



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

stguerinparish.org



April 12, 2026

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
- Jn 20:29

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ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Office

3020 North 76th Court
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
Phone: 708-453-2555

MASSES

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM
11 AM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 4—4:45 PM

ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH

2601 North Clinton Street
River Grove, Illinois 60171

MASSES

Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 3:30—3:50 PM

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL

3017 North 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
stcelestineschool.org 708-453-8234

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 8 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 5 PM;
Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday: closed.

MISSION STATEMENT: "To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish, and to foster an intentional relationship with Jesus through worship, witness, service, discipleship, and community."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Joseph Sweeney
+Nery Rodriguez
+Craig Bastek

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Joseph and +Bette Wesol
+Louis and +Julianna DaPrato and the
deceased members of the
DaPrato family
+Ed Deles
+Al, Jr., +Geoffrey, and +Lenore Fang, 1st
Anniversary

Sunday, April 12

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Fred and +Ann Berg
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Maribel King
+Zygmunt Ignaczuk, 1st Anniversary
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Richard and +Carol Ritter
+Arthur Santangelo
+Tina Santangelo, 20th Anniversary
+Al, Jr., +Geoffrey, and +Lenore Fang, 1st
Anniversary
+Laurie Kola

Monday, April 13

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Frances R. Campagna, Anniversary

Tuesday, April 14

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Justine Kucera, Birthday

Wednesday, April 15

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

Thursday, April 16

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Mary Medrano, Birthday

Friday, April 17

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Carl Braack

Saturday, April 18

1 PM ST. CELESTINE

Ariyani Diaz, Quinceanera

3 PM ST. CELESTINE

Jason Polakowski and Maritza Martinez,
Wedding

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Rosemary Hyland, 100th birthday

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Frank and +John Kucera

Sunday, April 19

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Izydora Pawlik
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Marge Colgan, Anniversary
+Dorothy Vessini, Birthday
+Michael Asta



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555 or online on our website, stguerinparish.org.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

May 3 is due on Wednesday, April 22 at 9 AM

May 10 is due on Wednesday, April 29 at 9 AM

May 17 is due on Wednesday, May 6 at 9 AM

Stewardship

March (5 Sundays)

Sunday envelopes	\$ 40,902.00
Electronic	\$ 7,256.40
TOTAL:	\$48,158.40

Thank you for your generosity!

Calendar

- Wednesday, April 15: **Book Study and Signing** with Fr. Stan Ilo
- Friday, April 24: 5:30 PM **Bingo** in the gym at St. Celestine
- Sunday, May 3 after 11 AM Mass **May Crowning and Ice Cream Social**
- Sunday, May 17: 11 AM Mass celebrating the **25th Anniversary** of Ordination for Father Paul Cao followed by reception
- Sunday, June 7: 9 AM **Closing Mass** at St. Cyprian Church with reception following.
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing** at White Pines in Bensenville
- Sunday, June 14: 11 AM **Farewell Mass** for Fr. Paul Cao
- July 4: **Independence Day Parade** in Elmwood Park
- Saturday, July 11 **Garage Sale** in the St. Celestine Parking Lot
- Sunday, July 26 **Parish Picnic** at Evans Field in River Grove
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

Divine Mercy This weekend, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday. At the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, Pope St. John Paul II declared: *"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'"*

We have this celebration as a result of the life and holiness of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938). She is further proof of what can be accomplished in only a short time on earth. Beginning on February 22, 1931, our Lord began appearing to St. Faustina, revealing to her a wonderful message of God's mercy for all people. This simple and uneducated—yet courageous—woman was given a great mission by God: a message that our world desperately needs to hear. At one point, Our Lord spoke to Sr. Faustina and said: *"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world." He also promised: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death; I Myself will defend it as My own glory."*

We are blessed to have a beautiful painting of the Divine Mercy in our chapel at St. Celestine, as well as on the left side of the sanctuary above the tabernacle at St. Cyprian. I have seen many people lighting candles and praying before the Divine Mercy image. I encourage you to please pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, asking Jesus to pour out His grace and blessing upon us and to have mercy on us

and the whole world. Jesus, I trust in You.

Please Remember:

- **First Friday Holy Hour:** Every first Friday of the month at 3 PM at St. Celestine, we hold a Holy Hour to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- **This Sunday:** For Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have a Divine Mercy Holy Hour and pray the chaplet at 3 PM. Please come join us as we offer our prayers for peace in the world—especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. Let us pray that we may trust totally in God's love and mercy for us.

