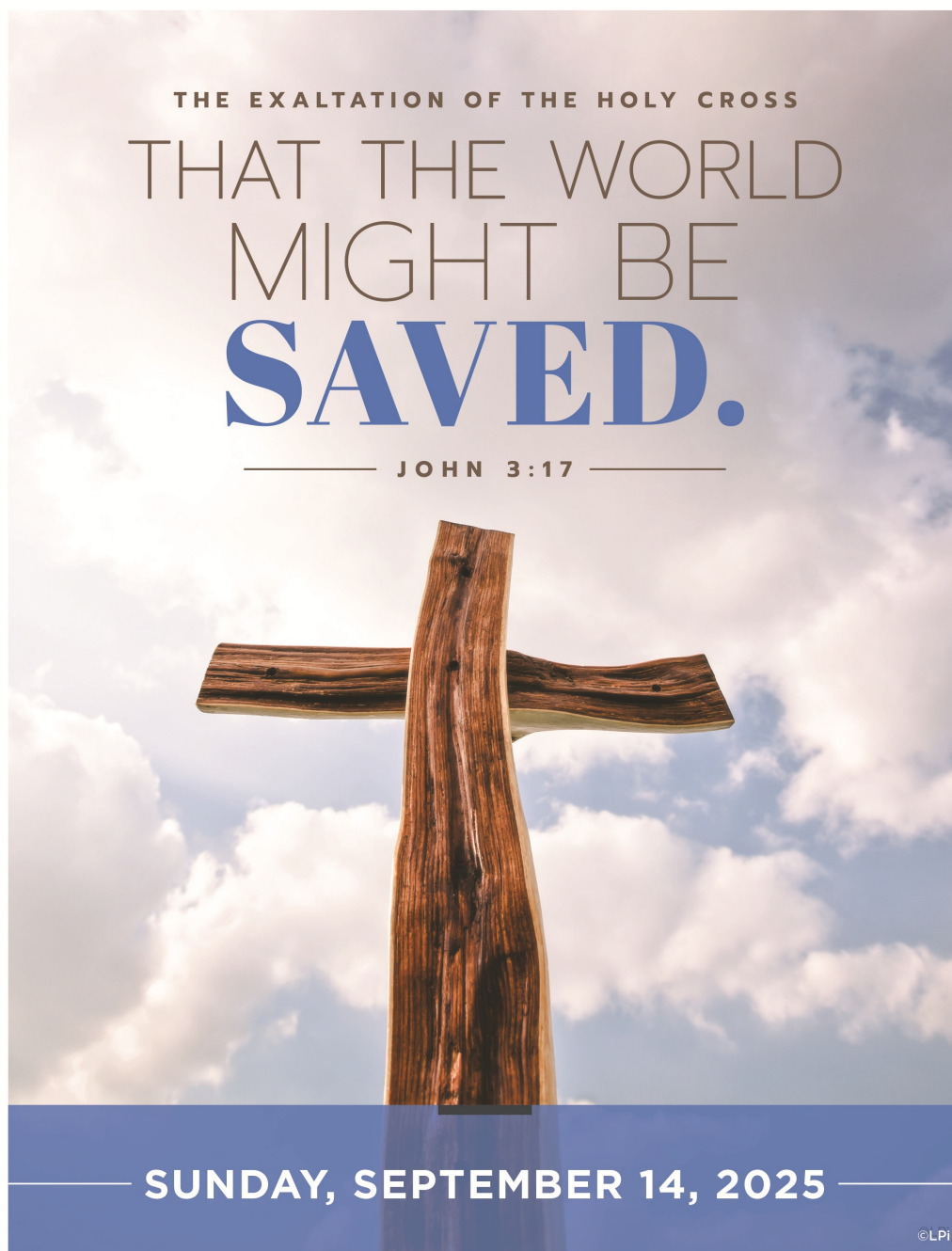




Sunday, September 14, 2025  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ***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.*



# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

**Website:** [WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net](http://WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net)

**Address:** 6700 Main Street,  
Downers Grove, IL 60516-2799

**Phone:** 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

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## 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](mailto: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.

