



Sunday, September 6th, 2026
23rd 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.

Love and Prayers for the People of Nepal.



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 9th through September 13th

Wednesday:	8:30am	Edison & Jesus Tolicardio
Thursday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Friday:	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Saturday:	4:00pm	Nora Ortanez
Sunday:	8:00am	For the Parishioners
	10:00am	Angelo Caldarazzo
	12:00pm	Orlando Gonzalez



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 lit for the Eucharistic Ministers.

Prayers for the Beautiful Valentina!!!





Fr. Agustin's farewell party on August 28th.
You will be greatly missed!



Grazie!!!!!!!

No words to express all the gratitude, kindness and love that you have showed me all of these years, especially after sharing with all of you about my desire to renew my mind and relationship with God by taking some time off in Rome.

Like Fire burning in my heart, my joy is to come back feeling better and to continue celebrating our faith together again.

A million thanks for being so kind to me and I'm leaving with a heart so filled with joy because of your love. I will pray for you and ask that you please pray for me. My soul is ready for a new adventure and I can hardly wait to taste the good bread and the good wine.

With love and gratitude, Padre Agustin.

!!!!Grazie!!!!!!

No hay palabras para expresar toda la gratitud, amabilidad y amor que me han mostrado todos estos años, especialmente después de compartir con todos ustedes mi deseo de renovar mi mente y mi relación con Dios tomando un tiempo libre en Roma. Como un fuego que arde en mi corazón, mi alegría es volver sintiéndome renovado y continuar celebrando nuestra fe juntos de nuevo.

Un millón de gracias por ser tan amables conmigo y me voy con el corazón lleno de alegría por su amor. Rezaré por ustedes y les pido que por favor recen por mí. Mi alma está lista para una nueva aventura y estoy ansioso por saborear el buen pan y el buen vino.

Con amor y gratitud, Padre Agustín.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make Fr. Agustin's party a big success. A special thanks goes to Chris and Mike Pietrucha, Ray and Linda Vicha, Julie Pacholek, Lenore Schillmiller, Cindy Porcaro and Luiz Gonzalez. A big shout out to Chef Jerry Navarro and his crew from D'Capo's for the delicious food and to Juan Hernandez for donating his tasty beverages. Last but not least, thanks to all the parishioners who provided decadent desserts, which were enjoyed by all!

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.



LEGION OF MARY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for an inspiring evening of
FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & INSPIRATION!

ALL OR NOTHING

THE INSPIRING STORY OF
SR. CLARE CROCKETT

“You are not made
for comfort.
You are made for *greatness*.”

 **TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

 **6:30 PM
START**

 **DIVINE SAVIOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH CENTER**
6700 S. Main Street
Downers Grove, IL

Discover the powerful true story of Sr. Clare Crockett—an Irish woman who gave up a life of fame and success to follow Christ and give Him her **ALL... or NOTHING**.

 MOVIE
SCREENING

 PRAYER &
INSPIRATION

 FELLOWSHIP &
DISCUSSION

 REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

All are welcome!
Bring your family and friends and invite someone who may be inspired by Sr. Clare's joyful witness of faith and total surrender to God.



“The world offers you comfort.
But you were not made for comfort.
You were made for greatness.” ”
— Sr. Clare Crockett



**JESUS,
I TRUST
IN YOU!**

—>> SPONSORED BY THE LEGION OF MARY <<—

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



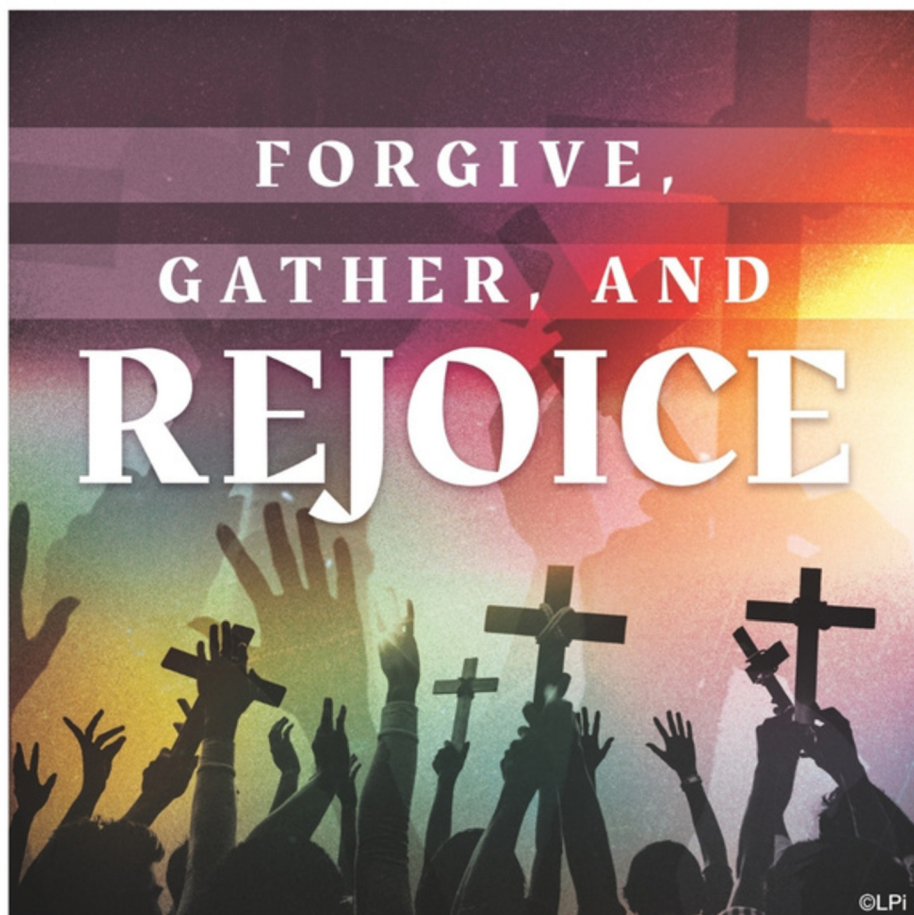
Donate blood Sept. 11-30 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards! Plus, you'll get a new glow-in-the-dark "Boo-lieve in saving lives" Halloween T-shirt! Visit vitalant.org/FallGiveaway to learn more. Visit donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code: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

