Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors: Our Gospel today portrays Jesus at prayer. Given the challenges Jesus faced as His went about sharing His experience of His Father’s love, Jesus must have found it very reassuring that His Father would ask Him to remember and hold fast to His identity as God’s beloved. Some of our prayer time might well be used to allow God, through Jesus, to remind us of our identity, especially in times of difficulty.

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COMMUNITY MEAL
THIS Thursday, August 1st
the Community Meal Dinner
will be served at:
Redeemer Covenant Church
6800 Main Avenue
Orangevale
6:00-6:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month. Adoration begins at 9:00am immediately after Mass and continues until 12:00pm.

Moving on Fellowship
Our next meeting is Monday, Aug. 5, 10:30am no-host brunch, Annie’s Restaurant (back room), Beech & Greenback. We welcome all who have lost a loved one, and as widows and widowers ourselves, we try to offer support, friendship, prayer and practical help to the bereaved. This month’s gathering is strictly social, no set program, as leader is on vacation.

SAVE THE DATE!
Ministry Fair and Fingerprinting for New Volunteers!
Sunday morning August 25, in the parish Gymnasium, 8:30am-1:00pm
New feature at the fair: Sign up to be a new parish volunteer and do your Fingerprinting on site (this FREE service will be available from 10am till 12noon)

STUDY GROUP ON PEACE
Please consider!
This fall, there will be 10-15 small group meetings for 6-8 times on topics that deepen our faith and provide a caring space to strengthen our spiritual journey. Please consider facilitating or hosting a group that promotes peace. Peace at Peace offers several book titles, such as The Nonviolent Life by John Dear, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee. For more details, please contact Fr. Ron Laitinen, 916-989-7400 or danieljamesardoin@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest and support!

SAVE THE DATE!
Fr. Sal Ragusa, a member of the USA Province of the Society of the Divine Savior, will be coming soon to speak at our parish. What are Salvatarians? How is Divine Savior different from other diocesan parishes because of their presence? Come and find out! Watch for details!

2019 Quo Vadis Boys Retreat: Where Are You Going?
August 1-4, 2019
Trinity Pines Catholic Center
28000 Rolls Lake Road
Colfax, CA 95713
Cost: $70
A 4-day camp for boys 13-17 with games, hiking, camp activities, fishing, Mass, adoration, and more! If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Vocations at 916-733-0258 or by email at mnmhil@sdc.org

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference 2019
Saturday, August 10, 2019 • 9am – 5pm
St. Isidore Parish
222 S. Clark Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991
Matt Lozano will lead the 2019 Diocesan Unbound Freedom in Christ Conference which will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom.
Register online for $60 in advance or $75 at the door https://sdc.formstack.com/forms/unbound
Questions? Contact Jazmin Garcia in the Office of Clergy Formation at 916-733-0244 or jgarcia@sdc.org.

FAITH FORMATION at DIVINE SAVIOR
Do you have a school-age child in your family? Divine Savior offers vibrant and comprehensive faith formation sessions for ages Kindergarten through 12th grade! Please check out the website at divisinesavior.com and click on the faith formation tab on the top of the home screen. There you will find more information about all of our programs, as well as online enrollment forms. Faith Formation will kick off on September 8th! Enrollment in the church vestibule on Sunday, August 18th, 9am—1pm as well as at the church office during the week. Any questions? You may email: Jen Shaver at Jennifer@divinesavior.com or K – 3rd Sharon Latinen at sharon@divinesavior.com for First Communion/Reconciliation preparations. Denise Hackett at denise@divinesavior.com or Daniel Ardoin at danieljamesardoin@gmail.com for 4th - 9th Debbie or Daniel at lifeteen@divinesavior.com or for high school and Confirmation preparation

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?
If you are thinking of becoming Catholic, there are RCIA sessions, called “Inquiry.” In a warm and accepting environment you are welcome to share your questions. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or sharon@divinesavior.com

ENROLLMENT FOR RCIA ADAPTED NOW
Divine Savior is enrolling children/youth wanting to know about Jesus Christ and how Catholics live the Christian faith. Children/Youth, ages 7-17, who are not baptized or older children who haven’t made their First Communion, are welcome to enroll in the preparation process called Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for young people. Call Sharon Latinen, 916-989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
Thank you to those who were able to come to our quarterly meeting last Saturday. If you want more information about this ministry, contact Mary at mithmarylk@outlook.com. We take communion to those unable to get out to Mass for an extended period of time, and we serve 7 assisted living facilities along with doing private communion requests—made through the parish office.

Parish Announcements