



Sunday, September 13th, 2026
24th 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.

Welcome Fr. Tony to Divine Savior, as he guides us while Fr. Agustin is on sabbatical.



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



September 16th through September 20th

Wednesday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Thursday:	8:30am	Betty Convalle
Friday:	8:30am	Juan Paulino
Saturday:	4:00pm	Johnny Jenkins
Sunday:	8:00am	For the Parishioners
	10:00am	Blanca Reynoso
	12:00pm	Familia Preciado Estrada



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	
Grace P.	Kathy S.	
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks	
Kelly M.	Kathy Hamilton	
Justin Pratt	Angelica Collazos	
Friar Johnpaul Cafiero	Louise Casillas	
Rose Kraemer		

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 Pietrucha Family.

Prayer Service to commemorate
the 250th Anniversary of the
Many Journeys that Shaped
America (USCCB)

Sept 20, 2026 - 2PM
Christ the Servant Parish
8700 Havens Dr
Woodridge IL

A Note from Fr. Tony

Hi everybody,

It's so good to be here. I will be covering for Fr. Agustin until right before Christmas. At that time, Santa Claus (aka the Padre) will be coming to town. This is actually the second time that I have filled in for him. Years ago he went on his first sabbatical and I babysat St. Alexis Parish in Bensenville. Now, coming back to Downers Grove, in a way, is like coming home. My very first assignment was here in Downers at St. Mary of Gostyn where I was ordained in 1971. (Yes, I'm an old man.)

It is really good to be here during the changing of the seasons. And we are entering into my very favorite season of all, Autumn...Fall. And the constant earworm that keeps dancing in my head is the "September Song". My favorite version is Jimmy Durante's because he sings it with such tender melancholy. Hum along if you remember it.

"Oh it's a long long time from May to December, but the days grow short when you reach September."

It is the passing of the sunlit days of Summer, giving way to the Fall. Spring is an overpraised season. It hardly seems to exist anymore. We go from the chill of Winter, maybe with only a couple of pretty spring days, right into the heat of summer. But Fall is faithful. It is a slow and beautiful passing away of what has been.

"And the Autumn weather turns the leaves to flame, one hasn't got time for the waiting game."

So what are we waiting for? Christmas? No, we are waiting for the next step. And for me, in the autumn of my life, well, I wonder what the next step will be.

"Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious view, September, ...November."

The days really are getting shorter. And, truth be told, so is our life. No doubt I have a lot more days behind me than I have ahead of me. One of my favorite lines at a Funeral is, "the last time I checked, mortality is 100%." Whether you live to be 5 or 95, life is the blink of an eye. In the grand scheme of things, in comparison to the age of the universe, our life is less than a nanosecond long.

Yet I truly believe, each and every one of us is indispensable. We are here for a reason. We have a task to perform, and that is to move the needle just a little closer to what Jesus called, "the Kingdom of God." We are called to be the body of Christ in space and time, to do what He did while He was on earth. We are called to work for the day when Isaiah's prophecy comes true and we can turn "our swords into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks, and study war no more." It is the day when no child will ever go to bed hungry or starve to death.

Every day we have is a gift. And we have Holy Work to do. But we don't have to do it alone. The very spirit of God dwells in each and everyone of us, giving us the power to proclaim The Kingdom.

"And these few precious days, I'll spend with you, these golden days, I'll spend with you."

In Jesus, who is coming, in Jesus, who is here.

Fr. Tony



Bishop Conlon blessing Fr. Agustin for safe travels on his sabbatical to Rome.



Congratulations on your baptism Amelia Enriquez, Angela Carranza and Giselle Ruiz!



Our parish is exploring the formation of a Special-Needs Faith and Fellowship Group for individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental, physical, or other special needs, along with their families and friends.

The group would meet periodically to enjoy fellowship, build friendships, and participate in religious education and faith-sharing opportunities in a welcoming and supportive environment.

If you or someone you know might be interested in participating, we would love to hear from you. Your response will help us gauge interest and plan future gatherings.

