



Sunday, October 25th, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

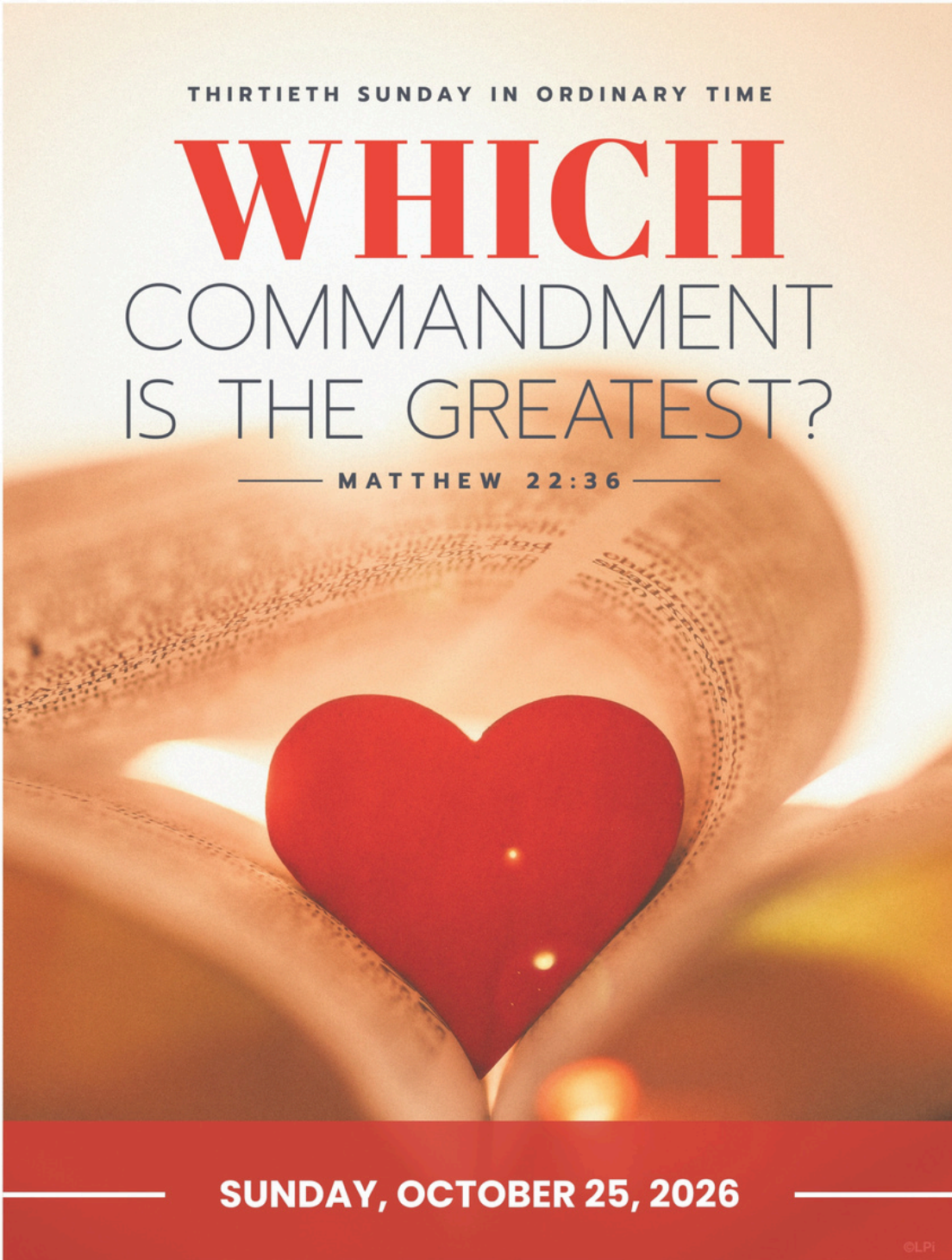
THE MISSION STATEMENT

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?

— MATTHEW 22:36 —



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

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., 10:00 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.

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 28th through November 1st

Wednesday: 8:30am Stanley Layman

Thursday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Friday: 8:30am Clifford Grammich Sr.

