



Sunday, October 4th, 2026
27th 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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A LANDOWNER PLANTED A **VINEYARD.**

— MATTHEW 21:33 —



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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

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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.

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 7th through October 11th

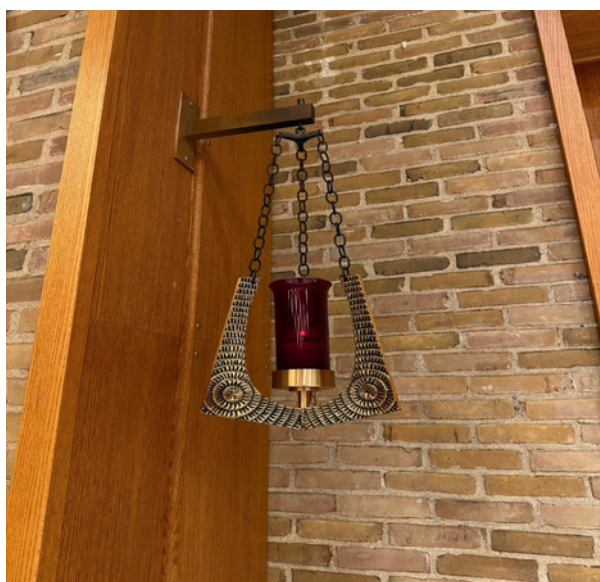
Wednesday:	8:30am	Tom Herold
Thursday:	8:30am	Pete Sclueter
Friday:	8:30am	Bob Goste
Saturday:	4:00pm	Godofredo Ferrer & Jesus Estanislao
Sunday:	8:00am	Memorial for Mamerto & Anastacia Vega
	10:00am	Alfred Barbeau
	12:00pm	Baldomero Hernandez & Cruz Samuel Roque



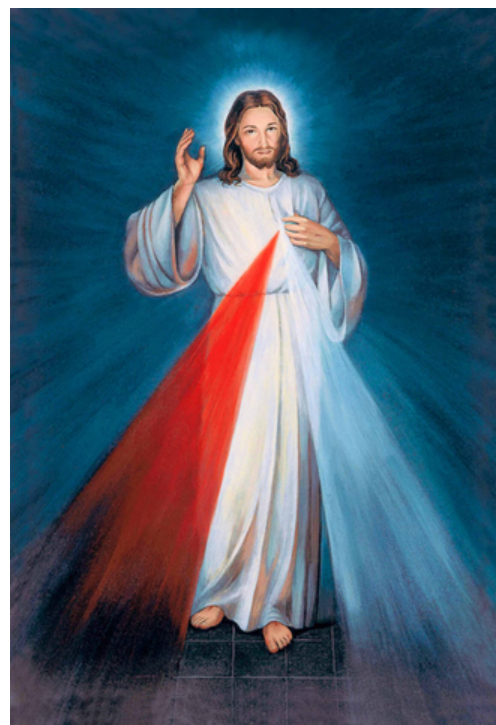
Prayers for the sick:

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 in memory of Curt Whitney.



JUST LOOKING FOR A HOME

Do you remember the old folk song about the Boll Weevil? "Oh, the boll weevil is a little old bug from Mexico, they say...Just looking for a Home...Looking for a home."

Aren't we all? Which reminds us of another old song, "be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." saying that three times took Dorothy from the land of Oz back to her home in Kansas. And she's not the only one. Even ET wanted to "go home." And I think the vast majority of us all want the same thing.

Home. Even the sound of the word is... well, homey. Safe, secure, somewhere where you belong, yours. It doesn't need to be a mansion, but it does give you a sense of stability and security.

I love my little home. My mom and dad had it built in 1950 when I was in second grade. We were living in a three flat on the west side of Chicago across from Douglas Park. We were being evicted out of our home because the neighborhood was changing and we were no longer welcome. And for me, as a kid, moving to this itty-bitty ranch house in Wheaton was like moving to the Taj Mahal. Home! I finally had a home.

That was 76 years ago, and I'm still living in the same home. The memories, the good times, the worried times, the laughter and the tears are still there. When my mother died, my brothers gave it to me. And, please God, I want to stay there until the day I die. It's home. And there is no place like it.

I write all of this because we are in the midst of a housing crisis. Those who have homes are afraid to sell them because the interest rates on a new house would be sky high. Those who are looking for a home can't find one because there are not enough to go around... especially affordable housing. And they too would be strapped with a 7% interest rate. Not as bad as it was in 1983 when inflation brought interest rates to 13%, but enough to cause a lot of sleepless nights.

