



Sunday, October 18th, 2026
29th 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, OCTOBER 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SHOW ME
THE COIN.

— MATTHEW 22:19 —

Parish Information

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JOIN THE PARISH!

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.

Friday 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.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 8:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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 de una 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 21st through October 25th

Wednesday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am Donald Siedleck

Saturday: 4:00pm Angelo Caldarazzo

Sunday: 8:00am Gloria Perkins

10:00am Mamerto Vega

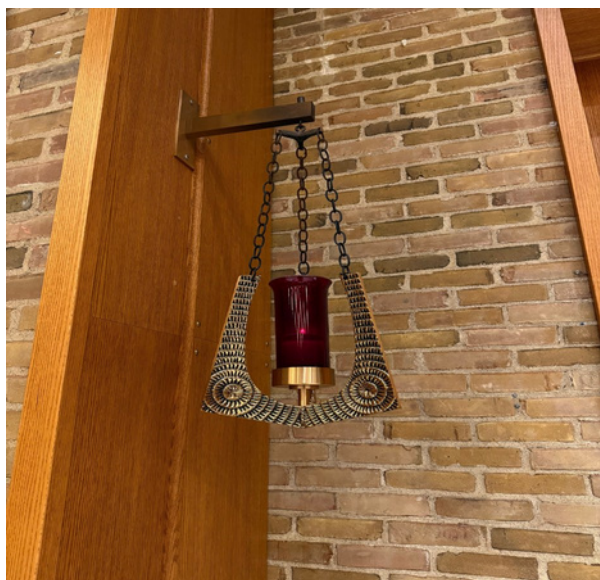
12:00pm Familia Preciado Estrada



Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	John Robinson	Frederick Costa
Maureen C.	Anthony Gnutek	Janice Sinnick
Mark. C.	Norbert Wierzbicki	Cynthia Jara
Terry R.	Betsy	Rachel Vicha
Sherry Toman	Pete Cushion	Bernetta Kolar
Steven G.	Bev. G	Geri Parker
Joann Costa	Emri R.	Bob J.
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina	Rosa Plazola
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Paul Czech	Steve Scott
Grace P.	Kathy S.	Bob Spiewak
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks	Robin Hickey
Justin Pratt	Kathy Hamilton	
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 Blanket Ministry.

The Lost and Found

The Lost and Found bin is bursting at the seams!

Please stop by the church office to claim items you might have forgotten.



PASSING THE TORCH

There is a goal to Christianity, and it is more than simply getting to heaven when you die. Jesus talked about the goal incessantly. He called it, "The Kingdom of Heaven" or "The reign of God." Every Sunday we pray the exact same thing in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come!"

And then we immediately see how this is to be achieved, "Thy will be done." Jesus told us explicitly what the will of God is: That God the Father loses no one. And "That all may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you." That's not just the goal of Jesus, it's ours as well. As the Body of Christ, we are part of the process to bring about that kingdom where the prophecy of Isaiah comes true, "To turn our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. And to study war no more." It is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and all the things that Matthew 25 tells us to do. And above all, it is to experience the hand of God guiding our lives through the life of Jesus.

And our holy work? Not just to live our faith for ourselves, but to pass it on to the next generation. I fear we are not doing a good enough job feeding the hungry souls of our children and grandchildren. They're well fed on the empty calories of pop culture, but as Mother Theresa told us, that while we may be physically well-fed, we are spiritually starving ourselves to death. So how do we pass the torch of faith to the next generation?

That's the question I have been wrestling with for the past 15 years. For us of a certain generation, growing up in the faith was pretty easy. If you grew up in Chicago in the late 40s and early 50s, your whole world revolved around the church. They didn't ask you what neighborhood you lived in, they asked what church you belonged to. We just jumped into the river of faith and went along for the ride. And what a wonderful ride it was. Growing up in Wheaton in the 1950s was akin to living in Mayberry. It was sweet and easy.

Not so for our children, and especially for our children's children. There is a spiritual hunger in them that nothing they will ever see on that screen they stare at all day long can ever satisfy. It is the God shaped hole in each and every one of us that can be filled only by... Well, only by God! St. Augustine (Not to be confused with Fr. Agustin) said it best, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee O Lord." And many of our young people are getting the memo. Every Sunday at the 9 AM mass at St. Michael in Wheaton, there are 20 to 30 young college students from Wheaton College (of all places), seeking the Lord and in the Catholic Church (of all places!).

That has to be encouraged. We need to help our young people understand that without the experience of someone greater than they, guiding them and that they have a mission to perform while on earth what Jesus called us all to do during our very, very short dance on this planet. The mission is to move the needle closer to the kingdom of God. The goal is to know that we are all interconnected to each other, and most of all to the Divine Presence, the very ground of our being...God.