Saturday: 4:00pm Donald Walaszek

Sunday: 8:00am All Saint's Day

10:00am All Saint's Day

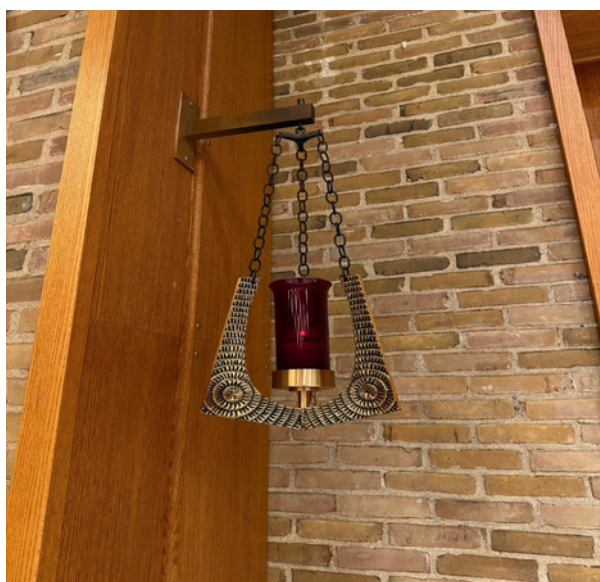
12:00pm All Saint's Day



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	Bernetta Kolar
Sherry Toman	Pete Cushion	Geri Parker
Steven G.	Bev. G	Bob J.
Joann Costa	Emri R.	Rosa Plazola
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina	Steve Scott
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Paul Czech	Bob Spiewak
Grace P.	Kathy S.	
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks	
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 Divine Savior Staff.



A note from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope you are enjoying this fall season!!!!
Miss you A LOT but we will be together soon!!!! I will be home for Christmas!!! I wish you a great Thanksgiving!!!!

Blessings,
Fr. Agustin



HABEMUS PAPAM... AND HE'S AMERICAN!

It was about 6:30 in the morning on Thursday, May 8, 2025. I was sitting in the sauna at the Wheaton Park District after having done my morning workout. One of the men in the sauna recognized me and asked, "Do you think we will ever have an American pope?" My response was immediate, "sure, when this sauna starts producing ice cubes." That very afternoon, it was announced... We have an American pope, and even more, he's from Chicago. And wait... There's more. He's a White Sox fan! (And will never put ketchup on a hotdog).

To me, one of the proofs that the Holy Spirit is real and guides the church is this. For the past 2,000 years, we have had some saintly leaders and some very sinful people running the Church. And She is still here! I truly believe that this time we have one of our own local saints. who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is now leading our Holy Mother, the Church.

Recently, he underwent a surgical procedure to remove a cancerous growth on his lung. And the whole world is praying for his recovery. Why? I truly believe he is a man for this time and the needs of our world today. There are two things that he is doing (among 1.000 others) that stand out in bold relief: war and immigration.

It took a Hindu mystic, Gandhi, to point out to us that Jesus was nonviolent. "If you live by the sword, you will die by the sword." This is a revelation to most Christians because we were told war is inevitable. It has to be. It's part of the human condition.

What Pope Leo is pointing out is that it does not have to be. What he is diligently trying to change is an entire mindset that is convinced that not only is war is inevitable, but that might make right. There's a name for this: real polotique. It is the mindset of domination. As our Holy Father keeps pointing out, this is not inevitable. And he is trying to change the entire world's mind to a Christ like mindset. And as an Augustinian priest, he is even questioning Augustine's just war theory. "The Lord says, I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction."

When we look at the devastation of the wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, and all over the Middle East, we have to ask ourselves, "cui bono", who's good? - Obviously, to a very narrow band of recipients, those who profit from the war machine. It was President Eisenhower who warned us to "beware of the military-industrial complex. " We have not taken that advice. It is past time that we need to. And it is the pope who is pointing the way.

His other cause, célèbre, is migration and the plight of immigrants. I personally, having two adopted immigrant children, have some stake in the game. One of my favorite lines that I love to quote is that of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, FDR, when he addressed the Daughters of the American Revolution with this wonderful salutation, "fellow immigrants!" Unless we are indigenous, we are all the sons and daughters of immigrants. Do we need good, strong borders? Absolutely! But do we need even more a humane method of bringing immigrants into this country legally? Without a doubt. In the last year, the only group that received refugee status in our country have been white South Africans. And we are shipping black Haitians back to their country in droves. The Holy Father is asking us, what's wrong with this picture? It is a good question.

The very first command of Jesus was, “repent!,” which simply means, turn around, you’re going in the wrong direction. Pope Leo is trying to have us turn around, to repent and to follow the leader, the Prince of peace, the most inclusive man who ever lived, Jesus!

In Jesus, who died that all might live, Fr. Tony.