## 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**

## 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 se requerirán también.

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please e-mail submissions to [bulletin@divinesavior.net](mailto:bulletin@divinesavior.net)  
**10 days** before the publication.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



*September 17th through September 21st*

Wednesday:	8:30am	Communion Service
Thursday:	8:30am	Communion Service
Friday:	8:30am	Communion Service
Saturday:	4:00pm	Lawrence Hartnett
Sunday:	8:00am	Angelo Calderazzo
	10:00am	Eugene Heinrich
	12 noon	Jose Guadalupe Preciado Hilda Preciado Jose Estrada Socorro Arellano

The annual Joliet Diocese Priest Convocation, a gathering of our bishop with all priests in all of our diocese, for a priesthood renewal prayer and fellowship will be from Monday, Sep.15 through Friday Sep.19.

There will be only be communion services during this time.

Congratulations to father Bob and all his parishioners as they celebrate the 35th anniversary of Christ the Servant Parish!



The Tabernacle Candle will be lit for the Jenkins Family

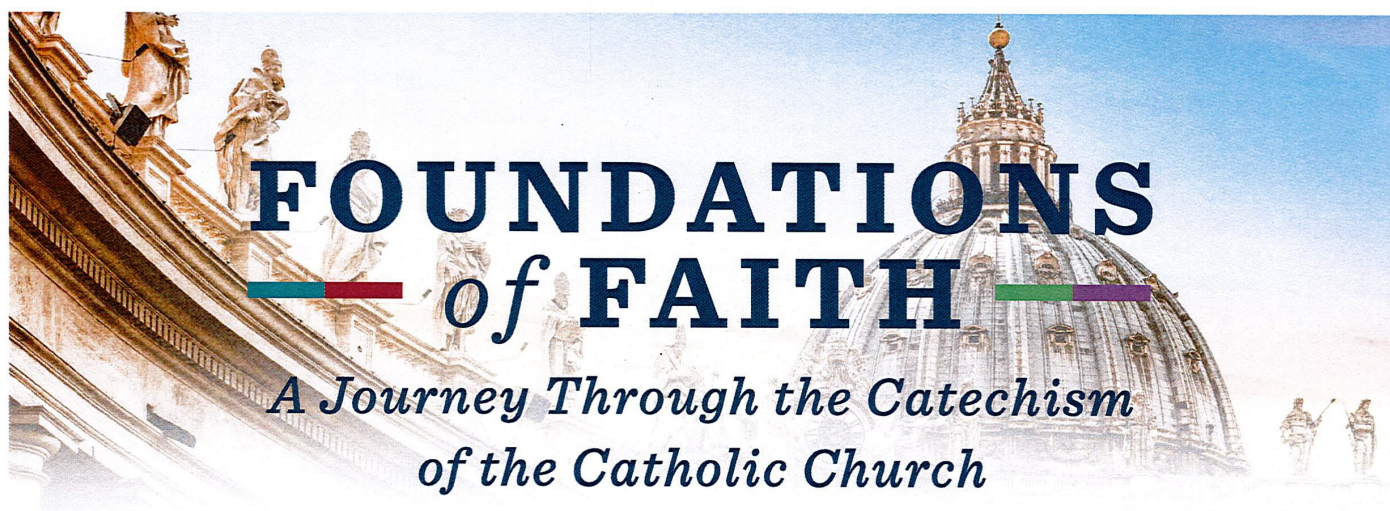


## Prayers for

Rafaela Botello	Grace P.
Maureen C.	Herb G.
Mark C.	John Robinson
Terry R.	Anthony Gnutek
Sherry Toman	Norbert Wierzbicki
Steven G.	Marge Cushion
Joann Costa	Betsy
D. Woods	Edith Kubas
Fr. Bill Conway	Pete Cushion
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Bev G.
Jennifer Sinnick	Janice Sinnick
	Emri R.

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.





### Dates – Time – Location

Tuesdays @ 9:00 AM in the  
Divine Savior Parish Center or via  
Zoom @7:00 PM (different groups &  
lively discussions, but same video)

Sessions 1-9: October 7th thru  
December 2nd (2025)  
Sessions 10-20: January 13th thru  
March 24th (2026)

### For More Information

Registration before & after all Masses  
September 27th & 28th and October  
4th & 5th

You will need a Workbook from  
Ascensionpress.com (\$39.95 +  
tax/shp) ,a Catechism and a Bible  
(RSVCE preferred)

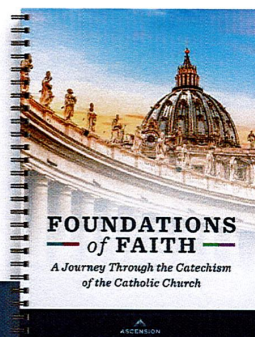
Contact Paul Jara 630-776-2987 or  
ptj2763@gmail.com

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### *Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows*

In honor of the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows** (September 15), the **Legion of Mary** will have Rosaries of Our Lady of Sorrows available at their table after all Masses this weekend.