Toward this end, we will try to do our own little part here at Divine Savior for our next generation, our young people, and especially our children in our religious education program, RE. Coming up on Wednesday, October 28 at 4 PM. and on Thursday, October 29 at 5 P.M., we will have a teaching mass for the children and their parents.

All are invited to one of these masses, especially parents and grandparents, who wish to pass on their faith to the next generation. For the parents of the children in our RE program, it is mandatory as part of the promise they made at their children's baptism to see that they grow in the faith, to model for them, what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Children learn much more by what their parents do than what they say. Passing the torch is one of the major works, we of a certain generation have to participate in.

Pray for the next generation, and the one after them. They are going into a world like no other that has ever existed in history. They can't do it alone. They don't need to do it alone. The God of Mercy and love is already in them. They simply need to experience that God, trust that God, and follow his lead into the promised Kingdom.

In Jesus, our model, Fr Tony.

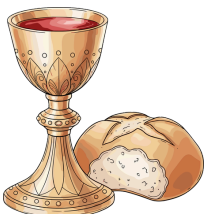
I WAS ILL AND HOMEBOUND, AND YOU CAME TO VISIT ME

"I was ill, and you came to visit me." Those are the words of Jesus telling us who it was when we went to make that visitation to an aging relative, someone who needed our support or a long time parishioner who can't get out anymore. It was JESUS HIMSELF! And Jesus is waiting for a visit and to have someone bring him Holy Communion. Could that possibly be you?

We are presently organizing a team to bring communion to those of us who cannot get out of the house to come to church every week. If we can get enough volunteers, it will change the lives of a lot of good people people in our community.

If you are interested in learning about the ministry, please call the office at 630-969-1532. If we get enough people, we can train you and commission you to be a communion visitation minister. The commitment isn't huge if we have enough people to volunteer. But of this I am sure, there are people in our parish who would love to be visited.

If you are a member of Divine Savior, that means you are called on mission. In the quiet of your heart, ask the Lord if this is a ministry you should be doing and would be good at, and would love to do. Go ahead, ask Him and listen in your heart to his response. Then make the call.





In Sympathy

Richard Pawlak
June 1938 – October 2026

Rich was a Chicago Sports fan.
He also enjoyed
bowling, golfing and spending
quality time with his
family.



Divine Savior Blanket Ministry

Come join us for our monthly meeting in the church
conference room.

The ministry consists of volunteers who can knit,
crochet or tie lap blankets. We work on these
projects at home and come together once a month
for fellowship and prayer.

Thursday, October
27th at 1:00pm

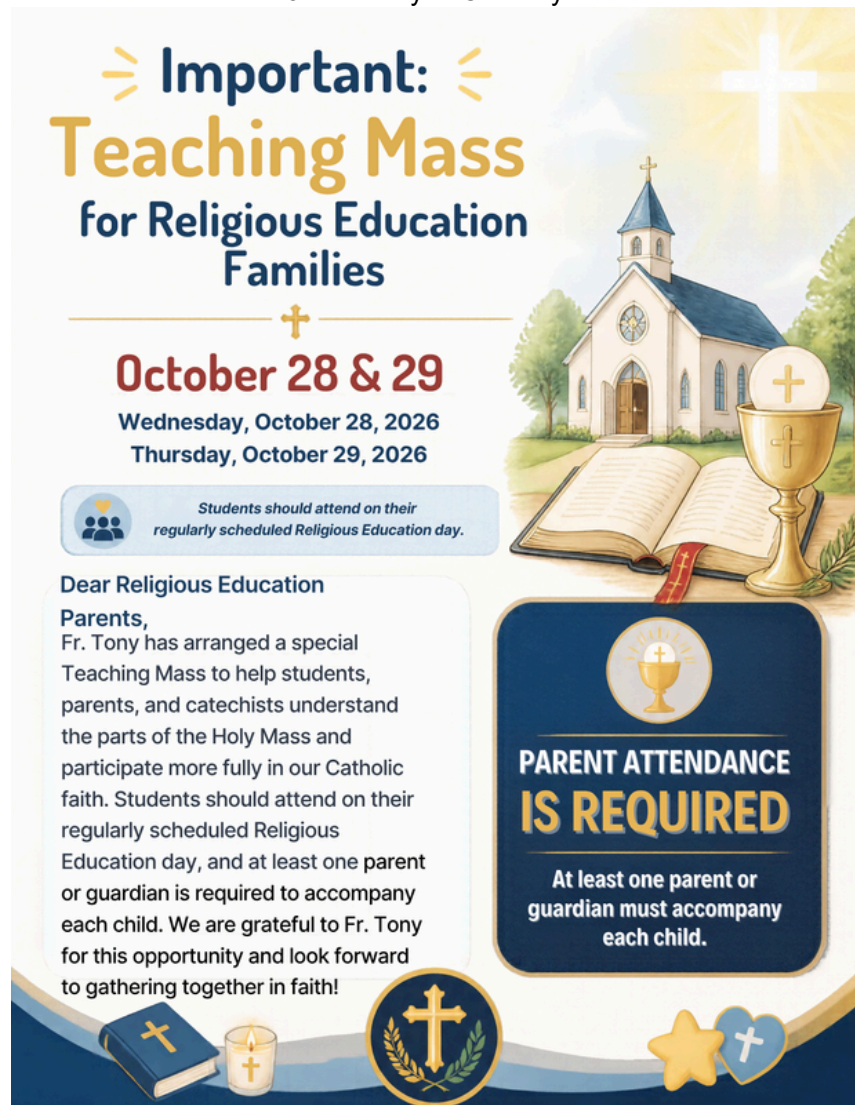
We can all use prayers and part of our ministry
is to pray for special intentions, especially for
those who are in need of healing. We always
welcome new members and any donations of
materials. Please join us for a "feel-good"
afternoon.

