DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH
Downers Grove, Illinois
Diocese of Joliet

Sunday, October 11th, 2026
28th 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.

An Angel in Human Form



Parish Information

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Stop in the parish office during business hours to register.

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.

CONFESSIONS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR CONFESSIONS. 630-969-1532

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the parish office.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m.,10:00a.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.
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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.

QUINCEAÑERAS

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración deuna Quinceañera debe comunicarse con la Sra.Plazola al menos 6 meses antes la fecha deseada. Todas las familias debenser 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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

October 14th through October 18th

Wednesday:	8:30am	Anastacia Vega
Thursday:	8:30am	Erik Hernandez
Friday:	8:30am	Maureen Joyce
Saturday:	4:00pm	Alex Bratuljevich
Sunday:	8:00am	Gloria Perkins
	10:00am	Lveila Zarenana
	12:00pm	In memory of Adrian Quintero



Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	John Robinson	Joann Costa
Maureen C.	Anthony Gnutek	Frederick Costa
Mark. C.	Norbert Wierzbicki	Janice Sinnick
Terry R.	Besty	Cynthia Jara
Sherry Toman	Pete Cushion	Rachel Vicha
Steven G.	Bev. G	Bernetta Kolar
Joann Costa	Emri R.	Geri Parker
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina	Donna Bratuljevich
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Paul Czech	Bob J.
Grace P.	Kathy S.	Rosa Plazola
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks	Steve Scott
Justin Pratt	Kathy Hamilton	Bob Spiewak
Friar Johnpaul Cafiero	Angelica Collazos	
Rose Kraemer	Louise Casillas	

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 Music Ministry.



There will be a second collection on the weekend of Ocotber 17th & 18th for World Mission Sunday.

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

Back in the 90s and early 2000s, every Sunday night right after 60 Minutes came my mother's favorite program,"Touched by an Angel." In it, Della Reese played an older angel who came in human form, teaching a younger angel how to do their job. And their job was always to help someone in trouble with the power beyond their ability to make things better. And they always made things better.

We love angels. All three Abrahamic traditions believe in the power of angels to enter into and affect the lives of those they touch. They are the messengers from God to help us humans understand that we are not alone and that there is a power greater than ourselves watching over and helping us. The problem is, we don't recognize them as they very often come in human forms.

I write all of this because this last week we celebrated two wonderful angelic feasts: the feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Rafael on September 29 as well as the feast of our Guardian Angels last Friday, October 2.

I'm quite partial to angels as three of my granddaughters: Ange Michelle (Who is in heaven with the Lord), Ange Raphaelle and Ange Gabrielle all bear angelic names. But today I would like to focus on our guardian angels. You know the prayer; we learned it as little kids. "Oh, angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side to light, to guard, to rule and guide." In Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells us that all of us are assigned an angel from the time we are little children to watch over us. So we all have them, but are we aware when we have been touched by them?

Last Friday, on the feast of the Guardians Angels I was touched by one. But I never realized it until after the fact of being so immensely helped by angelic powers.

All of us have a bad day or two. They are days of frustration and anxiety. My bad day began on Thursday when I tried to go online to update my mandated reporter status with DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services). As a priest, I am a mandated reporter. If I should witness any child abuse or chronic neglect, I am legally mandated to report it. (The only exception is in the confessional. One may NEVER break the seal). Every 3 to 6 years, we have to go online for a 3 to 4 hour refresher course and then pass the exam at the end. Luddite that I am, I could not get online to take the course and the test. The only computer I use is my little iPad and it would not give me the information I needed. After three hours of frustration, I gave up and said I would try again tomorrow. On Friday I called the diocese to ask if I can do this with paper and pencil. You could almost hear the smile on the other side of the phone call. I could not.

I was scheduled to have a new bridge put in my teeth on Friday afternoon (which also didn't happen) so, I went home to Wheaton after the RE classes on Thursday evening. With the rain and the fog, it was a treacherous drive. I was not in good humor. On Friday morning, I tried again. No luck. Went downstairs to do laundry. The dryer wouldn't start. Basket full of wet clothes, no dryer. Unhappy old man. Went upstairs to the kitchen sink and the handle of the faucet broke off. Unrepairable. This was not starting out to be a good day.