But can you imagine what life would be like if there was no place to even sleep? To quote Jesus, "The birds have nests, the foxes have lairs, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." And that is the plight of thousands of people right here in DuPage County who find themselves homeless. And it is not just adults who are homeless, but their children as well. Can you imagine night after night seeking shelter with no place to lay your head?

But thanks to the goodness of people who take the gospel seriously, there is a place right here in River City a.k.a, DuPage County for them to sleep securely. It's called DuPage PADS. It stands for Piblic Action to Deliver Shelter. It is a group of volunteers from many walks of life coming together to make sure that for the children and their parents who have no home, there will be a place that is secure and safe. It is the Gospel of Jesus in action. "I was homeless and you gave me a place to stay."

For many, many years now, Divine Savior parish has been very active in delivering shelter and meals for the homeless. And today they are looking for more volunteers to help out in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and giving shelter to those in need. This is the gospel in action, and we are asking you to be a part of it. Once a month, our parish provides a warm and healthy meal for those who are hungry. In a world of plenty, no one should go hungry. We are asking you to help.

After every mass this weekend, in the narthex of the church will be parishioner Cathy Benavento and volunteers from our parish, who work with DuPage PADS. Please don't pass them by, but take a moment to stop and get some information. Helping to serve a meal for one who is hungry and homeless is nothing less than feeding Jesus in disguise. You can do it.

If we take our discipleship of Jesus seriously, everyone has something to give, something important to do, to build up the Body of Christ. If we are to take our baptism seriously, no one is exempt. We all have work to do. It will be different for different people according to their gifts. But if you can cook or even clean, Jesus is looking for you.

In Jesus, the homeless one, Fr. Tony.



In Sympathy

Arlene Ludera

June 21, 1945 – September 18, 2026

Arlene was a graphic artist.
She loved animals, especially horses.
It started as a young child with a
favorite rocking horse.



In Sympathy

Marie Lausas

May 27, 1944 – September 18, 2026

Marie lived her faith through
kindness, compassion, generosity,
and acceptance of others.
She cared for everyone she met.



The Divine Savior PADS MINISTRY continues to partner with St Mary of Gostyn Parish to provide dinners and support items to the homeless of our community.

Through your past generosity we have been providing dinners for the adults and children staying at the Interim Housing Center located at 1113 Butterfield Road in Downers Grove.

Once again we are in need of more donations to continue to support this important ministry. All of the money collected goes directly to supplying food for the homeless.

If you would like to help, checks can be written to Divine Savior PADS, and dropped in the collection basket, or at the church office.

If you have any questions, or would like to join the team serving dinner, please contact Cathy Benavente, 630 596 3707, rcbenavente@comcast.net.

Divine Savior volunteers feeding the hungry



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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EDUCATION



Fostering and Promoting Vocations
to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

October 12, 2026

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
480 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

6:00 Rosary followed by Mass, Dinner and
Speakers

Scan the QR code to RSVP by October 5, 2026.