Words of Thanks Many people came to me after the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses to compliment the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, sharing how prayerful and beautiful they were. One thing I have realized as pastor of this parish is the deep dedication of so many people who have worked tirelessly to make our community of faith strong and vibrant—especially during these last few weeks of Lent and Easter.

I am not even sure where to begin in thanking the many people who made the days from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday so spiritually uplifting. However, I want to offer at least a partial list of the generous individuals who worked extremely hard so that our celebrations might more easily raise our hearts and minds to God:

- **The Art and Environment Committees** of both churches, under the direction of Jolene Wrobel, Jerry Lis, and Jeanne Schneider, and especially the volunteers who helped decorate during the Easter Triduum.
- **Our Liturgical Ministers:** All who served as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, servers, ushers, cantors, soloists, and guest musicians.

- **Our School Students** under the direction of Craig Kamptner, for their presentation of the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
- **Our Choirs:** Craig Kamptner and the Adult Choir; Jeanne Schneider and the St. Cyprian Choir; and Maureen Murphy's Family Choir.
- **The OCIA Team:** Ruthanne Swiatkowski and her dedicated team.
- **The Sacristans:** Linda Santelli, Patricia Rinella, Nancy Krzys, and Tony Cannizzaro.
- **Our Clergy:** The prayerful ministry of Father Paul Eruva, Father Fil Ngwila, Father Ron Navoy, Deacon Mike DeLarco, and Deacon Roland Merced.
- **Hospitality:** Lynn Schmidt and her helpers for providing a wonderful reception after the Easter Vigil.
- **Events and Fundraising:** Laurie DePillo, Ray and Paulette Maraviglia, Danny and Lisa Lacour, Ruthanne's teen group, the Scouts and Scout leaders, and all the staff and volunteers who helped with the Pasta Dinner and Fish Fries.
- Eileen Lepore and Michelle Doyle and the volunteers for the beautiful, prayerful **Labyrinth**.
- **Parish Staff:** For their generous efforts on a daily basis.
- **Donors:** Those who donated flowers in memory of their loved ones and everyone who supported the parish Easter Raffle.

I apologize if I have missed anyone. Thank you to all from the bottom of my heart, and may God reward you for your good work!

I also want to thank each of you for attending our liturgies and for your generous donations, which keep our parish running smoothly. May the Risen Christ always bless you and your families!

Fr. Paul

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46-47)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia

Second Reading:

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday: *Tax Day*
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him, doing so specifically *in pursuit of the good*.

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us,
filling our gaps and healing our wounds.
Open our hearts more deeply
with knowledge of your love for us,
understanding of the depth of your
passion,
and trust in your never-ending mercy.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “*anima Christi, sanctifica me*” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*”

Then comes my favorite part: “*within thy wounds hide me.*”

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.”

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”



Pictures are from Palm Sunday and the Pasta Dinner.

Ministry Gathering April 14 or 15

As we prepare to begin a new chapter in the life of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish, we would like to invite all our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of Care, Sacristans and Ushers to a meeting on either **Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 PM** or **Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30 AM** in St. Celestine Church.

We will spend some time in prayer and reflection on our ministries, revisit procedures of what we do, look toward a new schedule and invite all to consider their commitment to continue to minister to our parish community. Looking forward to seeing you at one of the two times being offered.

Meet the Author April 15



We will meet with Fr. Stan Ilo, author of *Someone Beautiful to God*: on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine. He will answer questions about the book and sign copies. We do have extra books at the the Pastoral Center if you want to read it on your own or gift it to someone. They are available for \$20.

Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional



The Mother of Perpetual Help Society invites you to join us for the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional held every Tuesday

evening in the St. Celestine Chapel. We pray the rosary at 7 PM and then the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7:30 PM. You may join us for either the rosary or the novena or both! This beautiful and time-honored devotion is a peaceful opportunity to place our needs, our families, and our parish under the loving care of Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to come and pray and find comfort, hope and strength through Mary's intercession. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at panzkon@gmail.com.

Surviving Divorce: Meeting twice monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM at St. Giles Parish (Dore Center, 1025 Columbian Ave, Oak Park). *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. New participants welcome anytime and registration is appreciated. Visit catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/surviving-divorce

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish
BINGO NIGHT
Join us for an evening of fun, concessions, raffles, and cash prizes!

