano Hilda Preciado por salud



## 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.



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!

## Gathered as One in the Church's One Foundation

*By Ken Erguiza, Music Minister*

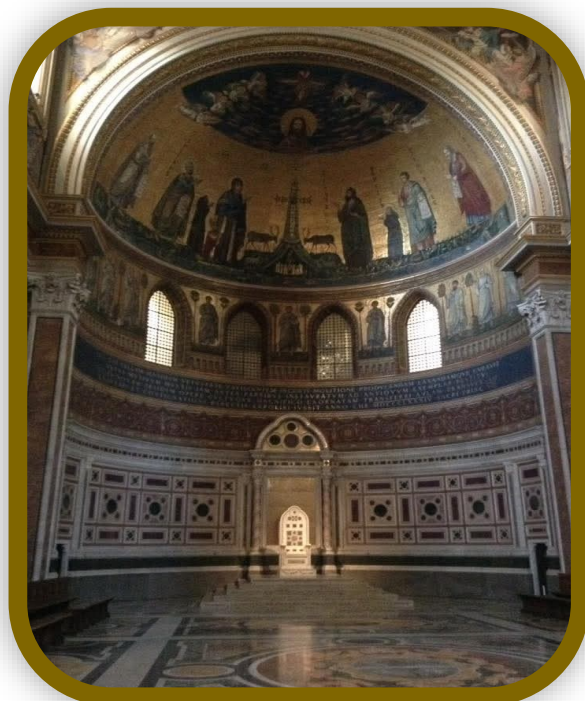
The title of this reflection is a mashup of two hymn titles, The Church's One Foundation and Gathered as One, which we have both in the Gather hymnal. Both hymns are fitting for a feast day always celebrated on November 9, which falls on a Sunday this year: the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. It is known as St. John Lateran and officially called the Archbasilica of The Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist; it was dedicated in the early 4th century and rebuilt and repaired over the years.

Why do we celebrate the dedication of this church? For one, it is the first one (no pun intended): the first church after the Holy Roman Emperor Constantine allowed Christianity to be freely practiced. The church was built on land donated by the noble Laterani family to the Pope of that time. It became the Cathedral - mother church - of the Diocese of Rome, whose Bishop is the Holy Father himself, currently Leo XIV. (Cathedral comes from the Greek word *cathedra*, meaning chair.) While St. Peter's Basilica is the largest church in the world, and the Pope celebrates most feast days there, the Lateran Basilica is the oldest and first among equals of all churches; in fact, an inscription here reads (translated from Latin): "Of all the churches in the city and in the world, this is the mother and head of all."

Equally an important reason is that the dedication the Lateran Basilica is a dedication of all churches. This includes one of the must-visits in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, the remotest Catholic Church in the world in St. Joseph Church in Tristan de Cunha (British island territory), and our neighborhood church in Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove.

Finally, the dedication of St. John Lateran is a reminder that when we gather in God's name for Mass, liturgies, and devotions in a church (small 'c'), park or stadium, ballroom or convention center, or one's home, we are Church (big 'C'). We are, as the two abovementioned hymns indicate, gathered as one in God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity being the Church's foundation.

I mentioned in a previous reflection I went on pilgrimage to Rome towards the end of the 2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our pilgrim group visited the Major Basilicas, including St. John Lateran, and walked through their Holy Doors. Once inside, we got as close as the main altar and the Pope's cathedra (chair). No one sits on it except the Holy Father! Happy Feast to our Church!







*It is almost time for our annual*  
*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).

Starting next weekend (11/16-11/17), 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 11/23, 11/24, 11/30, 12/1. We would request that all donations be dropped off by Sunday, December 1 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](mailto:zp52@aol.com)





# THANKSGIVING

*Mass*

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



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





*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

In Sympathy  
Joseph Swies  
January 1952 – September 11, 2025

A festive poster for a Christmas concert. The background is red with gold musical notes and a large gold treble clef. A red bow with a white and red striped ribbon is tied around the treble clef. The text is in white and gold.

*Christmas*  
CONCERT

**Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 3PM**  
Divine Savior Parish

*CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH THE 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 9, 2025

#### 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

#### Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/  
Lk 17:1-6

#### Tuesday:

Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/  
Lk 17:7-10

#### Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

#### Thursday:

Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,  
175/Lk 17:20-25

#### Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/  
Lk 17:26-37

#### Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,  
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

#### Next Sunday:

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



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22)**. His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir*



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### 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 11/2/2025

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$86,761	\$65,266	\$21,495	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$85,677	\$63,836	\$21,841	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$1,085	\$1,430	(\$346)	\$520
Donors	192	210	-18	224
2025 Rebate	\$16,994			

2025 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>9%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$451.88</b>	<b>1,927</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

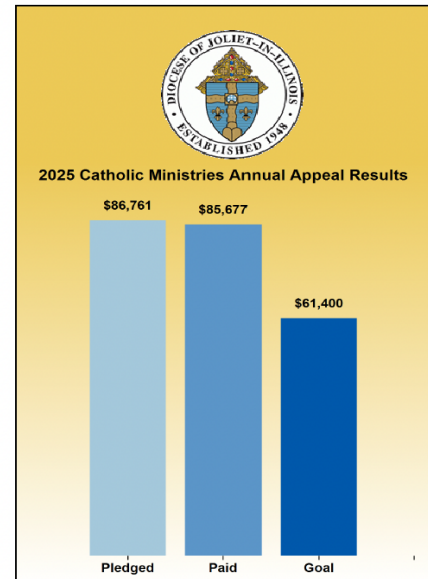
Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>54</b>

\*\*\*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
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>-32</b>

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**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				\$ -			\$ -
16th				\$ -			\$ -
23rd				\$ -			\$ -
30th				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 6,059.00	\$ 2,489.00	\$ 1,925.14	\$ 10,473.14	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,264.55	\$ 12,907.69
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$106,864.11	\$ 33,810.79	\$38,196.56	\$178,871.46	\$ 11,104.00	\$10,544.75	\$200,520.21

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](mailto: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



## **NOTRE DAME SCHOOL**

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## **OPEN HOUSE**

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

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## **Because of you, life doesn't stop.**



**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](http://Vitalant.org/ShoppingGiveaway).

To schedule your appointment call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit [Vitalant.org](http://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](http://vitalant.org)  
 Find us @

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## Kids Corner

### Prayer

Lord, I will fill your house with prayer, songs, and worship.

### Mission for the Week

I will respect God's house with my voice, my clothing, and my actions.

### Sharing the Gospel

Imagine that in your church on Sunday, there were people near the altar selling cows, pigs, and sheep. A man was selling doves on the right. Bankers were giving change on the left. Your pastor got very angry. He turned over their tables. He shouted, "Get these animals out of here. How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" They cleaned up and left. Your pastor knelt down and prayed, "Father, forgive them."

**Now color the picture!**



Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.