Along with these special rosaries, other religious items and devotional materials will also be available to help deepen your prayer life and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

*We warmly invite you to stop by the Legion table, learn more about this beautiful devotion, and take home spiritual resources for your family.*

## Religious Education upcoming events

**Catechetical Sunday:**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

**Special blessing for the Catechists**



**First Parent Meeting**

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.**  
**at Divine Savior Parish**

**First RE Class**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**In the parish Center**



DIVINE SAVIOR PRESENTS

## CHILI COOK-OFF

11.07.2025

Your participation is needed for this event to happen! We are in need of parishioners to showcase their culinary talents!



If you would like to have an entry in the contest, please contact Marie Borowski at 630-465-7044 or [msborows@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msborows@sbcglobal.net)



Welcome Father Albertano to  
Divine Savior at the Spanish Mass!  
Father Albertano is the brother of our  
Business Manager, Luis Gonzalez.  
Thank You for visiting all the way from  
Mexico!



Thomas Fidanza  
July 1954 – August 2025





Nancy Catalano  
June 1934 – September 2025



Nancy was a faithful parishioner and prior to COVID, she volunteered in our linens program.  
The flowers shown represent her kindness and generosity to Divine Savior

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

#### Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

#### Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

#### Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

#### Thursday:

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

#### Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

#### Next Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for breakthrough "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir



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## 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 9/7/2025

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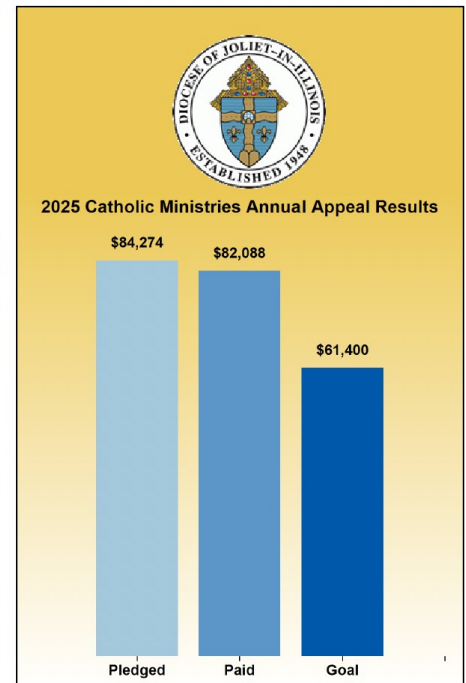
	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$84,274	\$63,963	\$20,311	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$82,088	\$60,971	\$21,117	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$2,186	\$2,992	(\$806)	\$520
Donors	191	208	-17	224
2025 Rebate	\$14,482			

2025 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>9%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$441.23</b>	<b>1,928</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTS (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>55</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)	2	2	0
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	7	11	-4
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	179	209	-30
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>-33</b>



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



## September Stewardship

2025	Envelopes	Loose Curren- cy	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Enve- lopes	Special Col- lection	Total
7TH	\$ 6,882.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,714.00	\$ 11,646.00	\$ 454.00	\$ 301.00	\$ 12,401.00
14TH				\$ -			\$ -
21ST				\$ -			\$ -
28TH				\$ -			\$ -
				\$ -			\$ -
Month Total	\$ 6,882.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,714.00	\$ 11,646.00	\$ 454.00	\$ 301.00	\$ 12,401.00
2025/26 Fiscal Year Total	\$59,931.00	\$ 19,209.96	\$21,847.28	\$100,988.24	\$ 6,022.00	\$4,806.64	\$111,816.88

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





## Prayer

God, you are my power  
and my strength.

## Mission for the Week

Every morning, I will  
remember to tell Jesus  
that I believe in him.

## Sharing the Gospel

The Hebrew people  
were being bitten by  
serpents in the desert.  
God told Moses to  
make a serpent out of  
bronze and put it on  
a pole. Everyone who  
looked at it would be  
healed. God put an  
end to the serpents  
and helped the Hebrew  
people. Many years  
later, Jesus was lifted  
up on the cross. We  
look at him and know  
that Jesus is our  
strength, our hope, and  
our healing. Look at the  
cross and say, "Jesus, I  
believe in you."

**Now color  
the picture!**

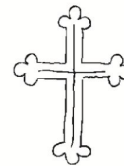


Which picture name begins with this letter?  
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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