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

\$25 TO PLAY
8 REGULAR AND
2 SPECIAL BINGO GAMES

Doors open at 5:30 PM,
games start at 6:30 PM.
Hot dogs, pizza, and chips available.

Win \$100 regular games
\$200 special games

Must be 21 to play

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WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE
PRIZE AMOUNTS BASED ON ATTENDANCE






Congratulations to Jackie and Elmer Schweitzer, shown here with Fr. Paul Cao, who renewed their vows as they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in March.

Fatima Prayers

These are all of the prayers that were given to the Children of Fatima: Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta at the time of the Fatima apparitions. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, the children of Fatima, were canonized by Pope Francis on May 13, 2017.

In the Spring of 1916 before Our Lady appeared, the Angel of Peace appeared first and gave the children the Pardon Prayer and the Angel's Prayer. Then on May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917 Our Lady appeared in a series of apparitions and gave the children the Eucharistic prayer, the Sacrifice prayer and the decade prayer that is said after each decade of the rosary.

I wanted to focus on the Sacrifice Prayer. Seeing that we just finished the season of Lent I think this is a very appropriate prayer to say. Our Lady said to pray and to make sacrifices for sinners and so while we are fasting, giving up something, even if we make a sacrifice when it's not Lent, or just doing something as simple as not putting sugar in our coffee on Friday we should recite the Sacrifice Prayer because it can act as a reminder that we are doing these sacrifices for the Love of Jesus and for the conversion of sinners. Let us live the Fatima message through prayer, penance, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.




**St. Celestine School
McTeacher's
Night Fundraiser!**


Show this flyer or say "I'm with St. Celestine!" to help St. Celestine Parents' Club earn 20% of food purchases by St. Celestine School families & 100% of pie sales!




When?
Wednesday, April 22
4:30 - 7:30 pm


Where?
9450 W Grand Ave
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Overflow parking at Underpass Lounge next door! 

Which teacher will be in the Pie Costume? Don't forget cash for pies & tips!



Stay updated with your local McDonald's on Facebook.   



THE FATIMA PRAYERS

These special prayers were given to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta at the time of the Fatima apparitions.

Prayers Given by the Angel of Peace

PARDON PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore,
I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon
for those who do not believe, do not
adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.
(Repeat three times)

ANGEL'S PRAYER

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly.
I offer Thee the most precious Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the
world, in reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges and indifference by which
He is offended. By the infinite merits
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg the conversion of poor sinners.
Amen.

Prayers Given by Our Lady

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee!
My God, my God,
I love Thee in the Most
Blessed Sacrament!

SACRIFICE PRAYER

O Jesus, it is for love of You,
for the conversion of sinners,
and in reparation
for the sins committed against
the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DECADE PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell.
Lead all souls to Heaven, especially
those most in need of Thy mercy.
(Said after each decade of the Rosary)

Our World is in desperate need for conversion and so let us pray for the conversion of sinners.

From Steven Gigante, Parishioner of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Parish **GOLF** Outing

JUNE 8, 2026 \$125/golfer



Our annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 8 at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville with registration at 8 AM and a shotgun start at 9 AM. \$125/per person or \$500 for a foursome includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch on the course, and a BBQ dinner in the clubhouse. Great raffles and door prizes! Businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor a hole. Go to stguerinparish.org and click on Golf Outing to register.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ I would like to reserve _____ foursome(s) @ \$125/golfer* (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

*Total due for 1 foursome = \$500

_____ I would like reservations for _____ golfer(s) @ \$125/golfer (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

_____ I would like reservations for _____ guest(s) @ \$50/guest for dinner only.

_____ I don't golf, but would like to sponsor a hole for \$100.

_____ I would like to make a cash or raffle donation.

Raffle donation: _____

Golfer #1 _____ Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____ Golfer #4 _____

SPONSORSHIP FORM

This fundraiser is a great place to advertise your business while highlighting your support of St. Mother Guerin Parish.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

_____ Hole-in-One: \$250.00: Logo on entrance banner at outing, lawn sign, recognition in our church bulletin, recognition on our parish website, in addition to recognition on our parish's social media.