So I went to my immediate default mode and began whining to God. "Come on. You can do better than this. I know there's nothing life-threatening here, but it really is frustrating."

And then I remembered what I had been preaching for at least 35 years. When you find yourself in any bad spot, don't moan and groan.… instead, praise God. Utterly counterintuitive. I repeated my mantra that I have taught so many to pray. Whenever you find yourself in a tight spot, make a sacrifice of praise and say, "I praise you, I bless you, I thank you!" Say it again. Say it again. It's the last thing you want to say, but it does open the conduit of grace. And it did.

Earlier in the week, I had asked my grandson, Abraham, if he would come and help me move all of my deck furniture into the garage for the winter. He said he would be happy to help. Little did he know how helpful he was going to be. Originally he was going to stain the deck, but the stormy weather made the wood too damp to stain. So I just thanked him and thought he would be on his way. He wasn't.

I told him of my plight with DCSF and he went to his car and pulled out his laptop. "Let's see if we can make this work." I hadn't touched a computer in quite some time, so he had to walk me through the whole process with great patience. I finally got online and into the program. For the next four hours, I would be staring at the screen.

In the meantime, he went to the basement and got a pair of vice grip pliers to temporary replace my faucet handle. I was too busy staring at the screen, so I didn't see him go downstairs again to start working on the dryer.

After about an hour, he came upstairs and said, "The dryer is working. I fixed the starter button." And then he disappeared again for another hour or so. When he came back, he had in his hand a brand new kitchen faucet. He went to work and within another half hour I had water in my kitchen and a faucet that worked. Not only that, but on the way back, he bought lunch for the two of us. We ate in silence just enjoying each other's company. For a young man, he really is a lovely old soul.

I went back to the screen to finish my certification and he cleaned up around all the work he had begun. I finished just in time to go to the dentist to put in a temporary tooth that had fallen out while waiting for the new bridge to come in.

It wasn't till I got back home that I realized that I had been touched by an angel. It was Mr. Rogers who once said, "Whenever you find yourself in trouble look for people who can help. They will always be there." Actually, this time I didn't have to look. I simply had to praise God and allow the magic of grace to unfold.

I'm quite sure that my grandson did not think he was an angel. He was just helping his grumpy old grandpa get through his plight. He was just being a good grandson. But to me, he was an angel.

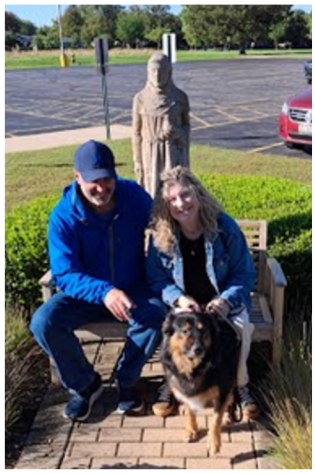
So, who are the angels in your life? Who has been there and touched you in a time of need? And when have you been able to be an angel to someone in need? We are surrounded by angels, some of them just take human form. The great mystery and reality of life is that we are not alone. We are all interconnected to God, each other and the countless angels who minister to us.

In Jesus, of whom the angels sang, Fr. Tony.