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Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
18:15–20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, **"Go and tell your brother his fault,"** He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, **"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,"** we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 8/30/2026

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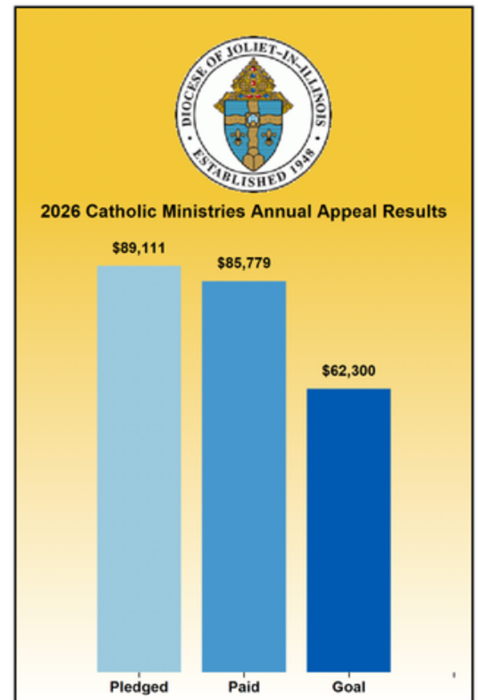
	2026	2025	Inc/Dec	2025 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$62,300	\$61,400	\$900	\$61,400
Amount Pledged	\$89,111	\$84,299	\$4,812	\$90,123
Amount Paid	\$85,779	\$81,963	\$3,816	\$89,923
Balance Due	\$3,332	\$2,336	\$996	\$200
Donors	162	191	-29	202
2026 Rebate	\$16,435			

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.

**August Stewardship**

2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
2nd	\$10,886.00	\$2,098.00	\$2,458.48	\$15,442.48	\$170.00	\$296.10	\$15,908.58
9th	\$4,376.00	\$1,911.87	\$2,766.50	\$9,054.37	\$405.00	\$338.65	\$9,798.02
16th	\$5,066.00	\$1,909.00	\$1,574.00	\$8,549.00	\$1,768.00	\$1,503.00	\$11,820.00
23rd	\$4,560.00	\$2,028.00	\$2,599.00	\$9,187.00	\$380.00	\$375.16	\$9,942.16
30th	\$5,996.00	\$1,963.00	\$2,418.48	\$10,377.48	\$275.00	\$276.71	\$10,929.19
Month Total	\$30,884.00	\$9,909.87	\$11,816.46	\$52,610.33	\$2,998.00	\$2,789.62	\$58,397.95
2026/27 Fiscal Year Total	\$53,142.00	\$18,134.43	\$20,279.96	\$91,556.39	\$6,155.00	\$3,693.64	\$101,405.03

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

Just a reminder: The OCIA/RICA journey begins this Tuesday, Sept 8 at 7 p.m. in the Pastoral Center

The journey is for adults wanting to become Catholic or who have not received all their Sacraments. It is also open to anyone wanting to dig deeper into their Catholic faith.

Participants must be at least age 18 and no longer in high school.

For more information, please contact Bianca in the RE Office at 630-574-9740 or dre@divinesavior.org.

Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

One day someone might sin against you. Friends may hurt your feelings. A neighbor may take your toy without asking. Remember what Jesus said. Remember that you sin, too. Talk it over quietly, just the two of you, and give your friend a chance to apologize.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

Be with me, Jesus, when someone has hurt me. Help me to forgive. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Pray for your friends who get stuck in sin. Help them out if you can.