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

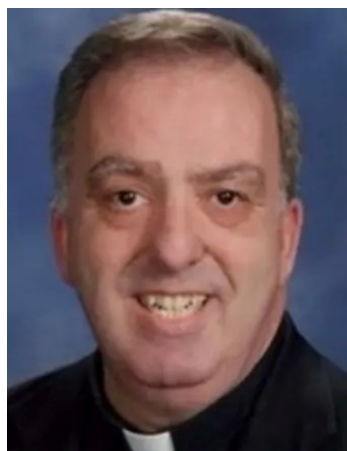


“I was ill, and you came to visit me.” Those are the words of Jesus telling us who it was when we went to make that visitation to an aging relative, someone who needed our support or a long time parishioner who can’t get out anymore. It was JESUS HIMSELF! And Jesus is waiting for a visit and to have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



St. Joseph Parish’s former pastor, Fr. Al Heidecke, passed away following an advanced cancer diagnosis. His funeral mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Parish on Friday, October 16th.

Fr. Al graciously gave his time to help with our Lenten and Advent Reconciliation services. He recently retired on July 1, 2026. Please keep Fr. Al in your prayers

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.



OPEN HOUSE

**NOVEMBER 8
10AM PRESENTATION**

**NOVEMBER 9
6:30PM PRESENTATION**

Pre-Registration required at nazarethacademy.com

4PM October 28th

5PM October 29th

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/TEXTILE & WINTER APPAREL COLLECTION

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Computers & Peripherals
PCs
Main Frames
Modems
Printers
Monitors
Terminals
Tape Drives
CD-ROM Drives
Floppy Disk Drives
Plotters
Mouse
Keyboards
Scanners
Cables

Office Equipment & Products
Telephones
Phone Systems
Answering Machines
Fax Machines
Copy Machines
Cellular Phones
Pagers
Postage Machines

Small Home Appliances,
Home Improvement Products
Hair Dryers
Circuit Breaker Boxes
Microwave ovens (no glass dish)
Power Tools
Electronic Motors
Wire
Fixtures
Toasters
Coffee Makers (No Glass)
Blenders, Mixers, etc. (No Glass)

Home Entertainment &
Other Items
TVs
VCRs
DVD Players
Stereo Equipment
Joy Sticks
Cameras
Camcorders
Video Game Players

Textiles
Clothing, sheets, household
textiles in any condition
No heavily soiled items
Items must be bagged.

Collection sponsored by eWorks ESI and CTS Green Team is open to all residents and small businesses. If you have more than 50 items (3 pallets or greater) please contact eWorks to arrange for a special pickup. Disposal fee will apply for all televisions and monitors.

CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs And Monitors
Under 21 inch screen = \$25.00 per unit
21 inch screen and over = \$35.00 per unit
Cash or Credit Card accepted – Please No Checks

Donations to support the Green Team service projects are greatly appreciated!

Christ The Servant Parking Lot
8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517
Oct. 31st, 2026 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Exact change only. Do not sign credit card receipts.

Clean Winter Apparel will be collected

Textiles Will be Accepted – in Plastic Bags Only

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Large appliances, batteries, wooden speakers, hazardous and chemical waste will not be accepted. All items should be delivered unboxed and free of excess packaging materials.

Event Questions?
Contact Larry at 630-418-6928

Co-sponsored by:
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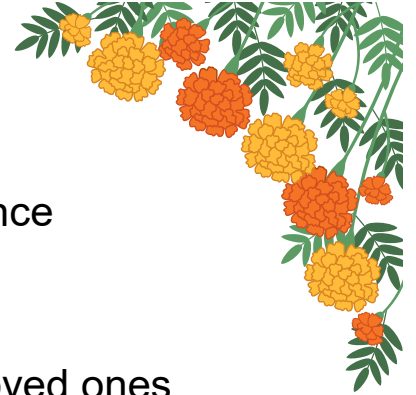
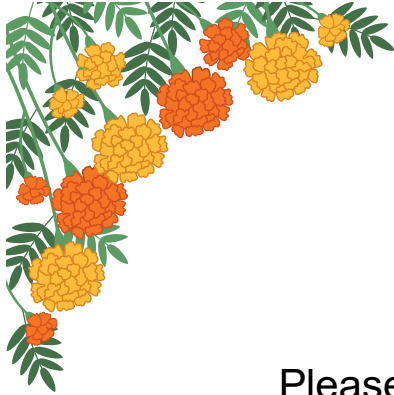


Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoli.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!



All Soul's Day - Mass of Remembrance
Monday, November 2nd at 7PM

Please join in celebrating the lives of our loved ones
who have gone before us.

