Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

Last week Jesus stated that our sole concern in life is to continue the mission of revealing God’s love for everyone regardless of what we have to endure in living it out. Today Jesus raises to our attention a continuing dynamic in the lives of all of us. What do we do when someone sins against or does anything to us that we do not like, or doesn’t do what we think we deserve? The human inclination is to go to another person and share with them whatever we think about that other person and what was or was not done to us. There are several unhealthy reasons why we do this. One is that we can get another person’s sympathy; another is to vent our feelings with the illusion that that will bring us relief; also to avoid doing the right and difficult thing which Jesus calls for.

When this dynamic is at work, we call it communicated gossip. Anybody involved in gossip is automatically devalued because nothing good can come from this kind of interaction.

As a calf in a roping contest who runs free but then his neck is jerked to bring him to a halt, Jesus’ direction is that we forego our typical human response and go to the person in question and help that person hear what effect that person’s behavior or lack thereof had on us. Ouch! That takes courage, that is a very vulnerable step to take. We will have to own our feelings and share them in such a way that the other person has the best chance of hearing us. This process calls us to name the other person’s behavior that caused us to experience something unpleasant. The process keeps us from making any judgments about the other person.

If this fails, we are to take along two others as we do our best to help the offending person accept his/her offensive behavior. Ah, one might say, but isn’t this where gossip enters in? No, because Jesus never said we are to fill in these other two about the person’s behavior. We are to be open-minded witnesses and they can’t be if we first share with them our rendition of the situation. Being a witness includes helping the offended one express self in ways that the offender can hear clearly as well as helping the offender to realize how that person’s behavior could cause the harm that it did.

Can we imagine what a world we would have if more and more people began to follow these directions of Jesus? The one exception to these directions is when we go to another person whom we want only to help us clarify our thoughts and feelings and who is capable of not taking sides as we get this clarification. Close friends, therapists, counselors and priests would typically fit this bill.

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Prayer for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.

Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, James Atwood, Robert Atwood, Jordan Biasiotto, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephren Choi, Elise Cruz, Matt David, Derek Destrempe, David DeLaCrus, Alisan Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Feuer, Brian Berdahl, Katherine Ernst, Daniel Ferguson, Tom Fesyce, Matthew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Erik Hartsell, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holtsch, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Knobbe, Nicholas Koelfgen, William Krainitz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Liby, Kelly Mancini, Dorcas Gaucher, Garett McMann, Aaron Mccarthy, Francisco Montejo, Joseph M. Pardock, Christ METHVIN, David Rasmussen, Troy Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Troy Rodriguez, Nicholas Rolha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandooal, April Skoll, Jacob and Nikki Streb, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Wald, David Wentaing, Kyle William and Brian Wright. Please contact Marty, 988-4904 to add or remove names as space is limited. If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary to have them removed.

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We know that Hurricane Irma is already having its destructive impact, we are going to fulfill the request of the diocese to take up a collection to support the efforts of Catholic Charities, USA in their relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey. Catholic Charities, USA is the official domestic relief agency for the Catholic Church in the United States. They are among the first to be on the scene to offer relief in any way possible. We were asked to take up this collection the first weekend of this month. Given that we already had a second collection for that weekend as well as for the present weekend, we are catching up by having it next weekend.

Please do not have any foreign currency in your wallet or purse.

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Catholics Returning Home
An Open Door for Returning Catholics

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for six informal sessions beginning
Thursday, September 14th, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. Please contact Kathleen Haas at 909-7400 or kathleen@divinesavior.com for additional information.

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Small Faith Groups

Sign up Weekend Sept. 16-17 after each Mass!

Questions about enrollment are sent to Sharon@divinesavior.com.

A large variety of excellent studies are being offered in the home or on the church campus. For detailed information, go to Divine Savior’s Facebook Page and click on the links for each study. All study materials, which vary in price, are purchased by participants. More details will be given on Sign-up Weekend. Please consider joining one of these groups:

A Biblical Walk through the Mass Dr. Edward Srti takes us on a unique tour of the Liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this book explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance. Facilitator: Clair Alway, Place: M-4, church campus, Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Date starting Oct. 9. Cost: $20 (workbook and textbook) Place your order at the parish office by Sept. 20.

“Co-Parenting with God” Jacqueline & Robert Masullo will host and co-facilitate a support group using The Spirituality of Parenting – Connecting Heart and Soul by Kathy Hendricks. This book provides a blueprint for parents as they seek to introduce their children to the wonders of faith and the gift of deep, Catholic spiritual life. Meeting: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00p.m., Sept. 27 – Nov. 29. Cost: $11.50

Everyone Needs to Forgive Someone by Allen Hunt, DynamicCatholics.com The lesson is simple: Give forgiveness and you will unleash a flood of grace on yourself and on those around you. This little book, and the two real-life stories in it, will help you capture the power of forgiveness in your life. Facilitator: Sharon Mester, Host: Carole Travis Place: Carole Travis’ home on Wednesday mornings, starting Sept. 27 – Nov. 15. Cost: $15.00

Falling Upward – A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life Richard Rohr, OFM, helps readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life. This book explains why the second half of life can be full of spiritual richness and offers a new view of how spiritual growth happens. Facilitator & Host: Margaret Heller, Thursdays, 6:30pm starting Oct. 5, Cost: $11.27

Full of Grace – Women and the Abundant Life by Johnnette Benkoski Discover your mission and the gift of your feminine genius and help others to do the same! As you learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in our world today. Become the woman of grace God created you to be! Facilitator & Host: Darlene Skou, Saturdays, 10:00am-Noon, starting Sept. 23. Participants guide $15.99

Lectio Divina – Praying with the Scriptures The Sunday scripture will come alive using the ancient method of prayer, Lectio Divina. Facilitator: Sharon Treinen, Place: Church, Thursdays, Noon-12:45 starting Sept. 21.

Little Rock Scripture Study – “Introduction to the Bible” Given a commentary, workbook and seven DVD lectures, the participants will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and gain insights about Catholic use and interpretation. Facilitator: Mike Knapshield Host: Deanna Freman Tuesdays, 6:30PM starting Oct. 1. Place your order for a study packet at the parish office by Sept. 18. Cost: $16.00

Praying Our Goodbyes: A Spiritual Companion Through Life’s Losses and Sorrows by Joyce Rupp It is a book for anyone who has experienced loss, whether a job change, the end of a relationship, the death of a loved one, a financial struggle, a mid-life crisis, or an extended illness. It is designed to help heal the hurts caused by goodbyes. Facilitators & Hosts: Joyce Daniels & MaryLou Gillis, Wed., 7-8:30p.m starting Sept. 27 for 6 weeks. Costs: $11.25

The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything by James Martin, S.J. (Chapter 8 to end) This is a practical spiritual guidebook based on the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Centered around the Ignatian goal of “Finding God in all things,” this book shows us how to manage relationships, money, work, prayer, and decision-making, all while keeping a sense of humor. Facilitators: Srs. Sheila Novak & Jean Schafer, Place: Large Conference Room - church campus, Mondays, 7:00-8:30p.m starting Sept. 18. Book costs: $10.00

Wisdom – God’s Vision for Life With DVD assistance, Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible-Proverbs, Wisdom, Song and Ecclesiastes-Wisdom will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance in everything from friendships to finances. Facilitator: Tony Cava, Place: MS room church campus, Wednesdays, 6:30pm starting Oct. 18, Cost: $20. Place your order at the parish office by Oct. 2.