_____ Eagle: \$200.00: Lawn sign, recognition in our church bulletin, along with recognition on our parish website.

_____ Birdie: \$150.00: Lawn sign and recognition in our church bulletin.

_____ Tee Off: \$100.00: Lawn sign with your name at designated hole.

Pay online at www.givecentral.org/GolfOuting, or mail checks payable to St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish and to the attention of Laurie DePillo, St. Mother Guerin Parish, 3020 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

St. Mother Guerin thanks you for your kind consideration of a donation to our Golf Outing Fundraiser. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible charity. Upon request we can provide our sponsors with a tax receipt for their donation. Please email Laurie DePillo at lauriedepillo@stguerinparish.org when requesting a tax receipt for your donation or if you have any questions. You may also call her at 708-453-2555.

PASTA FEST

It's That Time Again



*It's **Pasta Fest** Time*
*Sunday – **April 19th, 2026***
at

St. Mary of Providence
4200 N. Austin Avenue
(2) Seatings

12pm-2:30pm and 3pm-5:30pm in
St. Mary's Gym

(Gym Entrance @ Corner of Austin & Cullom Aves)

Adults - \$ 20.00

(Children 10 yrs & under) -\$ 10.00

Raffles, Prizes & Pasta

Call (773)545-8300 for Reservations between 4pm-8:30pm

Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Julie Boyce, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Cynthia, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Presley Grimpe,* Grace Hensley, Karl Humowiecki, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efrem Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Sr. Louise Noesen, Carolyn Paprocki, Gerard Palattao,* Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek,* Judy Virgilio, Robert Virnich, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych
*recently added

Faithful Departed

Doris "Lorry" Hartnett, Sr. Rita Mae Rabitoy, Gino D'Ovidio

Military

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Mother Guerin High School 50th Reunion

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Wedding Banns

April 18 Maritza Martinez and Jason Polakowski

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Gospel for April 12, 2026

John 20:19-31

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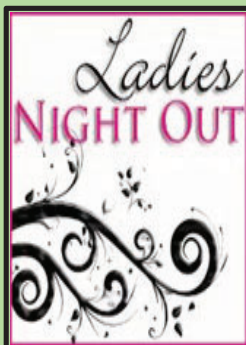
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Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, April 12

8:30 AM ST CEL
12 PM ST CEL

Blessed Art Sale in the Church
Women's Club White Elephant Bingo
in the Gym and Annex
Divine Mercy Novena

3 PM ST CEL

Monday, April 13

5:30 PM ST CEL

Troop 47130 in the Annex

Tuesday, April 14

6 PM ST CEL

Troop Committee Meeting in the
Lunchroom
Parents' Club in the Lower Meeting Rm.
Knights of Columbus in the Annex
OCIA Teens in the Rectory
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional
in the Chapel

7 PM ST CEL

7 PM ST CYP

7 PM ST CEL

Wednesday, April 15

6 PM ST CEL

Troop Committee Meeting in the
Lower Meeting Room
Fr. Stan Book Club in the Fireside Rm.

7 PM ST CEL

Thursday, April 16

4 PM ST CEL

4:30 PM ST CEL

Food Pantry
Troop 45703 in the Lower Meeting
Room
Troop 47857 in the Annex
OCIA in the Rectory
Boy Scouts Committee in the Lower
Meeting Room

5 PM ST CEL

6 PM ST CYP

6:30 PM ST CEL

Friday, April 17

6 PM ST CEL

Saturday, April 18

9:30 AM ST CEL

Religious Education in the School and
Annex
Men's Club Open Gym

6 PM ST CEL

Sunday, April 19

12 PM ST CEL

Confirmation Meeting in the Church

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 18

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider
Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao
Isaac M., Diego M.
Karen Moretti
Nancy Krzys, Ruben Monterrosa

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider
Altar Server
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Fil Ngwila
TBA
Nick Kaspar
Minnie Reillo, Pat Strabley, Mary
Joost, Maryann Dibari, Bob Mitchell,
O.F.S., Barbara Miller, Patricia Rinella

Sunday, April 19

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider
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Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Eruva
Joe K.
Michelle Doyle
Michael Wittrock, Bill Lesch, Mary
Kay Macchione, Ken Doyle, Florence
Smith, Maria Mojek

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider
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Eucharistic Minister

Fr. Fil Ngwila
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11 AM St. Celestine

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Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion weekly Tuesday nights at 7 PM in the Chapel. **Rosaries:** During the week, before Mass at St. Cyprian, after Mass at St. Celestine, and 7 PM on the second Monday of the month in the Chapel at St. Celestine. **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional** Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

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Masses: See cover. **Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4 PM at St. Celestine.

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

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