**Speakers: Deacon Victor Puscas, Director of Diaconal Formation
for the Diocese of Joliet & Elizabeth Puscas**



Friday, October 30th

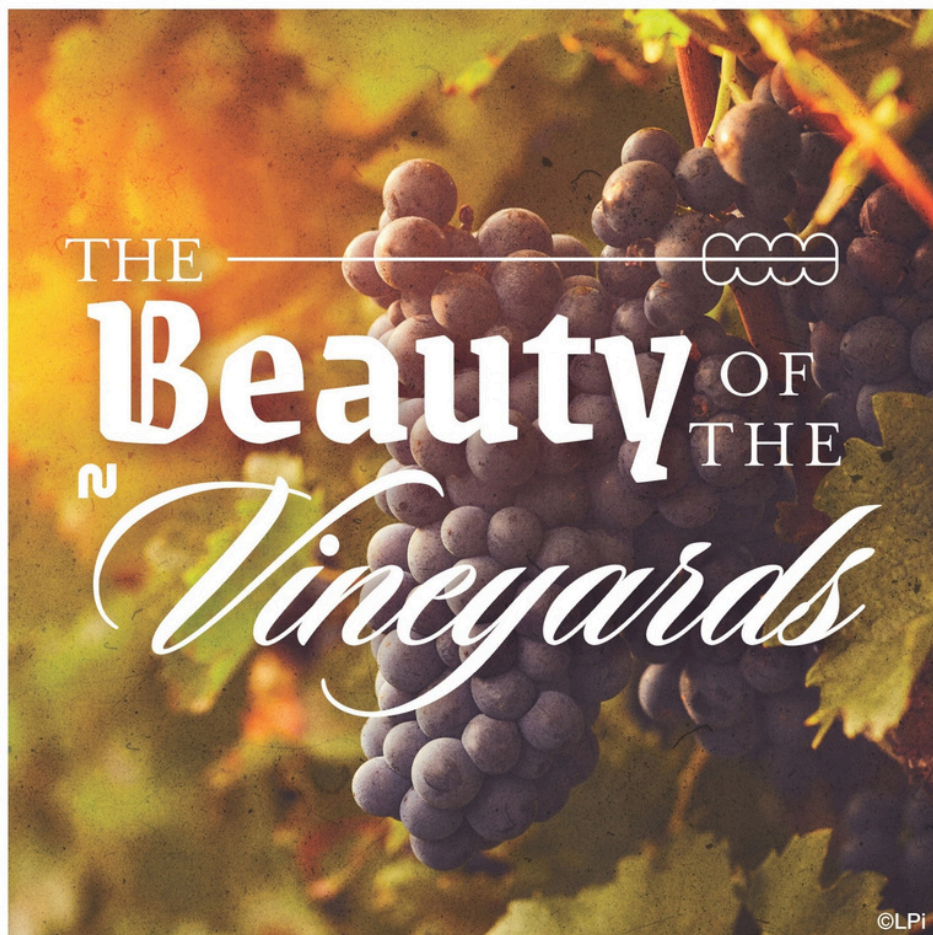
Contact Bianca Jimenez
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Divine Savior Parish

Get ready for a joyful evening of
faith, family, saints, costumes,
decorated trunks, and lots of
treats!

This year, we're bringing a
Catholic twist to Trunk or Treat!
Think saints, angels, Bible stories,
and fun family-friendly themes –
keeping the celebration joyful and
welcoming for our children.

More details coming soon!
Would you like to help organize
this special parish event?
We would love to have you on
our team!

Gospel Meditation



Readings for the Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43

Monday

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next 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

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner **"leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33)**. The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not

violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John R. Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 9/27/2026

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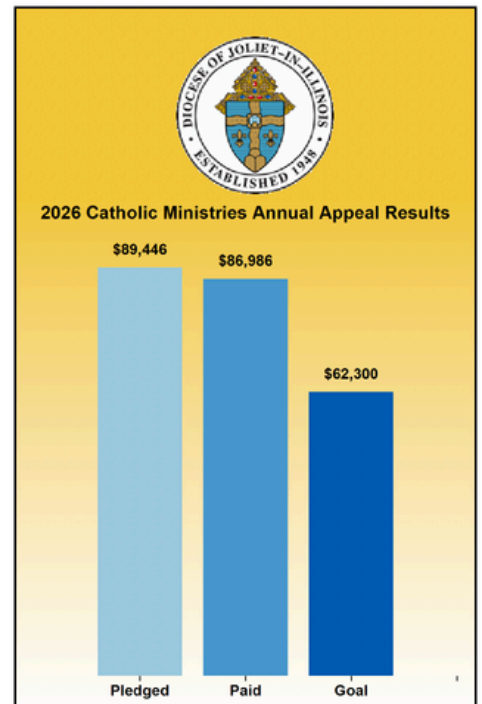
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$89,446	\$84,730	\$4,716	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$86,986	\$83,057	\$3,928	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$2,460	\$1,673	\$788	\$200
Donors	163	191	-28	202
2026 Rebate	\$17,280			

2026 Parishioners	
2,119	8%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$548.75	1,956
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
57

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)	147	187	-40
Total Donors	163	202	-39



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

September Stewardship

2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
6th	\$5,938.00	\$2,314.01	\$2,904.00	\$11,156.01	\$473.00	\$279.90	\$11,908.91
13th	\$4,811.00	\$2,366.00	\$2,026.50	\$9,203.50	\$275.00	\$239.00	\$9,717.50
20th	\$6,560.00	\$2,259.43	\$2,399.00	\$11,218.43	\$1,693.00	\$246.50	\$13,157.93
27th	\$10,299.00	\$1,811.00	\$2,068.48	\$14,178.48	\$447.00	\$296.05	\$14,921.53
Month Total	\$27,608.00	\$8,750.44	\$9,397.98	\$45,756.42	\$2,888.00	\$1,061.45	\$49,705.87
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$80,750.00	\$26,884.87	\$29,677.94	\$137,312.81	\$9,043.00	\$4,755.09	\$151,110.90

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

You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

Dear God, help me to take care of your world and love the people around me.

Mission for the Week

Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world.