Please contact Cliff Grammich by phone or text at 1-331-205-0551 or by email at cagrammich@gmail.com for more information or to express your interest.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Help People with Disabilities



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Look for the Knights in the **YELLOW VESTS**

**September
18th & 19th**

Around the
Downers Grove
intersection &
Jewel and Fresh Thyme

Bishop James E Fitzgerald
Council 14649
331-645-1282



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Don't have cash, wish to
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Organization



**Sunday September
20th**

Divine Savior Parish
After
Sundays Mass



Donation never tasted so sweet!

The Knights of Columbus Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities has been in existence since 1970. You can find Knights throughout the community wearing bright yellow vests, passing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations to help children with special needs.



*Explore the Value
of a Catholic Education*

High School Admissions Fair

Wednesday, September 16 from 6-8 p.m.
Benedictine University, Lisle

Explore schools, speak with school representatives and learn about the admissions process and financial aid.

Participating Schools

- Aurora Central Catholic, Aurora
- Benet Academy, Lisle
- Chesterton Academy, Lisle
- Fenwick High School, Oak Park
- IC Catholic Prep, Elmhurst
- Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet
- Marist High School, Chicago
- Marmion Academy, Aurora
- Montini Catholic, Lombard
- Nazareth Academy, LaGrange Park
- Providence Catholic, New Lenox
- Rosary College Prep, Aurora
- St. Francis High School, Wheaton
- St. Laurence High School, Burbank
- St. Lawrence Seminary H.S., Mt. Calvary, WI
- Trinity High School, River Forest



Register

bit.ly/4wg3Uak
Walk ins welcome.



Sponsored by Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Divine Savior Parish

**Sunday, September 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Pastoral Center
6700 W. Main Street
Downers Grove, IL 60516



Donate blood Sept. 11-30 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards! Plus, you'll get a new glow-in-the-dark "Boo-lieve in saving lives" Halloween T-shirt! Visit vitalant.org/FallGiveaway to learn more. Visit donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code: 10054018

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Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, **"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"** Jesus responds, **"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."** In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 8/30/2026

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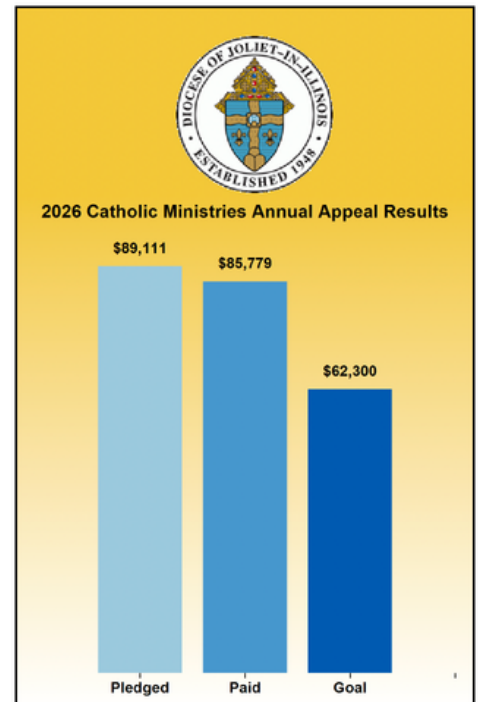
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$89,111	\$84,299	\$4,812	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$85,779	\$81,963	\$3,816	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$3,332	\$2,336	\$996	\$200
Donors	162	191	-29	202
2026 Rebate	\$16,435			

2026 Parishioners	
2,119	8%
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
\$550.07	1,957
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)	146	187	-41
Total Donors	162	202	-40



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							
20th							
27th							
Month Total	\$5,938.00	\$2,314.01	\$2,904.00	\$11,156.01	\$473.00	\$279.90	\$11,908.91
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$59,080.00	\$20,448.44	\$23,183.96	\$102,712.40	\$6,628.00	\$3,973.54	\$113,313.94

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



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, September 17th 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!



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus says to forgive each other seventy times seven or 490 times. That's forgiving once each day for more than a year. Put 490 jelly beans in a gallon "Forgiveness Jug." Each time you forgive someone, eat a jelly bean. When you realize that God has forgiven you, it is easier to forgive others from your heart. God fills you with his love, which is even better than jelly beans. Then you can forgive without holding a grudge.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

Lord, help me forgive other people completely and quickly.

Mission for the Week

I will forgive those who hurt me because God has forgiven me.