For more information contact Linda Lahey
at 708-305-5471 or lin627.lahey@gmail.com



Can't knit or
crochet, no
problem,
join us to pray
the rosary!





Important:
Teaching Mass
for Religious Education Families

October 28 & 29
Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Thursday, October 29, 2026

Students should attend on their regularly scheduled Religious Education day.

Dear Religious Education Parents,
Fr. Tony has arranged a special Teaching Mass to help students, parents, and catechists understand the parts of the Holy Mass and participate more fully in our Catholic faith. Students should attend on their regularly scheduled Religious Education day, and at least one parent or guardian is required to accompany each child. We are grateful to Fr. Tony for this opportunity and look forward to gathering together in faith!

PARENT ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED
At least one parent or guardian must accompany each child.

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**

secretaries@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 Día de los Muertos

Vamos a continuar la hermosa tradición de honrar y recordar a nuestros queridos familiares quienes han fallecido al incluir sus nombres y foto en el altar de Día 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 secretaries@divinesavior.net. Cera un honor poder celebrar su memoria y tener cerca su presencia durante esta bonita y especial tradición. Gracias por ayudarnos a crear un espacio donde podamos recordar, honrar, y celebrar a los que ya no estan mas con nosotros.

Gracias!

Gospel Meditation



Readings for the Week of October 18, 2026

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

Monday

Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
Mt 22:34-40

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Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone —

including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

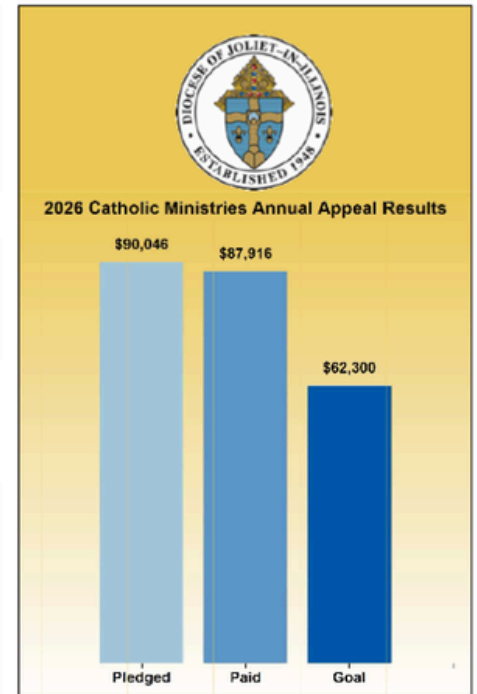
— Father John R. Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 10/11/2026

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	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$90,046	\$85,156	\$4,890	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$87,916	\$83,795	\$4,120	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$2,130	\$1,361	\$770	\$200
Donors	164	192	-28	202
2026 Rebate	\$17,931			



2026 Parishioners	
2,119	8%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$549.06	1,955
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
56

For full LYBUNT listing view last page of report

Giving Circles	2026 Donors	2025 Donors	Difference
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	1	1	0
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	0	0
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	2	2	0
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	2	3	-1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	11	9	2
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	148	187	-39
Total Donors	164	202	-38



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

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	\$5,685.00	\$2,047.00	\$2,956.50	\$10,688.50	\$388.00	\$449.00	\$11,525.50
18TH							
25TH							
Month Total	\$11,051.00	\$4,649.00	\$5,280.50	\$20,980.50	\$788.00	\$730.57	\$22,499.07
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$91,801.00	\$31,533.87	\$34,958.44	\$158,293.31	\$9,831.00	\$5,485.66	\$173,609.97

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

WANT TO GIVE CANDY FROM YOUR TRUNK? PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!

Jesus Loves You Love & Treats

TRUNKS, TREATS & JESUS
 Oct. | 30 | 2026
 5:00 p.m.
 At Divine Savior West Parking lot
 PLEASE CONTACT BIANCA JIMENEZ IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS
 AMAZING EVENT: DRE@DIVINESAVIOR.NET

Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

Mission for the Week

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.