A happy and beautiful morning for Pet Blessing 2026





Mac



Fletcher & Molly



Jax & Loki



Bentley & Cooper



Nala



Dolly



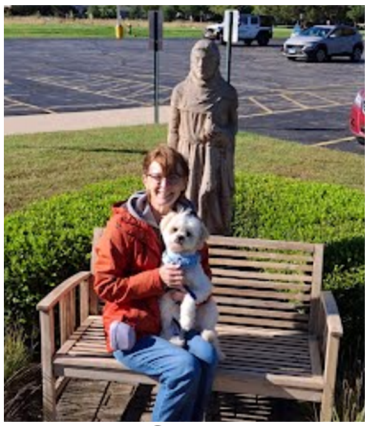
Betsy



Lacey



Rocco



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Daisy



Rocky


St. Ethan the Earthworm


Quincy


Doyle


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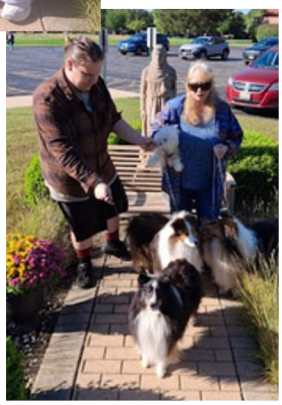

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Bambi


Dublin


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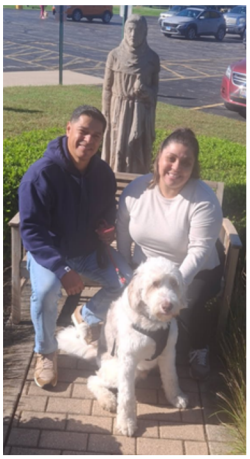

Mila


Andy, Otto, Belle, Rina, & Twinkle


Zeus


Louie & Sully


Potter


Adam


Lobo

Day of the Dead Altar

We will continue the beautiful tradition of honoring and remembering our beloved family members and loved ones who have passed away by including their names and photos on our Day of the Dead altar. If you would like to participate and have a loved one remembered on the altar, please send us their **name and a photo to secretaryes@divinesavior.net**. We would be honored to celebrate their memory and keep their presence close to us during this special tradition. Thank you for helping us create a meaningful space where we can remember, honor, and celebrate those who are no longer with us.
Thank You!

Altar de Dia de los Muertos

Vamos a continuar la hermosa tradicion de honrar y recorder a nuestros queridos familiares quienes han fallecido al incluir sus nombres y foto en el altar de Dia de Muertos. Si usted quisiera participar y quisiera que su ser querido fuera recordado en el altar, porfavor enviennos el **nombre y una foto a secretaryes@divinesavior.net**. Cera un honor poder celebrar su memoria y tener cerca su presencia durante esta bonita y especial tradicion. Gracias por ayudarnos a crear un espacio donde podamos recorder, honrar, y celebrar a los que ya no estan mas con nosotros.
Gracias!

Gospel Meditation

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, **"Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5)**. The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John R. Muir

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October Stewardship



2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
4TH	$5,366.00	$2,602.00	$2,324.00	$10,292.00	$400.00	$281.57	**$10,973.57**
11TH							
18TH							
25TH							
Month Total	$5,366.00	$2,602.00	$2,324.00	$10,292.00	$400.00	$281.57	**$10,973.57**
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	$86,116.00	$29,486.87	$32,001.94	$147,604.81	$9,443.00	$5,036.66	**$162,084.47**

Readings for the Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/ Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday
Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday
Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday
Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday
Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday
Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday
Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

Congratulations to Logan Patrick McDonnell on your baptism.



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
Elisabeth Carrillo - National Guard
David Blazin - US Army
Kevin Przybocki - US Army
Rachael Vicha - Navy
Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard
Morgan Demos - US Navy
Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy
Lt. Jack O'Sullivan, MD - Navy
Edgar Nava Lopez - Marine



Lynsey M. Gabrielson - Navy
Major Jose E. Perez - US Army
Eric Jones - Army Reserves
Michal Kazmierczak - US Navy
Jon Black - US Army
Juanita Iris Mejia - Marines
Christopher Bianchi - Army
Brendan O'Sullivan, MD - Air Force
Gabryel Barrera - Marine Corp
Jesus Garcia - Marines
Byron Hidalgo - US Army



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine your father invited 200 children and adults to your birthday party. He sent a limousine to pick them up, but they would not come. They tore up the car and beat up the driver. So your father sent a bus to the nearest children's home and homeless shelter. The bus took everyone to the party. Each person had a great time. How we act on earth gets us ready to go to God's party in heaven.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me to be ready for the big party in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will say, "Here I am, Lord. How may I help you?"



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