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 Dia de los Muertos

Vamos a continuar la hermosa tradicion de honrar y recordar 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

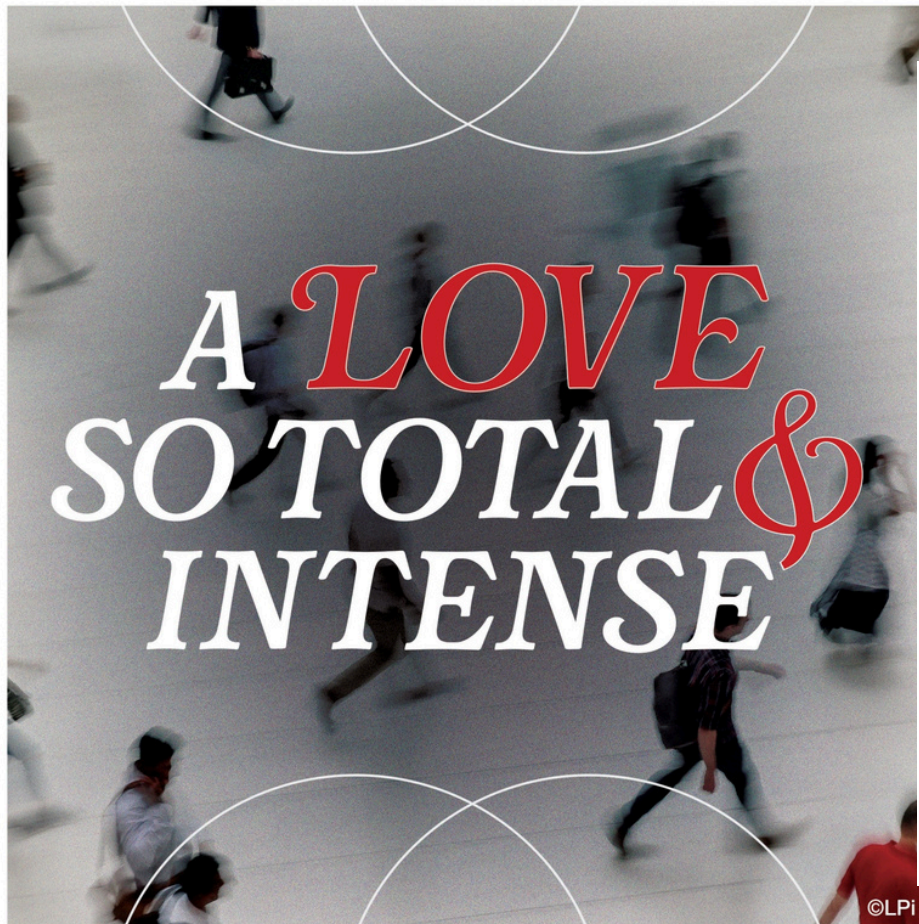
nombre y una foto a

secretaries@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 recordar, honrar, y celebrar a los que ya no estan mas con nosotros.

Gracias!



Gospel Meditation



Readings for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday

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

Monday

Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12a

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "**You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart**" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that

attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John R. Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 10/18/2026

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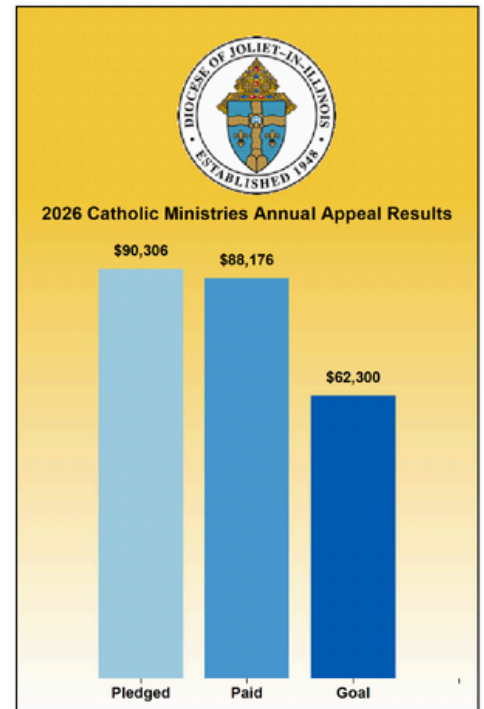
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$90,306	\$85,181	\$5,125	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$88,176	\$83,853	\$4,323	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$2,130	\$1,328	\$802	\$200
Donors	164	192	-28	202
2026 Rebate	\$18,113			

2026 Parishioners	
2,119	8%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$550.65	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)	12	9	3
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	147	187	-40
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	\$5,130.00	\$1,752.00	\$2,264.00	\$9,146.00	\$2,124.00	\$311.00	\$11,581.00
25TH							
Month Total	\$16,181.00	\$6,401.00	\$7,544.50	\$30,126.50	\$2,912.00	\$1,041.57	\$34,080.07
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$96,931.00	\$33,285.87	\$37,222.44	\$167,439.31	\$11,955.00	\$5,796.66	\$185,190.97

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 have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

